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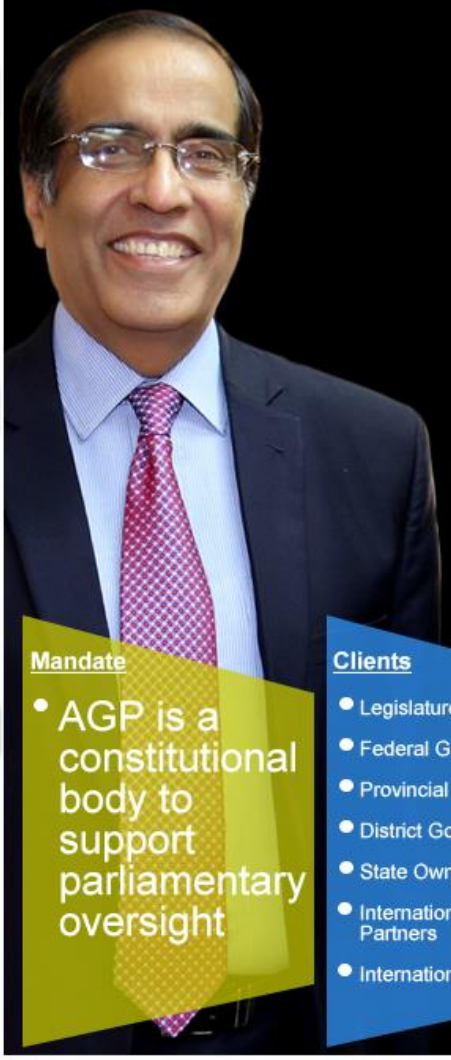


Mr. Asif Ali
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The Finance Minister, Senator, Mohammad Ishaq Dar, during his recent visit to the office of the Auditor General of Pakistan had hoped that the necessary amendments in AGP Ordinance would help make the system of audit more robust and effective besides helping to ensure greater transparency and accountability in the financial matters of the government. The Minister desired to keep up efforts for continued imporvement in the overall working of the AGP Office.



Auditor General of Pakistan has approved the most required "Strategic Plan" of the Department of the Auditor General of Pakistan on 5th Nov, 2015. The Department of the Auditor General of Pakistan (DAGP) has been playing its role in ensuring public accountability and transparency, and in promoting good governance by adding value to national resources. To honour these responsibilities in a befitting manner, the DAGP has been striving to upgrade its capabilities. Various initiatives, from time to time, included the defining of Vision, Mission and Core Values of the DAGP; aligning of audit independence, legal mandate, organizational and financial independence with Lima and Mexico Declarations; upgrading the DAGP audit methodologies; and improving human resources.

A 155 year old Institution

Mandate

- AGP is a constitutional body to support parliamentary oversight

Clients

- Legislatures
- Federal Government
- Provincial Governments
- District Governments
- State Owned Enterprises
- International Development Partners
- International Organizations

Products

- Certified financial statements
- Foreign Aided Projects
- Regularity and Compliance Audit Reports
- Value for Money Audit Reports
- Special Audit Reports and Studies



Pension

Presentation made to the Finance Minister on 16.10.2015 regarding Ghost pensioners-Special Audit Report being finalized. It has been decided that Mandatory DCS for BS-17 and above be reduce form 6 to 2 pages, welfare officers for pensioners in each Ministry and Division, DCS in all Provinces etc., Accounts Offices to generate list of retiring Civil Servants on quarterly basis, Procurement and launching of Pension MIS, Instructions to be issued to Banks on pensioner facilitation.)

Implementation plan alongwith timeframe issued to all concerned.

Pakistan Audit & Accounts Academy- PAAA

Post of DG AATI has been upgraded to BS-21 as Rector after reorganization of Audit & Accounts Training Institute-AATI. Now it is Pakistan Audit & Accounts Academy-PAAA.

- AGP visited PAAA and directed that:
- Rector, PAAA to collaborate with IR & C Wing to arrange foreign visits of faculty and identify avenue for cooperation with sister organizations abroad.
- HRM Wing to issue letter regarding mandatory training attendance by the nominees. Disciplinary action against absentees.
- PAW will continue to exist as an independent entity. However, it will be under Rector, PAAA.
- Increased marks for Hands on Training. Special Training Programme STP Committee to do it.
- Continue to efforts to make the PAAA as the center of Excellence

Audit Reforms Committee

Committee has been notified.
First meeting held on 25.08.2015
Five meetings held so far.
Working Groups formed
Initial reports discussed –Final recommendations to be consolidated and Interim Report to be finalized.

