

Highest standards of transparency being maintained: minister

Provincial Minister for Planning & Development Malik Nadeem Kamran has said that the Punjab government is observing the highest standards of transparency, economic uplift and efficient public spending. He was addressing a balloting ceremony of RIMS and Amanat Scheme of Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA) the other day.

He said the government was investing in the socio-economic capital of the province as a part of its ambitious growth and development agenda. The Minister also announced the prizes for the winners of Toyota Corolla, Honda City, Honda CD-70, Umrah Tickets, Tablets, Food Coupons and LED Televisions. The Minister in his remarks congratulated the PRA in introducing this innovative and exciting way for generating taxes and spreading tax awareness amongst the masses. He emphasized to keep up the good work and to introduce more tax generating ideas by conducting workshops and tax clinics to educate the people of Pakistan.

Chairman PRA Dr Raheal Siddiqui said the reforms of PRA have helped in achieving targets. He also shed light on new initiatives of PRA including enforcement of Restaurant Invoice Management System (RIMS), introduction of Sales Tax Real Time Invoice Verification System (STRIVE), conducting of Tax clinics, Establishment of E-Courts, introduction of senior and junior internship program and setting up of Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for training of officers.

He also reiterated the future plans of the department which will be undertaken in collaboration with the FBR, Excise and Taxation and Social Security and Industrial Department for sharing of tax payer directory, expansion of invoice monitoring systems to other sectors and cities. He also expressed his resolve to make tax generation transparent and equitable.

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