

# AUDIT REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF UNION ADMINISTRATIONS DISTRICT BHAKKAR

**AUDIT YEAR 2012-13** 

**AUDITOR GENERAL OF PAKISTAN** 

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## ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

ADP Annual Development Programme

CCB Citizen Community Board

DAC Departmental Accounts Committee

FD Finance Department

IPSAS International Public Sector Accounting Standards
LG&CD Local Government & Community Development
MFDAC Memorandum for Department Accounts Committee

NAM New Accounting Model

PAC Public Accounts Committee
PDG Punjab District Government

PLGO Punjab Local Government Ordinance

PLG Punjab Local Government

POL Petroleum Oil and Lubricants

PCC Plain Cement Concrete

PDSSP Punjab Devolved Social Sector Programme

TAC Tehsil Accounts Committee

TMA Tehsil Municipal Administration

TMO Tehsil Municipal Officer
TO (F) Tehsil Officer (Finance)

TO (I&S) Tehsil Officer (Infrastructure & Services)
TO (P&C) Tehsil Officer (Planning & Coordination)

UAs Union Administrations

UCs Union Councils

# **PREFACE**

Articles 169 & 170 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 read with Section 115 of the Punjab Local Government Ordinance, 2001, requires the Auditor General of Pakistan to audit the accounts of the provincial governments and the accounts of any authority or body established by, or under the control of, the provincial government. Accordingly, the audit of all receipts and expenditures of the Local Fund and Public Accounts of Union Administrations of the Districts is the responsibility of the Auditor General of Pakistan.

The report is based on audit of the accounts of Union Administrations of District Bhakkar for the financial year 2011-12. The Directorate General of Audit District Governments Punjab (North), Lahore conducted audit during 2012-13 on test check basis with a view to reporting significant findings to the relevant stakeholders. The main body of the Audit Report includes only the systemic issues and audit findings carrying value of Rs1.00 million or more. Relatively less significant issues are listed in the Annexure-A of the Audit Report. The Audit observations listed in the Annexure-A shall be pursued with the Principal Accounting Officer at the DAC level and in all cases where the PAO does not initiate appropriate action, the Audit observation will be brought to the notice of the Public Accounts Committee through the next year's Audit Report.

The audit results indicate the need for adherence to the regularity framework besides instituting and strengthening internal controls to prevent recurrence of such violations, irregularities and losses.

The observations included in this Report have been finalized after discussion of Audit Paras with the management. However no Departmental Accounts Committee meeting by PAO was convened despite repeated requests.

The Audit Report is submitted to the Governor of Punjab in pursuance of Article 171 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 to cause it to be laid before the Provincial Assembly of Punjab.

Islamabad Dated:

(Muhammad Akhtar Buland Rana) Auditor General of Pakistan

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Directorate General Audit, District Governments, Punjab (North), Lahore, is responsible to carry out the audit of all District Governments and Local Governments in Districts in Punjab (North) including Union Administrations. Its Regional Directorate Lahore has audit jurisdiction of District Governments, TMAs and UAs of five Districts i.e. Sargodha, Khushab, Mianwali and Bhakkar.

The Regional Directorate has a human resource of 14 officers and staff, constituting 4,555 man days and the budget of Rs9.398 million for the financial year 2011-12. It has the mandate to conduct financial attest audit, regularity audit, audit of sanctions, audit of compliance with authority and audit of receipts as well as the performance Audit of entities, projects and programs. Accordingly R.D.A Sargodha carried out audit of the accounts of two UAs of District Bhakkar for the financial years 2011-12 and the findings included in the Audit Report.

Union Administrations, District Bhakkar conduct their operations under Punjab Local Government Ordinance, 2001 (as amended). Each Union Council comprises elected councilors headed by a Nazim, assisted by a Secretary who may be nominated by the Union Nazim to act as PAO. Funds, in lieu of Zilla tax share, are provided directly to the UAs through DCO to meet their expenditure.

Audit of UAs of District Bhakkar was carried out with the view to ascertain that the expenditure was incurred with proper authorization, in conformity with laws/ rules /regulations, economical procurement of assets and hiring of services etc.

Audit of receipts/ revenues was also conducted to verify whether the assessment, collection, reconciliation and allocation of revenues were made in accordance with laws and rules, there was no leakage of revenue and revenue did not remain outside Government account/ Local Fund.

