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**SBP CENTRAL BOARD APPRECIATES BANK'S MANAGEMENT  
FOR INDUCTING YOUTHS FROM UNDER-REPRESENTED REGIONS.**

The Central Board of Directors of State Bank of Pakistan in its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2005 at Islamabad appreciated the Bank management's efforts to facilitate induction of youth from relatively under-represented regions/provinces like AJK, Balochistan, FATA and rural Sindh in the State Bank.

The Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, Dr. Ishrat Husain informed the Board that the recruitment in the Bank against all regular positions has been conducted in accordance with the prescribed merit/provincial and regional quotas. However, due to under-representation of incumbents from certain regions/provinces in the State Bank, it was decided to induct a special batch of SBOTS (State Bank's Officers Training Scheme) for the youth from AJK, Balochistan, FATA and rural Sindh.

He informed the Board that recruitment/selection of this special batch of SBOTS has been finalized and forty-four candidates have been short-listed for selection as Officers Grade-II in the State Bank.

He also informed the Board that in order to encourage the youths from the under-represented provinces/regions, the State Bank for the past couple of years has been providing special internship programmes for the students of various educational institutions/universities from Balochistan and rural Sindh.

Additionally, the SBP also offers attachments and fellowship opportunities for Economic and Business Management Faculty Members of Universities from all over the country. The Governor emphasized the need for the faculty members of educational institutions from rural Sindh and Balochistan to avail these opportunities to enable them to improve the quality of the education being imparted by them. This, in turn, will help to enhance the capabilities of the graduates from these institutions to compete with graduates from other universities in the country.

The Governor further added that as a national institution the SBP is conscious of its responsibilities towards providing employment opportunities for the youth of all provinces and regions in Pakistan. It will continue to cater these needs within the ambit of its resources/capabilities.

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