

BRIEF ON
INDUSTRIAL EFFICIENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SECTOR
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Asian Development Bank approved the provision of technical assistance (TA) to the Government of Pakistan (the Government) in an amount not exceeding the equivalent of US \$ 840,000 for Industrial Environmental Management. As indicated in the TA Report, the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) is the Executing Agency for this TA. The TA will be provided as a grant from the ADB's TA funding program.

ADB had initially approved Project Preparatory Technical Allowance (PPTA) amounting to 1.00 Million US \$ for the year 2002. The TA was aimed to assist the Government of Pakistan in formulating the Industrial Efficiency and Environmental Management Sector Development Programme combining policy and institutional reforms with a detailed action plan. The TA formulate a development plan for industrial environmental management based on market-based incentives, and prepares an investment package of high priority components with strong environmental and economic justification for consideration by funding agencies.

The TA study has three major components: Component 1 will formulate a programme for policy reform for industrial efficiency and environmental management and outline a policy framework matrix and action plan. Component 2 will formulate the programme for industry sector investments for pollution prevention and control, providing the framework for improvements through coordinated implementation of various policy reforms and least-cost physical measures. Component 3 will prepare a detailed study on capacity building for environmental management in the industry sector of Pakistan.

The Programme was approved by the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) in its meeting held on 19-09-2000 with some modification as suggested by the CDWP. The ADB has now included this project in the CSP Update 2003-2005. Secretary, EAD, has approved the TA. ADB has now finally submitted the TA letter informing that in case the arrangements are acceptable to EAD, Ministry of Environment, Local Government & Rural Development and Pak-EPA, three copies of TA may be countersigned.