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■ FAILS TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE

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By our correspondent

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IMF loan instils little hope in majority of businesses

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The survey included over 500 businesses, with nearly half of them reporting that they had to resort to cost-cutting measures to survive the inflationary environment that prevailed in the country during the second quarter, which ended on June 30, 2023.

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To recall, Pakistan achieved an IMF lifeline of $3 billion in late June 2023 and its foreign exchange reserves improved to $8.72 billion in mid-July with inflows from the Fund and friendly countries totalling $4.2 billion in June-July 2023.

The reserves, however, are again depleting amid the return of the balance of the current account back into deficit in July compared to the surplus in the prior four months. The reserves dropped to $7.85 billion on August 25, suggesting the crisis of international balance of payment remains stubborn and the risk of default is reemerging.

However, experts provide reassurance that the risk of Pakistan defaulting on its loans is not immediate. These experts argue that Pakistan's participation in the IMF loan program has been crucial in preventing the nation from falling into default. However, they caution that there is a possibility of default occurring within the next two years if the country fails to reschedule or re-profile its mounting foreign debt.

Gallup added in a statement: "Majority of Pakistan's businesses are 'not hopeful at all' about the ability of caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar to save the country from a potential default on its international financial obligations shows the latest survey."

The survey's results showed rising inflation readings remained the single largest crisis for businesses, followed by receipt of inflated power bills. They said the rupee devaluation, rise in petroleum product prices and taxation remained the other top three annoying issues for them respectively.

Although the future business situation score improved by two percentage points in the second quarter of 2023, the overall reading stayed at negative 20 points.

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PROFIT

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Surprisingly, the survey also indicated that the business community was slightly less pessimistic about their own businesses' fate compared to the previous quarter, despite the ongoing crises, escalating inflation, and rising power costs. Inflation, utility bills, and rupee devaluation topped the list of growing concerns among business owners.

However, business owners remain predominantly pessimistic about future prospects and the overall direction in which Pakistan is heading. The survey points to persistent business insecurity due to the prevailing economic and political crises.

The relentless inflation, in particular, has been cited as a critical issue, with business owners urging the caretaker government to address this problem as it erodes people's purchasing power and keeps interest rates at a record high.

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Times of Islamabad

Survey reveals Pakistani businesses fear default

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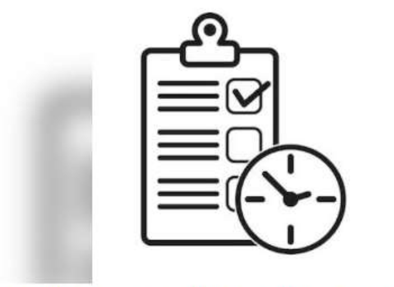

