

WEIGHT & MEASURES CELL SINDH, KARACHI

DRAFT PARAS BASED ON AUDIT INSPECTION REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2003-04 OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT (DIRECTOR GENERAL AUDIT SINDH)

Para No	Audit Observation.
02	<p><u>NON ACHIEVING TARGET OF REVENUE AMOUNTING TO RS.18.237 MILLION.</u></p> <p>In the office of Agriculture Department, Govt. of Sindh for the year 2003-2004, the target of revenue of Rs.18.237 million was not achieved</p> <p>Office Name- Controller W & M. C. Karachi.</p> <p>O.M.No- 20 Target- 37,632,000/- Achievement- 35,261,012/- Shortfall- 2.011 %- 5.34</p> <p>The irregularity was pointed out to the depart. in the month of Sept. 2004, but no reply was received.</p> <p>Conclusion. Justify the efforts of local office to achieve the target of crops for the year 2003-2004. Para No. 4.1.1. of the AIR for the year 2003-2004.</p>

04 (3)	<p><u>Irregular payment of liabilities from current budget Rs.4.678 million (Rs.0172 million pertain to Weight & Measure Cell Sindh, Karachi.).</u></p> <p>According to Rule 289 pf Federal Treasury Rule Volume-I, all charges must be paid and drawn at once and under no circumstances may be allowed to stand over to be paid from the budget grant of next year under Clause (g) of the policy decision of the Govt. of Sindh bearing No.FD./B-I/22(3)/99-2000, dated 17.01.2000, the previous year liability from the current budget shall be made after the prior approval of the Finance Department, Govt. of Sindh.</p> <p>In the following offices of Govt. of Sindh Agriculture Deptt. An amount of Rs.4.678 million was cleared on account of aprevious liability from current budget grant without obtaining sanction from Finance Deptt. Govt. of Sindh.</p> <p>Name of office-Controller W&MC Particulars- Purchase of Seals. O.M.No.05. Amount- 0.172 million.</p> <p>The irregularity was pointed out to the Deptt. In the month of August 2004. No reply has been furnished by the Deptt.</p> <p><u>Conclusion.</u> The matter may be justified and approval of Finance Deptt. May be provided. Para No.4.1.8 of AIR 2003-2004</p>
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13	<p><u>Non deposit of security by the manufacturers, dealers, repairers and Inspectors.</u></p> <p>As per Rule-12(1) of Sindh Standard Weights & Measures (Enforcement) Rules 1978 the manufacturers, repairers and dealers in weights, measures, weighing instruments and measures instruments are required to</p>
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	<p>furnish / deposit security with the Controller in the form of National Defense Saving Certificates pledged to the Controller which can be forfeited in case of default. Under Rule-22 (1) (3) of Sindh Standard Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules 1976, every Inspector shall deposit a sum of one thousand rupees by way of security in the form of National Defense Saving Certificates pledged to the Controller. These certificates shall be subject to clearance of dues of any, outstanding against an inspector, be refunded if the ceases to be such inspector.</p> <p>During scrutiny of the accounts record of the Controller, Weight and Measures cell, Karachi, for the year 2002-2003 to 2003-2004, it was observed that the license has</p> <p>been given to more than 150 Manufacturers, Dealers and Repairers and 17 Inspectors in weight and measures without obtaining any security against the above rule.</p> <p>When irregularity was pointed out in the month of August, 2004, the department has replied that deposit of security is under process. The reply was unsatisfactory as the security was to be deposited at the time of obtaining license.</p> <p>Conclusion.- Reasons for not obtaining security be provided to audit. Para bi,4.1.19 & 4.1.20 of the AIR for the year 2003-2004.</p>
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20	<p><u>Loss of Rs.303.000 million due to non renewal of license of manufacturers, dealers & repairers.</u></p> <p>According to Rule 12(I) of Sindh Standard Weights and Measures Enforcement Rules 1976, the manufacturers and repairs of dealers in weight, measures, weighing instruments and measuring instruments required to furnish security deposit with the Controller the amount of securities in the form of National Defense Saving Certificate pledged to the controller.</p> <p>During scrutiny of the accounts record of the Controller, weight and Measures Cell, Karachi, for the year 2002-2003 to 2003-2004, it was observed that various manufacturers, dealers and repairers were issued licenses but after expiry of one year their licenses were not renewed and they are working without renewal of their licenses. As per Act their licenses should have been cancelled or penalty imposed for non-renewal of their licenses.