

Data Dissemination Policy

Pakistan

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Collection, compilation and dissemination of data on various socio-economic sectors is the primary function of FBS. These data are collected from primary and Secondary Sources. The primary data are collected through different surveys such as Labour Force Survey (LFS), Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES), Pakistan Integrated Household Survey (PIHS), Pakistan Demographic Survey (PDS) etc. Secondary data such as Foreign Trade Statistics, Industrial Statistics, Transport and Communication Statistics, social statistics, agriculture Statistics, Environment statistics etc. are collected from the records of concerned Ministries/Departments. Demand for data is increasing tremendously and that too in computer readable form on computer tapes/diskettes etc. Such demands are made mainly by various Government/Semi-Govt., Non Government Organization (NGOs), Research Institutions, and Universities etc. within and outside the country.

The previous policy adopted by FBS for data supply was that aggregate level data (tabulation) was provided to the users free of charges and this practice will continue. However special tabulation in the required computer readable format would be supplied to users on demand, with charges to be deposited in the government treasury. In case of demand for the sensitive information /data, the same may be supplied with the prior approval of the Federal Statistics Authority i.e. Secretary, Statistics Division.

In this age of information technology, the researchers/user are extending their demands for data at micro level. Consequently FBS has revised its data dissemination policy as under:-

I. Level/Format of Data to be supplied

To maintain the confidentiality of statistical data, the micro level data may be supplied on tapes/diskettes after removing the micro-level identification only after publication of report.

II. Terms and Conditions for Data User/Researcher

- a. The user shall provide an undertaking that the data collected from FBS will not be supplied to any other person/organization either free of cost or on payment.
- b. The user shall acknowledge the source of data and supply copies of the research work/articles (published/unpublished) to FBS.

III. Confidentiality of Information

It will be ensured that the statistics supplied will not disclose in any way the identity and state of affairs of any individual, firm or institution in strict compliance of the General Statistics Act, 1975.

IV. Cost of Data

- a. Data collection, compilation and its processing involve huge cost. Therefore, it has been decided that the data users (other than government agencies) must share the cost of data. The charges of data to be recovered from users are given in the following schedule. The amount will be deposited in the Government treasury by the user and a copy of the challan/receipt will be provided to FBS. The user will also supply diskettes/magnetic tapes etc. to FBS for collecting the data.
- b. A user in the foreign country may remit the charges as per schedule given hereinafter. The amount in US Dollar may be transferred to:
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK NEW YORK SWIFT CHASUE33 A/C NO. 0011684586 of
National Bank of Pakistan 100 WALL Street NEW YORK Routing No. 026004721 SWIFT
NBPAUS33. For further credit to National Bank of Pakistan Main Branch Islamabad Swift
NBPAPKAA021 to be credited to Head of Account
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C 02401 - SALES OF CENSUS PUBLICATIONS
C 02470 - OTHERS

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Type of Data	Semi Govt. / Private, Educational & Research Institutions	Individual Researches & Students		International Agency, NGOs and Foreign Mission	
		Local (Rs.)	Foreign (US \$)	Local (Rs.)	Foreign (US \$)
a. Survey data set (per Survey per year)	Rs. 3000/-	1000/-	40	5000/-	200
b. Foreign Trade data set: (Export/Import Country by Commodity or commodity by country)					
For one - two months/quarter	Rs. 3000/-	1000/-	50	3000	100
For one - two years	Rs. 4000/-	2000/-	55	2000	150
For three- five years	Rs. 5000/-	2500/-	90	500	250
c. Price Data, per data set of Consumer Price Index (CPI) & Sensitive Price Index (SPI) or Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for one month.	Rs. 200/-	100/-	10	500/-	30
d. Other Misc. data or survey tables in piece meal (Per table per year)	Rs. 200/-	100/-	10	300/-	30

Note: I. The amount paid by a Foreign user in US \$ includes cost of diskettes and postal charges.
II. The request from individual students should be made through Vice chancellor or Head of the Departments concerned.

V. Deposit of Sale Procedures

The Payment in Pak rupees and the Bank Draft in Foreign exchange received from a foreign user from abroad will be deposited to the Government Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan, Main Branch, Islamabad under the appropriate Head of Accounts as under:
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VI. Data supply free of Cost

- a. The data will be supplied free of cost to Govt. Departments, Govt. Controlled Research Institutions Like PIDE, NIPS, State Bank of Pakistan, Universities and UN/International Organization like UN Statistics Division, IMF, ECO, OIC, World Bank, Asia Development Bank, ESCAP, ILO, and UNESCO.
- b. The FBS may supply micro data set on floppy diskettes on complimentary basis to any individual researchers/organization with the approval of competent authority on “Data Exchange Basis” or “Joint Research Analysis Purpose”.