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) شدید معاشی بحران پر مستقبل کی صورتحال کے بارے میں 60 فیصد کاروباری اداروں کی رائے منفی جبکہ 40 فیصد کو توقع ہے کہ چیزیں بہتر ہوں گی، سیاسی عدم استحکام اور معاشی بحران ملک میں کاروباری عدم اعتماد کی اہم وجوہات ہیں، تفصیلات کے مطابق منگل کو گیلپ پاکستان نے بزنس کانفیڈنس انڈیکس 2023 کی دوسری سہ ماہی کی رپورٹ جاری کی ہے۔ اس سروے کے مطابق معاشی بحران، مہنگائی اور بجلی کی بڑھتی ہوئی قیمتوں کے باوجود گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے مقابلے میں کاروباری ادارے کم مایوس ہیں، لیکن اب بھی مستقبل کے امکانات اور ملکی سمت کے بارے میں ان کی رائے بڑی حد تک منفی ہے۔ موجودہ سیاسی عدم استحکام اور معاشی بحران ملک میں کاروباری عدم اعتماد کی اہم وجوہات ہیں۔ سروے کے شرکاء نے کمر توڑ مہنگائی کو سب سے اہم مسئلہ قرار دیا ہے اور کاروباری ادارے چاہتے ہیں کہ نگران حکومت اس کیلئے اقدامات کرے کیونکہ حالیہ مہینوں میں بلند ترین شرح سود کے علاوہ قیمتوں میں اضافے کی وجہ سے عوام کی قوتِ خرید نمایاں طور پر کم ہوگئی ہے۔ یہ سروے گیلپ پاکستان کا دسواں سہ ماہی سروے تھا۔ روپے کی قدر میں کمی اور ٹیکسوں کا نفاذ اس سہ ماہی میں بھی سب سے زیادہ اجاگر کیے جانے والے مسائل ہیں اور کاروباری اداروں کے مطابق حکومت کو اس طرف توجہ کرنی چاہیے۔ اس سہ ماہی میں لوڈشیڈنگ کا سامنے کرنے والے کاروباری اداروں کی تعداد میں 25 فیصد اضافہ ہوا ہے اور 69 فیصد شرکاء نے بتایا کہ انہیں لوڈشیڈنگ کا سامنا ہے۔ گیلپ پاکستان کے ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر بلال اعجاز گیلانی نے سروے کے نتائج پر تبصرہ کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ملک میں کاروباری اعتماد بدستور کم ہے۔ مہنگائی نے خدمات اور اشیاء کے صارفین کی قوتِ خرید کو ختم کردیا ہے۔ طلب کے باوجود ان پٹ لاگت بہت زیادہ بڑھ گئی ہے جس سے منافع کے مارجن بہت زیادہ اضافہ ہوگیا ہے اور کئی لوگ خسارے کا شکار ہیں۔ اگرچہ گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے مقابلے میں کم لیکن کاروباری اداروں کے ایک بڑے طبقے کو اب بھی ملک کے ڈیفالٹ ہونے کا خدشہ ہے۔ گیلپ بزنس کانفیڈنس انڈیکس 3 حصوں پر مشتمل تھا جس میں موجودہ کاروباری صورتحال، مستقبل کی صورتحال اور ملک کی سمت کے بارے میں کاروباری اداروں کی رائے لی گئی۔ تینوں کیٹگریز میں مجموعی طور پر کاروباری اعتماد منفی رہا تاہم گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے مقابلے میں ہر کیٹگری کے اسکور میں چند فیصد بہتری آئی ہے جو کہ کاروباری اعتماد میں معمولی بہتری کی نشاندہی ہے۔
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نگران وزیر اعظم انوار کاکڑ پر عدم اعتماد، مہنگائی، روپے کی گراوٹ کو اہم مسئلہ قرار دیا

کراچی (رپورٹ: سلمان صدیقی) پاکستانی بزنس مینوں کی اکثریت ملک کے دیوالیہ ہونے کے خوف میں مبتلا ہے، گیلپ پاکستان کی جانب سے کیے گئے سروے میں بزنس مینوں کی اکثریت کا یہ موقف سامنے آیا ہے کہ پاکستان بیرونی قرضوں کی ادائیگی نہیں کر سکے گا، جبکہ اکثریت کو یہ امید بھی نہیں ہے کہ نگران وزیر اعظم انوارالحق کاکڑ ملک کو مہنگائی کے بھنور سے نکال سکیں گے، گیلپ نے 500 سے زائد کاروباروں کا سروے کیا، جس میں یہ بات سامنے آئی کی تقریباً سروے کردہ کاروباروں میں سے نصف نے پیداواری لاگت میں کمی کیلیے 30 جون 2023 تک اپنے ملازمین کو ملازمتوں سے نکال دیا ہے، 72 فیصد تاجر ڈیفالٹ کے خطرے سے پریشان ہیں، جن میں سے 49 فیصد کو ڈیفالٹ کا شدید یقین ہے، جبکہ 17 فیصد کو ڈیفالٹ کا کوئی خطرہ نظر نہیں آتا، پاکستان کے فارن ایکسچینج ریزرو 25 اگست کو 7.85 ارب ڈالر کی سطح پر تھے، ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان کو ڈیفالٹ کا کوئی سنجیدہ خطرہ لاحق نہیں ہے، پاکستان آئی ایم ایف کے پروگرام میں شامل ہے، جو ڈیفالٹ کے خطرے کو معدوم کر دیتا ہے، تاہم انھوں نے کہا کہ اگر اگلے دو سالوں میں قرضوں کو ری شیڈول نہیں کیا گیا تو ڈیفالٹ کا خطرہ لاحق ہو سکتا ہے، گیلپ کے مطابق تاجروں کی اکثریت انوارالحق کاکڑ کی صلاحیتوں پر یقین نہیں رکھتی، سروے میں تاجروں نے مہنگائی، مہنگے بجلی کے بل، روپے کی گراوٹ، پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کو بڑے مسائل قرار دیا۔