</p> <p>The irregularity was pointed out to the department in the month of August, 2004. In reply the department stated that dealers and manufacturers were not taking interest in their business and avoiding depositing renewal fee. However license of few had been cancelled or penalty imposed for non-renewal of their licenses.</p> <p>The irregularity was pointed out to the Department in the month of August, 2004. In reply the department stated that dealers and manufacturers were not taking interest in their business and avoiding depositing renewal fee. However license of few had been cancelled. The reply of the Department was not satisfactory, as no documentary evidence was produced in support of their contention.</p> <p>Conclusion- Action may be taken under intimation to audit along with the recovery. <u>Para No.4.1.2 of the AIR 2003-04</u></p>
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25	<p><u>Loss of revenue due to verification of less number of shops.</u></p> <p>During scrutiny of the accounts record of the Controller, Weights & Measures Cell, Karachi, for the years 2002-2003 & 2003-2004, it was observed that only 11336 shops factories and petrol pumps were verified during the year 2002-2003 and 12065 during the year 2003-2004 in Karachi. Number of shops, factories, petrol pumps verified was very low.</p> <p>From audit point of view many more shops can be verified through proper survey and inspection. In this way more revenue can be earned for Government. The objective of the department can also be achieved.</p>
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	<p>When pointed out in August, 2004, the Department has replied that there are only 12065 shops in Karachi using Weight and Measures. The reply was not satisfactory as the number of shops verified is much less.</p> <p>Conclusion- The verification of low number of shops during the year under audit may be justified to audit.</p> <p>Para No.4.1.18 of AIR for the year 2003-2004</p>
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<p>49 (16)</p>	<p><u>Non-accountal of various articles amounting to Rs.2.648 million (Rs.0.106 M pertain to W&MC)</u></p> <p><u>Para 148 of General Financial Rules Volume states, “ all material received should be examined , counted , measured or weighed as the case may be, when delivery is taken and they should be taken in charge by a responsible Government Officer who should see that the quantities are correct and their quality good and record a certificate to that effect. The officer receiving the stores should also be required to given a certificate that he has actually received the materials land recorded them in the appropriate stock register”.</u></p> <p><u>In the following offices of Govt. of Sindh Agriculture Department an expenditure of Rs.2.648 (Rs0.106 million in W&MC),was incurred om the purchase of various articles during the year 2003-2004 but the same were not accounted for in the appropriate stock register.</u></p> <p><u>Sr. No. 16</u> <u>Name of Office-Weight & Measure Cell, Karachi.</u> <u>O.M. No. 05</u> <u>Amount. 0.106 Million</u></p> <p><u>The irregularity was pointed out to the Department in the month of August 2004, The Controller,</u></p> <p><u>Weight and Measures Cell, Karachi, has replied that entries have now been made but documentary evidence have not been furnished.</u></p> <p><u>Conclusion-</u> <u>Material may be accounted for and record be produced to audit for verification.</u></p> <p><u>Para No.4.1.16(1) AIR 2003-04</u></p>
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<p>51</p>	<p><u>Non-verification of secondary standards weights and measures of the office of the Controller Weight and Measures Cell.</u></p> <p>Under Rule 4(3) of Sindh Standard Weights and Measures Enforcement Rule 1976, the secondary standards shall be verified with the reference standards kept lat the National Physical Laboratory at least once in every five years and if found correct shall be stamped. If the secondary standards on verification</p>
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found to be incorrect, they shall be adjusted or renewed and stamped.

On the contrary, the Weights & Measures of the office of the Controller, Weight and Measures Cell, Karachi, (Secondary Standard) have not been verified

since they were purchased in 1975.

Irregularity was pointed out to the department in August, 2004. In its reply the management stated that the Weight and Measure Cell have approached the Finance Department for allocation of funds for verification of their Secondary Instruments from National Physical Laboratory, Islamabad, but no budget has been allocated.

Conclusion-

Reasons for not getting their weights measures verified by produced to audit.

Para No.4.1.25 of the AIR 2003-2004.