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27th October, 2021

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Subject: DIRECT INTERACTION WITH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS.

Please find enclosed a copy of Economic Affairs Division's letter bearing F.No. 1(2)/WB-II/2011 dated.01/10/2021, alongwith its enclosures, on the above subject, received vide Ministry of Defence u.o. No. 2/2/D-18/2021, dated.11/10/2021, for information and compliance.


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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Subject: - **DIRECT INTERACTION WITH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS**

Kindly **find enclosed** a copy of Economic Affairs Division's letter bearing F.No. /WB-II/2011 dated 1st October, 2021, on the above cited subject, alongwith its enclosures, for information and compliance, please

(Hannan Ishfaq)
Section Officer

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Copy for information, w.r.t. their letter quoted above to:-

Economic Affairs Division,
(Mr. M. Omar Farooq Mahar),
Section Officer (WB-II),
Islamabad.

Qamul
21/10/21
Amir Khan

AS-I *[Signature]*

Islamabad, the 1st October 2021

Subject: DIRECT INTERACTION WITH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS.

It has been observed that various Divisions/Ministries send requests to foreign governments or international organizations for seeking economic or technical assistance without keeping this Division in the loop. As per Rule 56(2) of the Rules of Business, 1973, all such requests shall be made through the Economic Affairs Division (Annex-I). Such unilateral interactions with the Development Partners (DPs), bypassing the prescribed government channels and without fulfilling the necessary procedural requirements/approvals results in complications, both for the government and DPs. The possible outcomes of non-compliance to the government rules/procedures and non-fulfillment of the prescribed government channels have already been conveyed to all Federal and Provincial stakeholders, with the request to ensure their compliance (Annex-II).

2. All Federal Ministries are therefore again advised to please conform to the prescribed Rules while conducting their official business and not directly engage or seek economic or technical assistance from DPs, except with the express involvement of EAD.

[Signature]
(Muhammad Omar Farooq Mahar)
Section Officer (WB-II)

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No. 5(2)WB/98-WB-I
Government of Pakistan
Economic Affairs Division

Joint Secretary (WB/UN)
Ph. 9202417

Islamabad, 5th November, 2015

Subject: - Direct Interaction with Development Partners

Dear Sir,

The Rules of Business 1973 entrust the Economic Affairs Division (EAD) for assessment of requirement, appraisal, programming and negotiations for external economic assistance including nominations for training courses from Foreign Governments and Organizations (copy enclosed). It may be noted that it is the responsibility of EAD to identify such assistance and to finalize it with the help of Development Partners (DPs), in accordance with the priorities of the Federal Government and the Provincial Governments. It has been EAD's endeavor to ensure that there is maximum and effective utilization of such development assistance with minimum overlaps/fractionalization, based on the principles of effective development cooperation.

2. It has been noticed however that the assigned responsibility of EAD (under Rules of Business, 1973) is being transgressed by some Ministries/Divisions and Provincial Governments by resorting to direct interaction with the DPs for seeking development assistance in the form of loans/grants/technical assistance. Time and again this has resulted in complications, both on the Government side as well as from DPs perspective, who have also been advised to follow the prescribed procedure. As an example, in a number of instances, consignments agreed under such arrangements have remained stuck with the Custom authorities which require clarification and endorsement from EAD.

3. It may be appreciated that besides being violation of the established rules/procedures, direct interaction and non-routing of requests for development assistance through EAD results in the following:

- 1) It leads to overlapping of assistance in certain sectors where other DPs are already active. Such assistance from donors can be better utilized for other priority sectors.

- ii) Central Coordination is effected as Development Partners cannot balance priorities between Federal/Provincial Governments.
- iii) Equitable distribution between provinces cannot be ensured.
- iv) Since debt payments on loans are principally responsibilities of Federal Government, EAD's role assumes greater significance.
- v) Administrative issues such as consignments being delayed, non-clearance by Custom authorities, non-exemption etc. may add to the complications as has been observed.
- vi) Fragmentation leading to high transaction costs.

4. In view of the above, Federal Ministries/Divisions and Provincial Governments are requested not to interact directly with Development Partners for any kind of development assistance except with the express involvement of EAD. All requests may be routed through EAD and no advance meetings, solicitations or direct approach is to be made with the DPs. In case of any complication arising out of non-adherence, the concerned Ministry/Division or Provincial Government shall be responsible.

5. It will be appreciated, if these instructions are also circulated among all the concerned for compliance.

6. We value your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

With profound regards,

Yours sincerely,

s/c

Zafar Hasan
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- 1. Secretary, Cabinet Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
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RULES OF BUSINESS 1973

(As amended up to 19th August, 2019)

**CABINET SECRETARIAT
(Cabinet Division)
Islamabad**

54. **Revocation of Proclamation, etc.**— The Proclamation issued under rule 51, 52 or 53 shall be varied or revoked by a subsequent Proclamation to be issued by the Division concerned in terms of rule 15-A.

PART I – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

55. **Protection and communication of official information.**—(1) Information acquired from official documents relating to official matters shall only be communicated by a government servant or, as the case may be, designated official to the press, to non-officials, or even to officials belonging to other government offices in accordance with the procedure laid down in section 3 of the Freedom of Information Ordinance, 2002 (XCVI of 2002).

(2) Detailed instructions shall be issued by the Cabinet Division for the treatment and custody of official documents and information of a classified nature.

(3) Ordinarily all official news and information shall be conveyed to the press and the public through the Press Information Department or the External Publicity Wing of the Information and Broadcasting Division. The manner in which this may be done shall be prescribed by general or special orders to be issued by the Information and Broadcasting Division.

(4) Only Ministers and Secretaries, and such officers as may be authorized, shall act as official spokesmen of the Government. No statement involving foreign policy shall normally be made by a person (other than the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister) without prior consultation with the Foreign Affairs Division.

56. **Channels of Communications.**—(1) Except as provided in sub-rule (2), all correspondence with the Government of a foreign country or a Pakistan diplomatic mission abroad or a foreign mission in Pakistan or an international organization shall normally be conducted through the Foreign Affairs Division:

Provided that by means of general or special orders to be issued by the Foreign Affairs Division, direct correspondence may be allowed under such conditions and circumstances as may be specified.

(2) All requests to a foreign Government or an international organization for economic or technical assistance shall be made through the Economic Affairs Division, which shall correspond with the foreign Government, etc., in accordance with the prescribed channel. The Economic Affairs Division may allow, by general or special orders, such requests to be made direct.

(3) Correspondence with Provincial Governments shall be conducted directly by the Division, in respect of the subjects allocated to them, subject to the provisions of rule 8, and it shall ordinarily be addressed to the Secretary of the Department concerned in the Provincial Government:

Provided that under general or special orders to be issued by a Division, its Attached Department may be authorized to correspond directly with the Department of a Provincial Government under such conditions and circumstances as may be specified therein.

(4) Copies of the correspondence with the Provincial Government in respect of the affairs of former and acceding states, if any, and Tribal Areas shall be endorsed to the States and Frontier Regions Division, provided that Division may, by means of

¹ Substituted vide SRO 709(I)/2003 (P.No. 4-2/2003-Min), dated 15.7.2003.