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72 فیصد ادارے پاکستان کے ممکنہ ڈیفالٹ کی وجہ سے پریشان، گیلپ سروے

کراچی (بزنس رپورٹر) ملکی معاشی صورتحال کے حوالے سے کاروباری افراد تاحال مایوسی کا شکار ہیں۔ گیلپ سروے کے مطابق معاشی بحران، مہنگائی اور بجلی کی بڑھتی قیمتوں کے باوجود گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے مقابلے میں کاروباری ادارے کم مایوس ہیں، لیکن اب بھی مستقبل کے امکانات اور ملکی سمت کے بارے میں ان کی رائے بڑی حد تک منفی ہے۔ گیلپ پاکستان کی بزنس کانفیڈنس انڈیکس 2023 کی دوسری سہ ماہی کی رپورٹ کے مطابق سروے کے شرکاء نے کمر توڑ مہنگائی کو سب سے اہم مسئلہ قرار دیا۔ روپے کی قدر میں کمی اور ٹیکسوں کا نفاذ اس سہ ماہی میں بھی سب سے زیادہ اجاگر کیے جانے والے مسائل ہیں۔ ملک کی سمت کے بارے میں کاروباری اداروں کے تاثرات میں 2 فیصد بہتری آئی ہے تاہم یہ اس وقت بھی منفی ہے، گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے منفی 79 فیصد کے مقابلے میں اس سہ ماہی میں اسکور منفی 77 فیصد رہا۔ 72 فیصد کاروباری ادارے پاکستان کے ممکنہ ڈیفالٹ کی وجہ سے پریشان ہیں۔ اس سہ ماہی میں لوڈشیڈنگ کا سامنے کرنے والے کاروباری اداروں کی تعداد میں 25 فیصد اضافہ ہوا ہے اور 69 فیصد شرکاء نے بتایا کہ انہیں لوڈشیڈنگ کا سامنا ہے۔ 63 فیصد کاروباری اداروں کو خراب حالات کا سامنا ہے۔ مستقبل کی صورتحال کے بارے میں 60 فیصد کاروباری اداروں کی رائے منفی ہے جبکہ 40 فیصد کو توقع ہے کہ چیزیں بہتر ہوں گی۔

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کراچی (کامرس رپورٹر) گیلپ پاکستان نے بزنس کانفیڈنس انڈیکس 2023 کی دوسری سہ ماہی کی رپورٹ جاری کردی ہے۔ اس سروے کے مطابق معاشی بحران، مہنگائی اور بجلی کی بڑھتی ہوئی قیمتوں کے باوجود گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے مقابلے میں کاروباری ادارے کم مایوس ہیں، لیکن اب بھی مستقبل کے امکانات اور ملکی سمت کے بارے میں ان کی رائے بڑی حد تک منفی ہے۔ موجودہ سیاسی عدم استحکام اور معاشی بحران ملک میں کاروباری عدم اعتماد کی اہم وجوہات ہیں۔ سروے کے شرکاء نے کمر توڑ مہنگائی کو سب سے اہم مسئلہ قرار دیا ہے اور کاروباری ادارے چاہتے ہیں کہ نگران حکومت اس کیلئے اقدامات کرے کیونکہ حالیہ مہینوں میں بلند ترین شرح سود کے علاوہ قیمتوں میں اضافے کی وجہ سے عوام کی قوت خرید نمایاں طور پر کم ہوگئی ہے۔ یہ سروے گیلپ پاکستان کا دسواں سہ ماہی سروے تھا۔ روپے کی قدر میں کمی اور ٹیکسوں کا نفاذ اس سہ ماہی میں بھی سب سے زیادہ اجاگر کیے جانے والے مسائل ہیں اور کاروباری اداروں کے مطابق حکومت کو اس طرف توجہ کرنی چاہیے۔ اس سہ ماہی میں لوڈشیڈنگ کا سامنے کرنے والے کاروباری اداروں کی تعداد میں 25 فیصد

