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Date : August 18, 2023

Malik Amjad Zubair Tiwana
Hon'ble Chairman,
Federal Board of Revenue,
Islamabad

Dear *Malik Amjad Zubair Tiwana, AOA*.

**Non-Functioning of SRB Web Portal and
Challenges in Provincial and Federal Sales Tax Payment**

This is with reference to above cited subject.

2- As you must be aware that the e-portal of SRB and other provincial regulators is dysfunctional for the last many number of days, the purpose of writing this letter is to bring to your understanding the consequential effect that e-portal failure of provincial regulators have rendered the filing of Federal Sales Tax Return and the Federal Sales Tax payment a failure as well.

3- You would agree that failure to claim Cross Input Adjustment due to lack of a functional SRB portal has made it impossible for your taxpayers to perform cross input adjustments between Provincial and Federal Sales Tax, which is integral part of return filing.

4- We have written to Chairman Sindh Revenue Board just yesterday, August 17th, 2023 for his intervention for the redressal of the issue, which, however, can understandably only be jointly solved by SRB, PRAL and FBR and not by the SRB alone. Member IT, FBR was duly kept in the copy. (Copy attached-A). The above is also duly reflected by the immediate action taken by the SRB Chairman Office, which has asked your office for redressal of the failure and have marked a request letter in your office, the very day. (Copy attached-B)

5- You would also be aware of the fact that apprehensive of the delay in bringing the e-portal in a functional position, all the following provincial sales tax regulators have extended their date of return filing and tax payment for July, 2023:

- Sindh Revenue Board
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority
- Punjab Revenue Authority
- Balochistan Revenue Authority

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6- It is crucial to take cognizance that these Federal Sales Tax Return cannot be furnished before the extended due dates of the provincial authorities owing to the fact that input tax relating to services falling under the provincial domain can only be claimed in federal sales tax return once corresponding provincial sales tax return has been submitted by respective service provider.

At this juncture, your office is requested to reconsider the due date of Sales Tax return filing, which is unlikely to take place unless and until the e-portal of the provincial regulators start functioning, which again your office is reposed with the responsibility of.

We earnestly request your instant intervention.

Regards,



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