Finace Minister's Visit to AGP Office

The Minister in his address to the senior officers of the Auditor General's office on the occasion said that effective working of institutions like the AGP help curb financial irregularities and ensure financial discipline among government institutions. He called upon the Auditor General to make the system of audit as effective and robust as possible.



Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar addressing senior officials at the AGP Office, Islamabad.

The Finance Minister, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar directed the National Bank of Pakistan to withdraw its court petition and prepare for an audit by the Auditor General of Pakistan. The Minister, who chaired a briefing session at the Auditor General's Office on Saturday, said this audit was necessary for fulfilling the objectives of transparency and complete accountability as NBP was a fully state owned entity. The Minister specially referred to 18th amendment which had enhanced Auditor General's powers for conducting audit and maintaining financial discipline.

The Minister also expressed his concern over the reports about ghost pensioners. He ordered formation of a special committee comprising representatives from the Controller General of Accounts and the AGP officer point out malpractices and suggest measures for revamping it. He said the committed also come up with proposals for simplification of pension procedures and facilitation of the pensioners.The Committee, the Minister said, has 15-days time to come up with its recommendations. "I wish to see an end to pensioners queuing up in long lines to receive pensions. They shoulc receive pensions just like someone receives regular salary".



Finance Minister, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar performing soft opening of the additional block at AGP Office, Islamabad.

Appointment of Spokes Person

Mr. Jamal Abdul Nasir Usmani, Deputy Auditor General (FAO) has been appointed as Spokes Person of the Office of the Auditor-General of Pakistan to create a goodwill of the department by communicating with the stackholders. Mr. Usmani also supervises the media functions of the PRO.

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Futuristic Approach



Forensic Audit

DAGP is working on establishing a cutting edge faculty of Forensic Audit in the DAGP. Institute of Charter Accountants of Pakistan and the DAGP is developing a training module to trained the PA&AS Officers for the new faculty to assist in the parliamentary oversight. The training module will be implemented country wide.

- Letter written to ICAP to develop training module. Response of ICAP received and the progress in the matter is witnessed.

Use of Urdu Language in business of the Department

حکومت پاکستان کے فیصلے کے مطابق آڈیٹرجنرل آف پاکستان نے ہدایت جاری کی ہے کہ محکمے میں اردو کے سرکاری استعمال کو فروغ دینے کا جلد از جند انتظام کیا جائے۔ اور اس کے لیے ضروری ہدایت اور انتظامات کی فہرست بنا کر اس منصوبے کو فوری قابل عمل لانے کی پیش رفت کی جائے۔

رانا اسد امین
آڈیٹر جنرل آف پاکستان

Policy Board

The AGP has revived the "Policy Board", to bring it at par with other ASOSAIs. The "Board" is now a broad based body having 16 members from a wide professional cross section of the country including Governor state bank, Chairman SECP, President FPCCI, CEO-NRSP (NGO), President ICAP, President ICMAP, etc. The AGP would chair its inaugural meeting very soon.

"Vouch" would update in this regard in its next issue.

NAPFA

- AGP has planned to establish: National Academy of Public Finance and Accountancy (NAPFA)
- It is to enhance competency requirements for new fiscal management and accountability demands
- 3.67 acres of land procured from CDA in sector H-8 , Islamabad
- Rs 84.5 Million paid
- PC-I of Rs. 2.189 Million for NAPFA is under submission to the Planning and Development Division.
- Need support of MoF for approval of PC-I & allocation of funds

Quote of the Day

Help others achieve their dreams, and you - will achieve yours

Priorities of Present AGP

- Elimination of corrupt practices
- All heads of FAOs not having good repute replaced & this exercise in accounts offices is in hand
- Close interaction with all Stakeholders
- Increased role in international organizatioins
- Paradigm shift from traditional to special audit
- Motivated and learned workforce
- Quality audit and audit of current issues of national importance
- Full support to Government for maintaining financial discipline

FOCUS ON IMPROVING

On assuming charge, AGP has directed Heads of Field offices to:

