F.No. 10(1)/DB/2018

Islamabad, April 4, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:

Minutes of the Meeting on Ease of Doing Business-Contract Enforcement

I am directed to refer to the subject and to enclose Minutes of the subject meeting held on March 28, 2019 at Ministry of Law, Islamabad, for further necessary action, please.

Encl:

As above

(Zuhfran Qasim)
Director

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Copy to:

- 1. SPS to EDG-II, BoI
- 2. SPS to Minister for Law, M/o Law & Justice, Islamabad.

Prime Minister's Office Board of Investment

Minutes of the Meeting on Contract Enforcement

A meeting was held on March 28, 2019 at 14:30 Hours at Ministry of Law, Islamabad. The meeting was chaired by Minister for Law. Agenda of the meeting was to brief Minister for Law on EoDB initiative with special focus on Contract Enforcement (Methodology and Pakistan's position in 2019 Report, ways to improve ranking in Enforcing Contracts). After detailed discussion, following decisions were made;

Action	To be Taken by	Deadline
Ministry of Law will provide	Ministry of Law	Before April 09, 2019.
evidence and supporting material for		
Data Challenge with regard to 05		
questions of Quality of Judicial		
Processes Index (Annex-I).		
Ministry of Law will also be included	Bol, Ministry of Law	Before April 15, 2019.
in meetings with World Bank Data		
validation Mission visiting Pakistan		·
from April, 15, 2019.		
M/o Law will share amendments	BoI/Ministry of Law	April 04, 2019.
being made in Code of Civil		
Procedure (CPC) and other relevant		
laws affecting Doing Business along-		
with their current status with BOI for	·	
sharing with World Bank team.		
Mr. Raja Naeem from Ministry of	Ministry of Law	-
Law will be nominated as focal		
person on Doing Business.		

Court Structure & Proceedings

1. Is there a court or division of a court dedicated solely to hearing commercial cases?

Case Management-Adjournments:

- 3. Can two of the following four reports be generated about the competent court: (i) time to disposition report; (ii) clearance rate report; (iii) age of pending cases report; and (iv) single case progress report?
- 6. Are there any electronic case management tools in place within the competent court for use by lawyers?

Court Automation-Publication of judgment

4.a Are judgments rendered in commercial cases at all levels made available to the general public through publication in official gazettes, in newspapers or on the internet or court website?

Alternate Dispute Resolution- Mediation/Conciliation

2.b. Are mediation, conciliation or both governed by a consolidated law or consolidated chapter or section of the applicable code of civil procedure encompassing substantially all their aspects? (ADR law needs to be expanded to provinces)