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SAFETY EDUCATION HEALTH SHELTER KEY OBJECTIVES OF PUNJAB'S LABOUR POLICY- Ansar Majeed Niazi Provincial Minister for Labour & HR

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The basic pillars of the Punjab's labour policy focuses the provision of safety, education, health and shelter to the workforce to make the labourers proud by acknowledging their identity. Ansar Majeed Khan Niazi Provincial Minister for Labour & Human Rights said while addressing the launch of Punjab Employees Social Security Institution's "PESSI Monthly Contribution Portal" developed by Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) here today.

Under the categorical instructions from the Prime Minister Imran Khan, the Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar was determined to ensure the rights of the labourers and to support the private sector industry by providing enabling environment through ease of doing business to flourish and generate jobs opportunities, he added.

He further stated that the Punjab government's labour policy, child labour policy and PESSI, PITB, BoP MoU were the achievements of the present government's 100 days' agenda while the government would continue to demonstrate unprecedented and unmatched performance than the past.

The Chairman PITB Habib Ur Rehman Gilani said that PITB has laid the foundation of change in health and education sectors and was endeavoring to ensure the establishment of new Pakistan by introducing new vision of PITB in a transparent manner for the progress and prosperity of the people by introducing whole government on the finger tips. The scope of complaint management mostly implemented would be extended from the present four to all other provincial departments, he said.

Referring to the PESSI's monthly contribution portal, he informed that it would help in business free of bureaucratic hurdles by verifying online whole business, employees' data, to save time, eradicate the fiscal pilferage and leakage and to improve the revenue.

Saqib Manan Commissioner PESSI informed that after amendments in labour policy automation of system of receipts and collection was the main part of agenda for social contribution from the industry on mobile app, which would be interconnected.

Explaining the salient features of monthly contributions portal, Ms. Saima Shaikh Additional Director General Training & Development said that it would facilitate the business community and improve Doing Business ranking for Pakistan under World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Program. After December 25, 2018 the duration of getting company registered period would be reduced from seven days to half day through one window operation enabling to provide registration certificate in their respective online account.

She informed that under ease of doing business 10,701 applications were received since August 2017 till date, among them 5,969 industries, 2,483 labour and 1,741 PESSI Walk-In while online 276 industries, 174 labour and 58 PESSI applications. Pakistan's overall Doing Business performance ranking indicators has scaled to 136 ranking from 147 Of 2018, she added.