- Focus on issues of current national interest
- Ensure that provisions of FAM are implemented in letter and spirit
- Identify high value items as well as other significant issues for audit
- Close monitoring of audit parties by supervisory officers
- Sign audit and inspection reports to be issued only after discussion with the auditee at responsible level
- In case of a report of low quality, disciplinary action be initiated, while rewards be introduced for those who come up with good quality reports

MAJOR ISSUES

- Variations between original and revised budget
- Public money kept outside government accounts
- Public Procurement Rules 2004 not fully followed
- Weak Contract Management
- Encroachment and misuse of government lands
- Delayed/ Non-Recovery of Government Dues
- Significant Tax Evasion
- Weak Asset Management

Media and public relationing of DAGP

The DAGP has a proactive cell for responding to media news items working under Mr. Jamal Abdul Nasir Usmani, Dy. Auditor General (FAO)/Spokes Person of DAGP (Print and Telewised reports). This cell also arranges to highlight the activities of the department in the media. The Public Relationing Officer-PRO is Malik Akhter Hussain Niazi. To highlight any activity of your office, contact PRO at 0333 5165651, Fax: 9225216
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AGP in Global Arena Activities

Audit of International Organizations

The SAI Pakistan served on the UN Board of External Auditors from 1961 to 1976. It also remained the External Auditor of the Preparatory Commission of Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons from 1993 to 1997. It also served the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons as External Auditor from 2003-2005. On different occasions, the Auditor General of Pakistan has also undertaken external audit of regional organizations like Organization of Islamic Conference, Jeddah, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, and Economic Coordination Organization. Auditor General of Pakistan was the External Auditor of United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the biennium 2008-09 and 2010-11.

International Cooperation

The AGP is an active member of many multilateral professional organizations including the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI), Economic Cooperation Organization's Supreme Audit Institutions (ECOSAI), Inter-governmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR), and International Consortium on Governmental Financial Management (ICGFM). The Department actively participates in the assemblies, seminars, workshops, conferences and symposia organized by these bodies.

The SAI Pakistan plays an active role in various Committees and Working Groups of the INTOSAI. It is represented on the Standing Committee on IT Audit, Working Group on Environmental Audit, Working Group of Accountability for and Audit of Disaster, and Working Group on Key National Indicators. It is also member of the INTOSAI's Sub-Committee-2 of 'Committee on Capacity Building'.



RANA ASSAD AMIN, AUDITOR GENERAL OF PAKISTAN MEETING WITH A HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION OF AUDIT BOARD OF REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA IN ISLAMABAD ON APRIL 21, 2016.

A delegation of Audit Board of Republic of Indonesia called on the Auditor General of Pakistan in Audit House here in Islamabad today. A six-Member delegation of Audit Board of Indonesia, headed by Chairman Mr. Harry Azhar Azis, has arrived in Pakistan on a three-day visit to Pakistan. Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar, while talking to the visiting delegates, stated that Pakistan has always attached great importance to its relations with Turkey. Pakistan and Turkey are brotherly Islamic countries and have always enjoyed cordial relations, the Finance Minister added.



The Chairman of the Board stated that SAI Indonesia takes pride in becoming the external auditor of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). It will provide a high quality audit to promote accountability and transparency in IAEA's roles for the safe, secure and peaceful uses of nuclear science & technology for international peace and security as well as development.

Bid for External Audit of International Organizations

With the approval of the Prime Minister, Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan has submitted Bids for election of External Auditor of the following International Organizations:
Name of Organization

a) World Food Programme (WFP)
b) International Organization for Migration (IOM)
c) International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Elected to ASOSAI Governing Board

Supreme Audit Institution of SAI Pakistanhas been elected to the Governing Board of ASOSAI for the term 2015-2018 in the elections held during the 13th Assembly of ASOSAI on 13 February 2015 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Pakistan secured second highest number of votes after Turkey. Other members elected to the ASOSAI Governing Board are Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Nepal and Thailand.





DAGP Transfer / Postings

Mr. Irshad Amed Kaleemi
From DG (Audit Policy), AGP Office to Dy. Auditor General (Provincial Audit) AGP Office (OPS)

Mrs. Rubina Safeer
From Dy. Auditor General (PA) to Member Finance (PARC) under National Food Security and Research Division

Mr. Muhammad Azhar
DG Audit, AJ&K Muzaffarabad to DG (B&A), AGP Office Islamabad

Mr. Sarfraz Hussain Ansari
Budget & Finance Officer PWD to Asstt: Auditor General (P) AGP Office Islamabad

Foreign Audit

The Auditor General of Pakistan has approved 13 teams to conduct mission audit in 62 missions.



