Government of Pakistan Finance Division (Expenditure Wing)

No.7(1)Exp.IV/2016-540

Islamabad, the 26th July, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- AUSTERITY MEASURES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18

The undersigned is directed to state that it has been decided to enforce following austerity measures during the financial year 2017-18 with immediate effect:-

- (i) There will be a complete ban on purchase of all types of vehicles (excluding motorcycles) both for current as well as development expenditure except operational vehicles of law enforcing agencies for which NOC from Finance Division would be required.
- (ii) Creation of new posts will be banned except those required for development projects and approved by the competent authority.
- (iii) Entitlement of periodical, magazines, etc. of all officers will remain restricted to only one daily newspaper.
- (iv) Serving of official lunches/dinners should be restricted.
- (v) Principal Accounting Officers (PAO) will ensure rationalization of utility bills while remaining within the available budget as no re-appropriation will be authorized from/to head 'utilities'.

2. All Ministries/Divisions are requested to circulate the above instructions to all departments under their administrative control for strict compliance.

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All Secretaries/Additional Secretaries incharge of Ministries/Divisions.

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- 14. Controller General of Accounts, Islamabad.
- 15. AGPR, Islamabad
- 16. Finance Division (Military), Rawalpindi.
- 17. All Financial Advisers/DFAs, Finance Division, Islamabad.
- 18. Web Master, Ministry of Finance, Islamabad.

(Munir Ahmad) Section Officer (Exp.IV)