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SBP to publish Bank-wise Interest Rate Corridor Activity on Quarterly Basis

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has now decided to publish an additional report: “Bank-Wise Access to Overnight Repo/Reverse Repo Facilities on Quarterly Basis” on its website. The report will provide market with details of number of times individual institutions have accessed SBP Interest rate corridor during the preceding quarter.

Banks have already been given flexibility (vide DMMD Circular No. 21 of October 05, 2012) with enhancement of reserves maintenance period to two weeks and reduction in daily minimum Cash Reserve Requirement (CRR) to 3.0%. Hence, SBP believes that broadcasting of this data will promote transparency and encourage banks/DFIs to improve their liquidity management practices and ensure smooth functioning of Interest Rate Corridor.

The web link to access this data is: <http://www.sbp.org.pk/ecodata/Bank-IRC-Activity.pdf>

It may be pointed out that the Domestic Markets & Monetary Management Department (DMMD) of SBP currently publishes consolidated and Bank-wise weekly reports on Excess Cash Reserves held by the banks over and above the required CRR on SBP website. The objective of publishing these reports was to bring more efficiency in the money market operations of the banks and to improve banks/DFIs’ own liquidity management, which have implications on SBP’s monetary operations. In addition to these reports, DMMD also disseminates data of consolidated access to SBP Repo/Reverse Repo facilities by the institutions on daily basis, for maintaining transparency of SBP’s money market operations.