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گیلپ بزنس کانفیڈنس رپورٹ 2023 کی دوسری سہ ماہی کے کلیدی نتائج کے مطابق 63 فیصد کاروباری اداروں کو خراب حالات کا سامنا ہے جبکہ گزشتہ سہ ماہی میں 66 فیصد کاروباری اداروں کو خراب حالات کا سامنا تھا۔ اس سہ ماہی میں کاروباری صورتحال کے نیٹ اسکور میں معمولی بہتری دیکھی گئی ہے اور گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے نیٹ اسکور میں 6 فیصد اضافہ ہوا ہے۔ مستقبل کی صورتحال کے بارے میں 60 فیصد کاروباری اداروں کی رائے منفی ہے جبکہ 40 فیصد کو توقع ہے کہ چیزیں بہتر ہوں گی۔ گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے مقابلے میں اس سہ ماہی میں نیٹ فیوچر بزنس کانفیڈنس اسکور میں 2 فیصد بہتری آئی ہے جس سے ظاہر ہوتا ہے کہ مستقبل میں بہتری کی توقعات گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے مقابلے میں کم منفی ہیں۔ ملک کی سمت کے بارے میں گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے مقابلے میں کاروباری اداروں کے تاثرات میں 2 فیصد بہتری آئی ہے تاہم یہ اس وقت بھی منفی ہے گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے منفی 79 فیصد کے مقابلے میں اس سہ ماہی میں اسکور منفی 77 فیصد رہا۔ سروے کے مطابق گزشتہ سہ ماہی کے مقابلے میں 13 فیصد زائد کے ساتھ 51 فیصد کاروباری اداروں نے اپنی افرادی قوت میں کمی کی ہے۔ جبکہ 50 فیصد کاروباری اداروں نے پچھلی سہ ماہی کے دوران اپنی اوسط پیداواری قیمتوں میں اضافہ کیا ہے۔ گیلپ پاکستان بزنس کانفیڈنس انڈیکس 2023 کی دوسری سہ ماہی کی رپورٹ کے مطابق 72 فیصد کاروباری ادارے پاکستان کے ممکنہ ڈیفالٹ کی وجہ سے پریشان ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ اس سروے کے نتائج آئی ایم ایف کی جانب سے پاکستان کو 3 ارب ڈالرز کے بیل آؤٹ پیکج ملنے کے بعد آئے ہیں۔ سروے کے نتائج کے مطابق نصف (49 فیصد) شرکاء نے ملک کے ڈیفالٹ ہونے کے خدشے پر نمایاں طور پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا ہے جبکہ 17 فیصد جواب دہندگان بالکل بھی پریشان نہیں ہیں۔ بزنس کانفیڈنس انڈیکس ایک اہم بیرومیٹر ہے جو کسی بھی ملک میں کاروباری برادری کے جذبات کی ترجمانی کرتا ہے اور اسے پوری دنیا میں پالیسی ساز ادارے استعمال کرتے ہیں۔ یہ سروے 2023 کی دوسری سہ ماہی میں پاکستان بھر کے تقریباً 560 کاروباری اداروں کے ساتھ کیا گیا۔

جسارت

معاشی بحران کے باوجود کاروباری اداروں کی مایوسی میں معمولی کمی ، گیلپ سروے

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72 percent of more than 500 businesses surveyed in the second quarter of 2023 by Gallup Pakistan were found concerned over the country's potential default.