Mr. Kashif Ahmed Noor
D.G Audit (F & I)

Audit of 13 centers of SAARC completed. 6 in hand.

Editor's Note

Please provide the news, pics, etc. on performance of your office or any news item you want to get published in "vouch" along with your suggestions and proposals to upgrade this news bulletin on email address:

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Mr. Muhammad Sohail Khan
Asstt: Editor (Layout/Design)
Web Administrator/ System Administrator-DAGP



A delegation of Turkish Court of Audit called on the Auditor General of Pakistan in Audit House here in Islamabad. An Eight-Member delegation of Turkish Court of Accounts, headed by Deputy President of Turkish Court of Accounts (TCA), Mr. Orhan Yasa, has arrived in Pakistan on a four-day Study Visit to Pakistan "SAI Pakistan and SAI Turkey have always enjoyed a very cordial relationship and both SAIs have facilitated each other in areas of mutual interest for decades now. We understand that it is extremely important to further strengthen our relations so as to promote greater public accountability and transparency in our respective countries", this was stated by the Auditor General of Pakistan, Rana Assad Amin. In his address to the Turkish Delegation, Rana Assad Amin appreciated the endeavors of TCA to promote bilateral relations and technical cooperation between the two brotherly SAIs. "I believe that the study visit by high ranking officials of SAI Turkey will be very beneficial for a better understanding of the structure, system and operations of both SAIs and will lead to a better understanding between the two SAIs".



A delegation of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) called on Rana Assad Amin-Auditor General of Pakistan, here in his office today. While talking to the two-member delegation, the Auditor General stated that "We look forward to greater cooperation between CIPFA and the Department of the Auditor General of Pakistan (DAGP) in the areas of CIPFA Certification, Forensic Auditing, Information Systems Auditing and Performance Audit and trainings offered by CIPFA. Capacity-building of the officers of the Department is a crucial part of our Strategic Plan".

Honorarium

In line with his policy to reward the good performers, the AGP has awarded an honorarium equal to one month's basic pay to the following officers who have contributed articles in the journal of ECOSAI circular (www.ecosai.org.pk) for the month of October 2015:

Mr. Muhammad Amir Usman, Addl. AGPR Lahore, Mr. Muhammad Usman, Director (admn) CGA, Mr. Khurram Khan, AO (HRMIS), DAGP

Farewell to Mr. M. Idrees Tarar Additional Auditor General (BS-22) on his retirement.





AGP's unique relationship with Parliament

Constitution of Pakistan vide its 18th amendment vests the Powers to the Auditor General:

Vide its Article [170 (2)]: The audit of the accounts of the Federal and of the Provincial Governments and the accounts of any authority or body established by, or under the control of, the Federal or a Provincial Government shall be conducted by the Auditor-General, who shall determine the extent and nature of such audit.



Our Vision

- A model Supreme Audit Institution Adding Value to National Resources

Our Mission

- Serving the Nation by Promoting Accountability, Transparency and Good Governance through Parliamentary Oversight

Audit of Foreign Aided Projects-FAPs

Provincial Audit-PA Wing is the focal window for FAPs

- DAGP conducts audit of foreign aided projects funded by World Bank, Asian Development Bank, DFID, JICA and other Development Partners and submit reports on time
- Total 205 Foreign Aided projects are to be audited during 2015-16.
- By virtue of timely audit certification to the Development Partners, flow of loans/ grants to Federal & Provincial Governments continues without any hindrance

Man Power (Audit & Accounts)

Office	No of Field Offices	Sanctioned Strength
AGP Office & FAOs	30	5380
CGA	16	8008
MAG	22	12214
Railways Accounts	08	2377
Foreign Accounts	05	202
TOTAL	**81**	**28181**

HR(Audit / Accounts) Our Main Asset

Qualifications	
Ph D	9
M Phil	15
MSc Accounting & Finance	164
Masters	500
MBA	141
Professional Certificates	191
PIFPFA	3847
TOTAL	**4867**

Capacity Building through PIFRA/PDP from Foreign Universities	
Ph D	9
MSc Accounting & Finance	82
MPA/Public Policy	9
MBA	10
MSc HRM	14
MS Finance	24
TOTAL	**148**

6 Officers ACCA fully qualified, 58 partially qualified