# **Audit Objectives**

Audit was conducted with the objectives to ensure that:

- 1. Money shown as expenditure in the accounts was authorized for the purpose for which they were spent.
- 2. Expenditure incurred was in conformity with the laws, rules and regulations framed to regulate the procedure for expending public money.
- 3. Every item of expenditure was incurred with the approval of the competent authority in the Government for expending the public money.
- 4. Public money was not wasted.
- 5. The assessment, collection and accountal of revenue is made in accordance with prescribed law, rules and regulations.

# a. Audit Methodology

Audit was performed through understanding the business processes of UAs with respect to functions, control structure, prioritization of risk areas by determining their significance and identification of key controls. This helped auditors in understanding the systems, procedures, environment, and the audited entity before starting field audit activity. Audit used desk audit techniques for analysis of compiled data and review of permanent files / record. Desk Audit greatly facilitated identification of high risk areas for substantive testing in the field.

# b. Expenditure Audited

Total expenditure of UAs, District Bhakkar for the financial year 2011-12, was Rs4.372 million against the budget allocation of Rs5.586 million. Out of this, RDA Sargodha audited an expenditure of Rs3.585 million, which, in terms of percentage, was 82% of the total expenditure. Regional Director Audit planned and executed audit of two (02) formations i.e 100% achievement against the planned audit activities.

Total receipt of UAs for the financial year 2011-12, was Rs0.246 million. RDA Sargodha audited receipt of Rs0.172 million, which in terms of percentage, is 70% of auditable receipt.

### c. Recoveries at the instance of audit

Recovery of Rs0.274 million was pointed out, which was not in the notice of the executive before audit. No recovery was effected till compilation of report.

# d. Key Audit Findings

- i. Misappropriation / Fraud of Rs.0.274 million was noted in one case.<sup>1</sup>
- ii. Non production of record was noted in one case<sup>2</sup>.

Audit paras for audit year 2011-12 involving procedural violations including internal control weaknesses, and irregularities not considered worth reporting are included in MFDAC (Annex-A).

### e. Recommendations

Audit recommends that the PAO/management of UAs should ensure to resolve the following issues seriously:

- i. Strengthening of internal controls
- ii. Appointment of Internal Auditor
- iii. Holding of DAC meetings well in time
- iv. Compliance of DAC directives and decisions in letter and spirit
- v. Expediting recoveries pointed out by Audit as well as others recoverables in the notice of management
- vi. Compliance of relevant laws, rules, instructions and procedures, etc.
- vii. Proper maintenance of accounts and record
- viii. Appropriate actions against officers/officials responsible for violation of rules and losses
- ix. Addressing systemic issues to prevent recurrence of various omissions and commissions.
- x. Realization and reconciliation of various receipts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Para 1.2.1.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Para 1.2.2.1

- xi. Production of record to audit for verification
- xii. Physical stock taking of fixed and current assets
- xiii. Hold investigations for wastage, fraud, misappropriation and losses, and take disciplinary actions after fixing responsibilities.

# **SUMMARY TABLES AND CHARTS**

**Table 1: Audit Work Statistics** 

Rs in million

Sr. No.	Description	No.	Budget
1	Total Entities (PAOs) in Audit Jurisdiction	42	91.812
2	Total formations in audit jurisdiction	42	91.812
3	Total Entities (PAOs)/ DDOs Audited	02	4.372
4	Audit & Inspection Reports	02	-
5	Special Audit Reports	Nil	Nil
6	Performance Audit Reports	Nil	Nil
7	Other Reports (Relating to TMA)	Nil	Nil

<sup>\*</sup> Figures at Serial No.3, 4 & 5 represents expenditure.

**Table 2: Audit Observations** 

Rs in million

Sr. No.	Description	Amount under audit observation
1	Asset management	0
2	Financial management	0.274
3	Internal controls	0
4	Violation of rules	0
5	Others	0
	Total	0.274

**Table 3:** Outcome Statistics

Rs in million

				1	-	
Sr. No.	Description	Physical Assets	Civil Works	Receipt	Others	Total
1	Outlays audited	1.362	0.559	0.246	2.451	4.618
2	Amount placed under audit observation / irregularities	0	0	0	0.274	0.464
3	Recoveries pointed out at the instance of Audit	0	0	0	0.274	0.274
4	Recoverable accepted / established at Audit instance	0	0	0	0.274	0.274
5	Recoveries realized at the instance of Audit	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>\*</sup>The amount in serial No.1 column of "Total Current Year" is the sum of Expenditure and Receipts whereas the total expenditure for the current year was Rs4.372 million.