The survey results come despite Islamabad's success in securing a $3 billion fresh bailout package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that helped dollar-hungry Pakistan avoid an imminent default.

Of the total nearly half, 49 percent expressed significantly high concern while 17 percent of respondents were not concerned at all, according to the Gallup Pakistan Business Confidence Index Q2 2023 report.

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Less pessimistic about current conditions, the business owners are largely negative about future prospects and the direction in which Pakistan is heading. "Prevailing economic and political crises have contributed to persisting business insecurity," it said.

The backbreaking inflation was cited as the most important problem the businessmen would want the caretaker government to solve as price hike has significantly eroded people's purchasing power besides keeping the interest rate at a record high in recent months.

The freefall of the rupee and the imposition of taxes were other problems more and more businesses wanted the government to address. The number of businesses facing load-shedding rose by 25 percent this quarter as 69 percent said yes when asked if they were braving power outages.

Half of the businesses surveyed said they had laid off their employees because of tough business conditions in the quarter under review, showing a 13 percent increase over the previous quarter.

Bleak Future Expectations

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"While the overall negative trend persists, this indicates a marginal improvement in business confidence after quarter 1," marked the report.

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Pakistan Businesses Express Concerns Over Potential Default, Gallup Survey Reveals

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This concern persists despite Islamabad's recent success in securing a $3 billion bailout package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which helped Pakistan avoid an imminent default.

Of the respondents, nearly half (49 percent) expressed significant concern, while 17 percent were not concerned at all, according to the Gallup Pakistan Business Confidence Index Q2 2023 report.

However, the survey also revealed that business owners were somewhat less pessimistic about the fate of their businesses compared to the previous quarter, despite ongoing crises such as worsening inflation and rising power costs. While inflation, utility bills, and rupee devaluation were cited as significant concerns, fewer businesses expressed hopelessness compared to the previous quarter.

The business community remains negative about future prospects and the direction in which Pakistan is heading, with economic and political crises contributing to persisting business insecurity.

The survey indicated that inflation was the most pressing concern for business owners, as it has significantly eroded people's purchasing power. Additionally, the depreciation of the rupee and the imposition of taxes were other issues that businesses wanted the government to address. Load-shedding, or power outages, also affected a rising number of businesses, with 69 percent reporting such issues.

Half of the businesses surveyed reported laying off employees due to tough business conditions in the quarter under review, marking a 13 percent increase over the previous quarter.

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Half of the businesses surveyed said they had laid off their employees because of tough business conditions in the quarter under review, showing 13% increase over the previous quarter.

Asked questions about their current and future business situation as well as the direction of the country, the businessmen's view on all three fronts was negative.

The scores in each strand, however, rose by a few percentage points as compared to the last quarter.

"While the overall negative trend persists, this indicates a marginal improvement in business confidence after quarter 1," marked the report.

The current business situation score on Gallup's second quarter Business Confidence Index has improved by two percentage points regardless of the fact that economic insecurity has risen in Pakistan since the start of the year.

The business owners were equally pessimistic about the future of their businesses as 60% expressed negative expectations this quarter. Only 40% are upbeat things will improve.

The Net Future Business Confidence score has improved by 2% since the beginning of the year and is now at -20%, the survey shows.

Like past two quarters, 88% of the business owners and managers think that Pakistan is heading in the wrong direction.

"The business community's view about future business in the country is the most pessimistic since Gallup Pakistan started recording this indicator," said the report adding that the Direction of the Country Score has reduced to -79%, four percentage points less than what it was last quarter.

Half of the businesses surveyed said they had increased their output prices during the quarter under review.

"Less businesses raised prices compared to quarter one, and comparatively more businesses reduced their output prices," the report said.

This latest survey is the 10th of a quarterly Business Confidence Survey that Gallup Pakistan conducted across the country. The Business Confidence Index is an important barometer capturing the sentiments of business community in any country and used across the world by policy makers. The survey was conducted with around 560 businesses across Pakistan.

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