

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING

## The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry

### RCCI Standing Committee Meeting on Social Security

**Venue: Khalid Waheed Conference Hall**

**Time: 02:30pm**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014**

**Chairman: Mr. M. Ayaz Malik**

**Minutes Recorded by: Myra Sajid**

S. No	Points Of Discussion
	The meeting formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran.
1.	The President RCCI, Dr. Shimail Daud Arain in his welcoming note to the audience said that the Chamber's role was intermediary between the members and implementing authorities.
2.	The Chairman Standing Committee on Social Security, Mr. M. Ayaz Malik highlighted a few points; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is lack of awareness among people regarding social security</li> <li>• Requirement of 5 people at least for registration is a hurdle</li> <li>• How to register for social security for social security and then deregister later on if per se the 5<sup>th</sup> member is to be dropped out later on</li> <li>• The survey forms need to be made easier</li> </ul>
3.	Director Social Security also added the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 5 people for registration is a requirement however deregistration of any one of them does not affect the registration status of the remaining</li> <li>• The Department is still working on the previous registered people and the defaulters out of them</li> <li>• Chamber's help is also needed on that</li> </ul>
4.	Mr. Sheikh Hafeez raised a few points in addition; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes after once the registration is done are difficult</li> <li>• Social Security is appreciable but registration issues pose hindrance</li> </ul>
5.	The Director Social Security was of the view that; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration Officers also face issues</li> <li>• More than registration, recovery of arrears is a hurdle</li> </ul> <p>Regarding the aforementioned issues, the President RCCI assured Director Social Security of Chamber's complete assistance.</p>
6.	A member suggested the need of transparency in both registration and deregistration.
7.	The Director proposed a quick solution to the currently faced issues of the members. The Proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 month probation period will be allowed to the newly registered people</li> <li>• Social Security Department will send in a letter and people can get registered through the Chamber</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance will be provided for settling arrears</li> <li>• Legal forum for settling arrears related issues is the Vice Commissioner in the Social Security Head Office</li> </ul>
8.	<p>RCCI Senior Vice President Mr. Malik Shahid Saleem responded to the proposal as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A joint committee of people from the Chamber as well as the Social Security Department can be formed</li> <li>• It will act as liaison with the Vice Commissioner Head Office Social Security to deal with arrears and related issues</li> </ul>
9.	<p>The Director Social Security summed up the meeting as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The major issues include arrears, new registration and issues related to the minimum requirement of 5 people for registration; majorly</li> <li>• We do not have authority to nullify arrears</li> <li>• We can facilitate in form of allowing installments</li> <li>• Below 5 people will be entertained for registration on factual basis</li> <li>• All the aforementioned steps will be taken keeping Chamber aboard</li> </ul>
10.	In response the SVP Mr. Malik Shahid Saleem added to also take the chamber's unions on board.
11.	Responding to a member's query regarding removing surcharge, the Director clarified that on an amount of Rs 100, if 100 days have passed, the surcharge equals Rs 50; which translates as 50 paisas on each passing day.
12.	Qamar Enterprises suggested registering everybody individually to which the Director clarified that not everybody was a registered tax-payer and that it was not thus possible.
13.	The Director revealed a total of 83 lacs and 20 thousand PKR to be the amount that defaulters of only the Saddar area have yet to pay off.
14.	The meeting formally ended with a word of thanks from the Chairman and the RCCI top management. Everybody agreed on forming a joint committee on resolving issues.