**Table 4:** Irregularities Pointed Out

Rs in million

Sr. No.	Description	Amount under Audit observation
1	Violation of rules and regulations and principle	0
	of propriety and probity.	
2	Reported cases of fraud, embezzlement, theft,	0.274
	misappropriations and misuse of public funds.	
3	Quantification of weaknesses of internal	0
	controls system.	
4	Recoveries, overpayments and loss to the	0
	government.	
5	Non-production of record to Audit	0
6	Others, including cases of accidents, negligence	0
	etc.	
	Total	0.274

### **CHAPTER-1**

# 1. UNION ADMINISTRATIONS OF DISTRICT, BHAKKAR

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

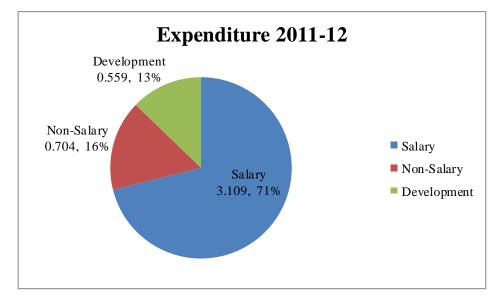
Each Union Administration, Bhakkar consists of Union Nazim, Union Naib Nazim, Secretary and Administration. Each UA Bhakkar comprises one Drawing & Disbursing Officer i.e. Secretary. The main functions of UAs are as follows:-

- 1. to collect and maintain statistical information for socio-economic surveys;
- 2. to consolidate village and neighborhood development needs and prioritize them into union-wide development proposals with the approval of the Union Council and make recommendations thereof to the District Government or Tehsil Municipal Administration, as the case may be;
- 3. to identify deficiencies in the delivery of services and make recommendations for improvement thereof to the Tehsil Municipal Administration:
- 4. to register births, deaths and marriages and issue certificates thereof;
- 5. to make proposals to the Union Council for levy of rates and fees specified in the Second Schedule and to collect such rates and fees within the Union;
- 6. to establish and maintain libraries;
- 7. to organize inter-Village or Neighborhood sports tournaments, fairs, shows and other cultural and recreational activities;
- 8. to disseminate information on matters of public interest;
- 9. to improve and maintain public open spaces, public gardens and playgrounds;
- 10. to provide and maintain public sources of drinking water, including wells, water pumps, tanks, ponds and other works for the supply of water:
- 11. to maintain the lighting of streets, public ways and public places through mutual agreement with the Tehsil Municipal Administration;

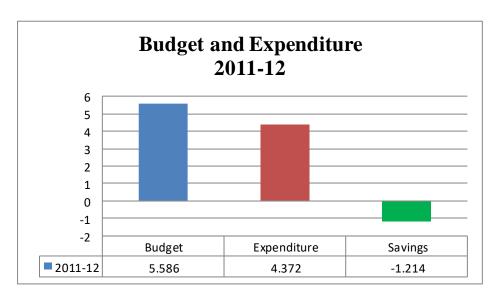
- 12. to execute the projects of the approved Union Annual Development Plan by contracting out to the private sector in the manner as may be prescribed and to obtain support of the Tehsil Municipal Administration or District Government for such execution; and
- 13. to assist the Village Councils or, as the case may be, Neighborhood Councils in the Union to execute development projects.

# 1.1.2 Comments on Budget and Accounts (Variance Analysis)

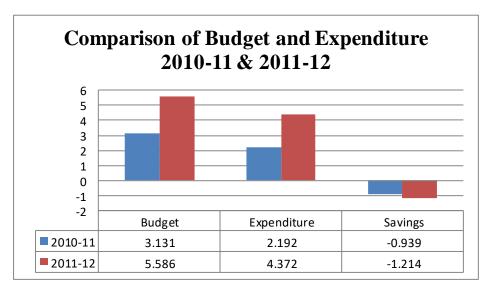
2011-12	Budget	Expenditure	Excess (+) / Saving (-)	% (Saving)
Salary	3.217	3.109	(-) 0.108	3.36
Non-salary	0.805	0.704	(-) 0.101	12.55
Development	1.564	0.559	(-) 1.005	64.26
Revenue	0.246			
Total	5.586	4.372	(-) 1.214	21.73



As per Budget Book for the financial year 2011-12 of UAs in District Bhakkar, the original and final budget were of Rs5.586 million. Against actual total expenditures incurred by these UAs during financial year 2011-12 was Rs4.372 million as detailed in Annex-B.



