

MINUTES OF THE PROGRESS MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SINDH BUSINESS PORTAL & SESSI'S CONTRIBUTIONS & BENEFITS PORTAL

A meeting to discuss the implementation of Sindh Business Registration Portal & SESSI's Contributions & Benefits Portal was held with relevant departments from the Government of Sindh, Muslim Commercial Bank, National Bank of Pakistan, & Punjab Information & Technology Board under the Chair of **Mr. Ahsan Ali Mangi, Secretary, Investment Department** on May 09, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the Committee Room of Investment Department.

1. The meeting started with the Secretary, Investment Department, welcoming everyone. After a small briefing, he invited departments to highlight the issues faced by them in completing registrations.
2. Mr. Zahid Gulzar, Regional Director, Labour Department, said that issues were faced last week by the department however, a few branches have started accepting portal-generated Challans now. He said the progress of NBP is rather slow in training all branches. He further said that the portal generates a new serial number every time whereas he wants to change the serial number format.
3. Ms. Saima Shaikh, Additional Director General, PITB, said that the change requests for Labour Department are being completed and will be completed within a few weeks whereas the change requests for the Industries department are complete. She further said that National Bank has not completed the due work on its branches and customers are still complaining about branches not accepting challans. She said that the work on Factories registration will start once the change requests of Labour Department & Industries Department are completed.
4. Mr. Sufyan Islam, Vice President (Business Technology & ADC), NBP, said that a list of twenty-six branches has been shared with the stakeholders and contacts have been given for these branches to the stakeholder departments. Moreover, he committed that all 80 branches in Karachi will be trained and start accepting portal-generated challans within two weeks (May 24, 2019).
5. Secretary, Investment Department, said that the portal should show / mention the branches accepting online challans on the portal.
6. Mr. Omair ul Haq, Department Head (Institutional Sales), MCB, said that the OTC Integration for the Monthly Contributions & Benefits Portal is now complete and working. Moreover, he said that they are waiting for contract to be signed between SESSI & PITB.
7. Ms. Saima Shaikh said that unless employer data (including employees) is not entered on the portal it cannot function. SESSI needs to schedule data entry of employers & their employees in the portal. She said that they could start by entering the data for large and medium size employers.

8. Ms. Tasneed Saeed, Director C&B, SESSI, said the data entry work will be started soon and Directorates will be given targets & a schedule in this regard.
9. Secretary, Investment Department, said that this data entry is key and SESSI needs to complete this data entry at the latest by Eid-ul-Fitr (June 7, 2019).
10. On the issue of reconciliation of Challans with the Treasury Office (Accountant General, Sindh) NBP officials said that physical challans stubs & scroll are collected and given to Treasury Office as it is a requirement under the Treasury Rules. However, going forward with E-Payments this physical reconciliation will be rendered impossible. This issue needs to be resolved before moving to E-Payments.
11. Secretary, Investment Department, requested Ms. Saima Shaikh to confirm the procedure in Punjab for reconciliation of E-Payments and update the Investment Department accordingly.
12. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.