Pakistan

Tourism Satellite Account (TSA)

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General Statistics (Reorganization) Act 2011

Section 4. Powers and functions of the Bureau;

sub-section (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the Bureau shall exercise and perform the following powers and function, namely:-

(a) To collect, compile, analyze, abstract, publish, market and disseminate statistical information relating to the commerce and trade, industrial, financial, social, economic, demographic, agriculture and any other area to be specified by the Federal Government and conditions of the people of Pakistan and to foster the evolution of product lines in response to pressing needs of society;

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24. **Power to call for returns and information.**—(1) A competent authority may, for the purpose of collecting statistics under this Act, serve or cause to be served on any person, by post or otherwise, a notice requiring him to furnish to such authority or person in such manner, at such time or intervals including replies to inquiries and supplementary information, and in such form and with such particulars, such information or returns as may be prescribed, and a person served with such notice shall accordingly furnish information or returns required thereby.

25. **Right to access record or document.**—(1) An authorized person shall, for the purpose of collection of statistics under this Act, have access to any relevant record or document in the possession of any person required to furnish information or return under section 24 and may, at any reasonable time after due notice, enter any premises, house, vessel, lands or other place wherein he believes such record or document to be kept and inspect or take copies of relevant records or documents and ask any question necessary for obtaining any information required to be furnished by such person.

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THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE REGULATIN ACT, 1947

19. Power to call for information

(2) The Central government may by order in writing require any person to furnish it or any person specified in the order with any information, book or other document in this possession, being information, book or document which the Central Government considers it necessary or expedient to obtain and examine for the purposes of this Act and may, at any time, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that the power to make such order shall for such period as may be specified in the direction, be exercised by the State bank.

Institutional arrangements for TSA compilation

1. *At present there is no institutional arrangement for the compilation of TSA;*
2. *Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)may be the best place for compilation of TSA, however;*
3. *State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) compile among other economic statistics the international accounts statistics.*
4. Trade in services of which transport, travel, personal cultural and recreational services may be related to TSA tables 1, 3
5. SBP may support PBS in the compilation of TSA and a join the task force of the compilation of TSA

Services classification

Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others

Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.

Transport

Travel

Construction

Insurance and pension services

Financial services

Charges for the use of intellectual property n.i.e.

Telecommunications, computer, and information services

Other business services

Personal, cultural, and recreational services

Government goods and services n.i.e.

National plans for the TSA development

- Foremost priority may be the establishment of institutional arrangement for the compilation of TSA. A joint task force of related offices is important.
- Populating the TSA tables with available data
- Enhancement of coverage, and inclusion of TSA variables in related surveys
- The already applicable questionnaires requiring data for foreign trade in services do not completely support to TSA requirements. These may be revamped gradually incorporating the TSA variables

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