

FBR seeks separate budget for DG Law

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has sought separate budget from the Finance Division for smooth functioning of Directorate-General of Law (DG Law). Sources told *Business Recorder* here on Friday that the issue of funding to the Directorate-General of Law was discussed during the last meeting of the Tax Reforms Implementation Committee (TRIC).

The FBR chief (Legal) briefed the committee that section 230B was inserted in the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, which provided that there shall be a Directorate-General, comprising directors, additional directors, deputy directors, assistant directors and law officers. Accordingly, officers were posted as director general, director law Lahore, and director law Islamabad but those offices don't have independent budgets to support their functions. He informed that the case moved for separate budget and creation of head of account was pending with the Financial Advisor (FA), Organization of Finance Division. With respect to development and implementation of tracking and monitoring software, a system that shows movement and progress in litigation cases, the chief (legal) informed the committee that as soon as Pakistan Revenue Automation Limited completes work over creation of user IDs and passwords, the tracking and monitoring of litigation cases shall become functional.

It was decided in the meeting that chief (legal) would pursue the matter of separate budget and head of account with the FA Organization of Finance Division and member (administration) would apprise the committee of the progress.

It was also decided in the meeting that a demonstration shall be given by the legal wing and IT wing regarding the development and implementation of tracking and monitoring software, in the next meeting, after doing all the needful.

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