The comparative analysis of the budget and expenditure of current and previous financial years is depicted as under:



# 1.2 AUDIT PARAS

# 1.2.1 Misappropriation / Fraud

# 1.2.1.1 Misappropriation of pension contribution - Rs274,060

As per Rule 2.33 of PFR VOL-I, every Govt. Servant should realize fully and clearly that he will be held personally responsible for any loss sustained by Government through fraud or negligence on his part or on the part of any other Government servants to the extent to which he contributed to the loss.

Union Administration Mullawali drew Rs274,060 on account of pension contribution for employees working on loan basis with the UA but the amount was not deposited into treasury as no record of deposit was maintained as detailed below:

Cheque no	Period of contribution	Official's name	Designation	Amount
62994686, 8-07-	1-07-09 to 31-03-	Ghulam Rasool	Secretary	71,072
11	11			
62994685,	do	Muhammad	do	57,560
8-07-09		Mumtaz		
		Mushtaq Hussain	do	57,560
		Qadir Bakhish	Naib Qasid	43,934
		Sultan Ahmed	do	43,934
Total				

Audit holds that non-deposit of pension contribution might have resulted in misappropriation of Rs274,060.

The matter was reported to the PAO in January, 2013 but no reply was furnished. Despite repeated requests, DAC meeting was not convened by PAO and Secretary till the finalization of this Report.

Audit stresses that the matter may be probed under intimation to audit

# 1.2.2 Non Production of Record

# 1.2.2.1 Non-production of Record

According to Section 115(6) of PLGO 2001, the officials shall afford all facilities and provide record for audit inspection and comply with requests for information in as complete a form as possible and with all reasonable expedition.

Union Administration No.22Khansar did not produce record for audit scrutiny for financial year 2009-12 as detailed below:

- 1. Classified annual budget statement for the year July 2009 to June 2012
- 2. Classified expenditure statement duly vetted by Tehsil Accounts Officer for the financial year 2009-12.
- 3. Detail of Development schemes for financial year 2009-12.
- 4. Compliance of previous audit reports
- 5. Pre-audited vouchers by Tehsil Accounts Officer for the financial year 2009-12.
- 6. Store and stock register
- 7. Property register
- 8. House approval register for formal expenditure as well as development expenditure.
- 9. Bank Statement for audit period.
- 10. Acquaintance role of payments
- 11. Demand and collection register
- 12. Moveable and immovable property register
- 13. Auction file etc.

Audit holds that the relevant record of the expenditure and receipt was not maintained and hence was not produced to Audit for verification which may lead to apprehension and misuse of public resources.

The matter was reported to the PAO in January, 2013 but no reply was furnished. Despite repeated requests, DAC meeting was not convened by PAO and Secretary till the finalization of this Report.

Audit stresses for fixing of responsibility for non-production of record under intimation to audit.

# **ANNEXES**

# Annex-A

# MFDAC PARAS

Sr. No.	Name of Formation	Description of Paras	Nature of violation	Amount (Rs)
1	UA Mulla Wali	Payment of House Building Advance	Violation of Rules	130,000
2	UA Mulla Wali	Expenditure without stock entries	Violation of Rules	112,290
3	UA Mulla Wali	Irregular drawl of amounts before pre-audit of claims	Violation of Rules	57,600
4	UA Mulla Wali	Expenditure on account of prized distribution during Punjab sports festival	Violation of Rules	50,500

Annex-B

# UAs of Bhakkar District Budget and Expenditure Statement for the Financial Year 2011-12

UA Mullanwali Budget and Expenditure for the financial year 2011-12					
Head	Budget	Expenditure	Excess(+)/ Savings(-)	%age	
Salary	1.630	1.611	(-) 0.019	1.17	
Non-Salary	0.400	0.386	(-) 0.014	3.50	
Development	0.845	0.038	(-) 0.807	95.50	
Revenue	0.132	0	-	-	
Total	2.875	2.035	(-)0.840	29.22	
UA Khansar	Budget	and Expenditur	e for the financial y	ear 2011-12	
Head Budget Expenditure Excess(+)/ Savings(-)			%age		
Salary	1.587	1.498	(-) 0.089	5.61	
Non-Salary	0.405	0.318	(-) 0.087	21.48	
Development	0.719	0.521	(-) 0.198	27.54	
Revenue	0.114	-	-	-	
Total	2.711	2.337	(-) <b>0.374</b>	13.80	