



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION &
COORDINATION DEPARTMENT**

Karachi, dated the 10th March, 2026

NOTIFICATION

NO.SO(CTC)(SGA&CD)10-11(144)/2026. In view of the current global and regional situation, the Provincial Cabinet has been pleased to direct the implementation of the following austerity and fuel conservation measures, in addition to the measures already in place. These measures shall apply across all Provincial Government establishments (including Departments, Organizations, Autonomous Bodies, Statutory Authorities, and other entities) in order to ensure a unified national effort.

A. ADDITIONAL AUSTERITY MEASURES

- i. **Reduction of Fuel Provision by 50% for the next 2 months**, for official vehicles in the use of all provincial government functionaries excluding operational vehicles;
- ii. **60% of Official Vehicles to be grounded** in each Department, attached department/autonomous/ statutory organization for a period of two months initially. Carpooling shall be promoted. PAOs to ensure the implementation of this action;
- iii. **Voluntary Salary Waiver**: Provincial Ministers, Advisors/ SACMs to voluntarily forego salary and allowances for three months (April, May and June 2026);
- iv. **Legislature Salary Cut**: Recommended to the Provincial Legislature to consider twenty-five percent (25%) voluntary cuts in salary and allowances for two months (April and May 2026);
- v. **Government Officials** working in all Provincial Government establishments in BS-20 and above (or equivalent), or those with a monthly salary of PKR 300,000 or more, may voluntarily forego two days' salary, excluding government officials serving in the health and education sectors;
- vi. **20% reduction in Non-ERE budget** for Q4 for all Administrative Departments, Attached Departments, and Subordinate Offices for the last quarter of CFY;

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- vii. **Vehicle Purchase Ban:** Complete ban on purchase of all new vehicles of all types till June 2026 to be strictly enforced with no exemptions;
- viii. **Durables Purchase Ban:** Complete ban on purchase of all new durables till June 2026. However, IT procurements shall be allowed only after scrutiny by SITC / ITD;
- ix. **Complete ban on foreign travel** on official visits (except obligatory visits) by the Cabinet Ministers, the Parliamentarians, and the Government functionaries, whether funded by the government or any other sources. All Provincial Ministers, Advisors/ SACMs, Parliamentarians and Government functionaries shall travel only in economy class;
- x. **Ban on Official Dinners:** No official dinner/Iftar shall be hosted except in the case of visiting Foreign Delegations;
- xi. **Teleconferencing:** Physical meetings shall be banned. All meetings shall be conducted through virtual or online platforms to reduce travel and lodging expenditure. The judiciary will be approached to adopt ways and means to reduce the number of persons required to be present for court hearings/proceedings;
- xii. **Seminars, Trainings and Conferences:** All official seminars, trainings and conferences (expected to be funded by the Government) shall be subject to prior scrutiny by a designated committee to determine the necessity and priority of the event; and
- xiii. **Use of Government Facilities:** Government venues such as auditoriums, committee rooms, and other official facilities shall be utilized for such events.

B. FUEL CONSERVATION MEASURES

(1) Public Sector Operations

- i. **Work From Home:** Work-from-home arrangements shall be implemented for up to 50% of staff, on alternate days basis, except for essential services. The respective Secretaries / Heads of Departments will determine the staff eligible for this arrangement; and
- ii. **Four-day work week will be observed** (Working Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Off Days: Friday Saturday and Sunday) with immediate effect. However, this will not apply to banking sector and essential services.

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(2) Private Sector Operations

- i. **Work From Home:** Work from home for 50% of employees, except those involved in essential services;
- ii. **Four-day work week:** Four-day work week (Working Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Off Days: Friday Saturday and Sunday) with immediate effect, adjusting daily working hours as needed; and
- iii. **Overtime Allowance:** In case of work on gazette holidays, Overtime Allowance shall be paid, in accordance with applicable rules.

Exemption of Banking Sector, Industry and Agriculture Sectors: These measures shall not apply to the banking sector, Industry and Agriculture sectors.

(3) School, Colleges, Universities

- i. **Spring Holiday:** All schools shall observe Spring holidays from 16th March 2026 to 31st March 2026. However, examinations will continue as scheduled and are exempt from this closure; and
- ii. **100% online classes for Higher Education Institutions:** All higher education institutions, including colleges and universities, shall shift to 100% online classes during this period.
- iii. The decision regarding institutions under the administrative control of the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPD) shall be taken by the said Department separately.

(4) Other Measures

- i. **Speed Limits:** The speed limits on roads shall be reduced as follows:
 - a. Motorways: 90–100 km/h
 - b. Highways: 65–80 km/h.
- ii. **Limit on Number of Guests:** The number of guests allowed at marriage functions and parties shall be limited to 200 persons. Only a single dish shall be served where convened.




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**CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**

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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. Advisor to the Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad
2. The Secretary, Cabinet Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
3. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board Sindh, Karachi.
4. The Senior Member, Board of Revenue (Sindh), Hyderabad (including all members, Board of Revenue, Sindh.
5. The Registrar, High Court of Sindh, Karachi.
6. The Accountant General Sindh, Karachi.
7. The Chairman, Enquires & Anti-Corruption Establishment Sindh, Karachi.
8. The Chairman, Chief Minister's Inspection Team, Karachi.
9. The Additional Chief Secretaries (All), Government of Sindh, Karachi.
10. The Chairman, Sindh Public Service Commission, Karachi.
11. The Chairman, Sindh Service Tribunal, Karachi.
12. The General Manager, National Highway Authority, Sindh, Karachi.
13. The Administrative Secretaries (All), Government of Sindh, Karachi.
14. The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi.
15. The Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh, Karachi.
16. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sindh, Karachi.
17. The Commissioner, (All) in Sindh.
18. The Director General, Protocol Cell, SGA&C Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
19. The Deputy Commissioner, (All) in Sindh
20. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister, Sindh, Karachi.
21. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Sindh, Karachi.
22. The Deputy Secretary (Digitalization), SGA&CD, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
23. The Controller, Sindh Government Printing Press, Karachi.
24. The P.S to Secretary (GA) SGA&CD, Govt. of Sindh.
25. The P.S to Ministers / Advisors / Special Assistant to Chief Minister Sindh (All).
26. Master File




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