PART II
Statutory Notifications (S.R.O.)

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 16th March, 2020

S. R. O. 596 (I)/2020.— In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 2017, the Federal Government is pleased to constitute Inquiry Commission under Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 2017 to probe into the increase in sugar prices.

2. The Commission shall comprise the following Officers:—

i. Mr. Wajid Zia, Director General, FIA  
Chairman

ii. Mr. Gohar Nafees DG, Anti-Corruption Establishment, Punjab  
Member

iii. Mr. Ahmad Kamal DDG, IB  
Member

iv. Mr. Bilal Rasool, Executive Director (SECP)  
Member

v. Mr. Majid Hussain Chaudhry, Joint Director, SBP  
Member

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vi. Dr. Bashirullah Khan, DG, Directorate General of Intelligence and Investigation, FBR, Islamabad

Member

3. The following shall be the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Commission:—

a. Whether the production, this year, was low as compared to past years? Was low production the primary reason for increase in prices?

b. Was the minimum support price sufficient?

c. Did the Mills purchase sugarcane at exorbitantly higher prices than the minimum support price? If yes, then reasons therefore;

d. Reasons for mills not purchasing sugarcane for a limited period of a few weeks, from the farmers and its impact, if any, on sugar prices;

e. Basis for determination of Ex-Mill price? Reasons for increase in Ex-Mill price;

f. Market manipulation/ cartelization by sugar mills, if any;

g. Impact of forward contracts on the prices of sugar and whether any malafide is involved;

h. Whether margins between Ex-Mill and retail prices increased, compared to previous years, or otherwise. If yes, reasons thereof and potential beneficiaries;

i. Impact of tax increase on sugar prices at Ex-Mill/Retail level;

j. Hoarding at whole sale/retail level and within sugar mills vis-à-vis stocks of last year;

k. Was export of sugar justified? Any subsidy given on export and its impact, with potential beneficiaries;

l. Basis for determination of retail price of sugar;

m. Role of various stakeholders, including government institutions and private sector in increase in sugar prices, including timely/preventive/preemptive remedial measures to control sugar prices and malafide, if any, of any stakeholder;
n. Verification of the sale of sugar to find out malpractices of hoarding & manipulation of supply to the market to maximize profiteering.

o. Physical verification of stock to find whether there is any excess / shortage of stock as shown in the books and the verification of the genuineness of the sale record; and,

p. The role of Competition Commission of Pakistan in this crisis;

q. Benami transactions and profits (approx.) earned during the sugar crisis;

r. The Commission shall submit its report to the Prime Minister within forty (40) days after issuance of this notification.

s. Any other issue, deemed appropriate, related to the increase in recent sugar prices;

4. This Commission will also be empowered under section 10(b) of the Act ibid to constitute special teams consisting of officers from executive authorities and experts in specific fields, for the purposes of assisting the Commission in conducting an inquiry. The special teams shall have such power as may be prescribed under this Act.

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