

Tax payments: Tax consultants urged to educate business community

Provincial Minister for Higher Education Mushtaq Ahmed Ghani has asked the Tax Consultants and members of Tax Bar to join hands with the government to educate the business community to pay their taxes as national obligation.

He said this after inaugurating Hazara Tax Bar Association at Regional Tax Office, Abbottabad. The ceremony was attended by the members of HTBA, office-bearers of different trader bodies and notables of the area. Mushtaq Ahmed Ghani said that KP government has established fully computerised and fool proof system of tax recovery and due to efficient management system and confidence of the business community it has shown remarkable improvement in their tax collection system. He said KP government is striving for the self-reliance policy for which he asked the tax consultants to play their due role to achieve the collection targets which will be ultimately spend on the people of KP for uplifting projects and schemes.

Mushtaq Ghani remarked that after the introduction of RTI Act, each and every citizen can ask about the tax collections and funds and their utilization and government has stopped all routes and means of corruption in all segments of the society.

Provincial minister remarked that after the 18th amendment, the recovery of sales tax is shifted to provinces and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority (KPRA) is established and is being up-graded with the latest computerized system to enable the sales tax payers to file returns and statements through efficient staff. He said that the provincial government will provide full financial and moral support to HTBA to establish their library and computer labs etc. as Law department of KP government is agreed to provide special grant in this regard.

Earlier, Rashid Javed, acting president of HTBA in his welcome address informed that HTBA is interested to establish well equipped computerized lab and library for the members which will also be made available to the tax machinery to facilitate the tax payers and added that HTBA is regularly holding seminars and workshops to update members with latest changes and policies of KP and FBR.

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