



## **ACTIVITY REPORT OF BUDGET & POLICY DEPARTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2019**

The salient features of the activities undertaken by the Budget & Policy Department during the month of April, 2019 are given as follows:

### **1. PREPARATION OF FPCCI PROPOSALS FOR FEDERAL BUDGET 2019-20**

#### **• Pre-Budget consultative Meetings:**

In the month of April, 2019, held series of FPCCI Budget Advisory Council meetings under the Chairmanship of its Convener, Mr. Zubair F. Tufail, Former President FPCCI and discussed the FPCCI Pre-Budget Proposals 2019-20. Based on the discussions in FPCCI Advisory Council Meetings, a comprehensive (Draft) Memorandum was prepared incorporating the Proposals on Direct Taxes, Sales Tax, Customs etc.

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#### **• Executive Summary of FPCCI Budget Proposals 2019-20**

Prepared Executive Summary of FPCCI Pre-Budget Proposals 2019-20 for discussion in the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC Meeting of FPCCI held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

#### **• FPCCI 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting:**

Draft of FPCCI Proposals for Federal Budget 2019-20 was presented in FPCCI 2<sup>nd</sup>

EC Meeting held on April 9, 2019, wherein, after a threadbare discussion the proposals were unanimously appreciated and approved.

- **Finalization & Submission of FPCCI Proposals**

Based on the conclusion of the above mentioned exercises and finalizing the suggestions received from our member trade bodies and after a threadbare discussions in FPCCI Budget Advisory Council and Executive Committee Meetings, a comprehensive memorandum was prepared incorporating the Proposals on Direct Taxes, Sales Tax, and Customs and submitted to the concerned quarters, i.e., Finance Ministry, Commerce Ministry, Federal Board of Revenue etc. for presenting FPCCI point of view effectively on its Pre-Budget Proposals 2019-20.

- **Press Conference:**

A Press Conference was held in FPCCI Head Office on April 10, 2019 and briefed the representatives of electronic and print media and project about the salient features of FPCCI Pre-Budget Proposals 2019-20,

- **Pre-Budget follow-up Meetings with Government Officials.**

After submission of FPCCI Pre-Budget Proposals 2019-20, the following follow-up meetings were held and effectively projected FPCCI point of view on its Pre-Budget Proposals 2019-20 for incorporation in the ensuing Federal Budget, 2019-20:

- A meeting was held in National Assembly on April 15, 2019, wherein Presentation on FPCCI Budget Proposals was given to the Members of National Assembly.
- A meeting was held in FBR on April 17, 2019 wherein FPCCI Proposals were taken-up effectively.

## **2. MEMBER AFFAIRS:**

The Members Affairs Department undertakes the issues both of policy and procedural nature being faced by FPCCI members due to harsh and irritant provisions of the law, serving as a road block in smooth functioning of their business activities and misuse of discretionary powers by some unscrupulous tax officials as this promotes direct contact between the government officials and the business community and resulted in

harassment, corruption and tax evasion. In this respect, some of the representations made in the month of April, 2019 are given as follows:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Task</b>	<b>Assigned From</b>	<b>Short Description Of Task</b>
1.	Representation of All Pakistan Fruit & Vegetable Exporters, Importers and Merchants Association (APFVA)	Secretary General	FPCCI letter to the Ministry of National Food Security & Research regarding import of expired Indian mango pulp
2.	Representation of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Importers Exporters Association Balochistan	Secretary General	Letter forwarded to the APFVA for necessary action.
3.	Representation of M/s United Agencies	Mr. Abdul Hafeez, Member of FPCCI Budget Advisory Council	Requested the member IRS (Policy) for inclusion of Isopropyl Glycol Ether (IPGE) in SRO 1125/2011 alongside ethyl glycol
4.	Circular of Directorate General of Customs Valuation	Secretary General	Assessment of goods imported via land route
5.	Representation of Larkana Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI),	Secretary General	Requested LCCI to provide details of the case regarding charges increased by SSIC
6.	Representation of Shaheed Benazirabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SBCCI)	Secretary General	Requested SBCCI to provide details of the case regarding charges increased by SSIC
7.	Representation of Mirpurkhas Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MPKCCI)	Secretary General	Requested MPKCCI to provide details of the case regarding charges increased by SSIC
8.	Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI)	Secretary General	Requested ICCI to provide soft copy of proposals for incorporation in FPCCI Budgetary Proposals
9.	Representation of SBP	Secretary General	In response to APDIEA's letter SBP reply forwarded to them (APDIEA)
10.	Representation of M/s United Agencies	Mr. Abdul Hafeez, Member of FPCCI Budget Advisory Council	Requested the member IRS (Policy) for inclusion of Isopropyl Glycol Ether (IPGE) in SRO 1125/2011 alongside ethyl glycol

**3. PRESS RELEASES:**

Following Press Releases were prepared in the month of April, 2019:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Task</b>	<b>Assigned From</b>	<b>Short Description Of Task</b>
1.	Press Release	ASG-I	Daroo Khan lamented Petroleum Price Spike
2.	Press Release	ASG-1	FPCCI Executive Committee expressed concern over absence of its representation in Board of Directors of various Public Sector Committees / Forums
3.	Press Release	ASG-I	Engr. Daroo Khan Achakzai felicitated Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh on his Appointment as Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance
4.	Press Release	ASG-I	Engr. Daroo Khan Achakzai felicitated Dr. Nouman Idris Butt, Chief Executive of Capital Sports Corp (Pvt.) Ltd. on having been selected by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for the Gold: IP & Sports Award on IP – Day 2019 in a ceremony, organized at Islamabad on 24 <sup>th</sup> April, on the occasion of World Intellectual Property (IP) Day

**4. Minutes of FPCCI 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting:**

Recorder / noted minutes of FPCCI 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held on April 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

**5. Minutes of Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting**

Recorder / noted minutes of FPCCI Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting held on April 9, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.