

## The Budget 2009-10 Go Figure!

There were some interesting figures that were revealed in the 2009-10 Fiscal budget that needed to be highlighted!

### Rs.50 million

The figure allocated for the construction of the IT Parks construction projects consultancy for both for Karachi and Lahore airports. These parks would facilitate more IT firms to establish their businesses across the country.

### FIFTY

The number of sites to be provided video conferencing facilities for Federal and Provincial Governments, under the Prime Minister's initiative to equip the Government offices with cutting edge ICT technology.

**50** companies to attain CMMI level 2

**30** companies to attain CMMI level 3

**15** companies to attain CMMI level 5.

The proposed cost of the project is Rs 290.7 million and is categorized under Phase-II of standardization of the Pakistani IT industry. This move will strengthen the capacity of IT industry to attract international business.

### Rs5 billion

This is the amount being spent in Government schools across Punjab. The figure was announced by the Punjab Secretary Information Technology Maj (Retd) Mian Muhammad Zulqarnain Amir in late June 2009.

### 4,000

The number of schools identified across the Punjab province which will be used as part of the pilot project for the Punjab PC Project.

### 6,000

The number of computers already ordered by the Government for the Punjab PC project.

### \$280 million

This is the target set by the Government of Pakistan that it expects through the export of Information Technology products during the fiscal year 2009-10.

### Rs.2.3 billion

The amount allocated for the development of the IT sector in the 2009-10 across 65 projects.

### 9,000

The number of students who will receive training through the National ICT Scholarship Programs.

### 400

The number of interns PSEB hopes to place into the workforce by December 2009.