

## Restaurants: RTO Islamabad not implementing digital monitoring system

Regional Tax Office (RTO) Islamabad has not fully implemented the digital monitoring system of restaurants in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) under the pilot project of web-based Restaurants Invoice Monitoring System (RIM). Sources said that digital monitoring of tier one retailers and restaurants in the Islamabad Capital Territory was discussed during the last meeting of the high-powered implementation committee of Tax Reforms Commission (TRC).

In the last meeting of the tax reforms implementation commission (TRIC), it was decided that as a pilot project web-based RIM system would be implemented in Islamabad in certain restaurants on the basis of a pre-determined threshold of gas/electricity bills by 30.6.2017. FBR Secretary (ST&FE) apprised the committee that a list of potential restaurants where the RIM system could be implemented as a pilot project has been requisitioned from RTO Islamabad but so far no response has been forthcoming from RTO Islamabad.

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, Haroon Akhtar Khan stressed that timelines given by the committee should be strictly adhered to and that at this stage the pilot project should have been implemented.

It was decided that the Member (IR Policy) to coordinate with Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue (CCIR), RTO Islamabad and ensure implementation of the web based RIM system in at least one restaurant in ICT for purposes of digital monitoring. If possible the same may be extended to ten restaurants in the ICT.

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