

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”*to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly to be held on***Wednesday, the 24th January, 2018**

11. ***Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**
(Deferred during 50th Session)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designations and departments of Government servants who have applied and got foreign nationalities during the last ten years;*
- (b) *whether said servants obtained prior permission by the Government;*
- (c) *if the answer to part (b) above is in negative, whether this is tantamount to misconduct; if so, the total number of Government Servants against whom actions have been taken by the Government so far?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a), (b), & (c)
The Question of Honourable Member was circulated to all 43 Ministries / Divisions under the Federal Government on 05-12-2017.

Uptil now, 35 Federal Ministries / Divisions have given “Nil” report:

Sr. # Name of Ministry / Division

1. Cabinet Division
 2. M/o Maritime Affairs
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3. M/o Industries & Production
 4. Power Division
 5. Petroleum Division
 6. M/o Commerce
 7. M/o Narcotics Control
 8. M/o Foreign Affairs
 9. Federal Board of Revenue
 10. M/o Overseas Pakistanis
 11. M/o Water Resources
 12. M/o Communication
 13. Establishment Division
 14. M/o Religious Affairs
 15. M/o Privatization
 16. M/o Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan
 17. Statistics Division
 18. National Security Division
 19. M/o Planning Development & Reform
 20. M/o Science & Technology
 21. Finance Division
 22. M/o Human Rights
 23. M/o States & Frontier Region
 24. M/o Parliamentary Affairs
 25. Economic Affairs Division
 26. M/o Defence Production
 27. M/o Federal Education and Professional Training.
 28. M/o National Health Services
 29. M/o Law and Justice
 30. Capital Administration Development Division (CADD)
 31. National History and Literary Heritage Division
 32. M/o Interior
 33. M/o Inter Provincial & Coordination
 34. M/o Information Technology & Telecommunication
 35. Defence Division
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The following three Ministries / Divisions have submitted their reply regarding who have applied and got foreign nationalities:

- i. Aviation Division (**Annex-I**).
- ii. Information and Broadcasting Division (**Annex-II**).
- iii. National Food Security & Research Division (**Annex-III**).

Following Ministries / Divisions have not yet furnished requisite information despite of several reminders.

- i. Climate Change Division
- ii. Housing & Works
- iii. Postal Services Division
- iv. Railways Division
- v. Textile Division

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library).

@ 54. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of call and internet tariffs after merger of Warid and Moblink companies; and*
- (b) whether new tariff of LTE is being charged at present; if so, the steps taken by the Government to maintain tariff in this regard?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Details of call packages and internet tariffs before and after merger are shown in the following table:

Table 1: Pre and Post Merger Comparison of Jazz Packages

(with 60 seconds billing pulse)

Rs. per minute						
	Pre-merger 2015	Post-Merger 2017	Pre-merger 2015	Post-Merger 2017	Pre-merger 2015	Post-Merger 2017
Package Name	Jazz Budget		Jazz Easy		Jazz One	
On-Net Tariff	2.4	2.4	2.60	2.63	1.8	1.8
Off Net-Tariff (Fixed + Cellular)	2.40	2.40	2.60	2.63	2.50	2.50
SMS(On-net + Off-net)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Internet (Default rate) Rs.	21.51/MB	3.59/MB	21.51/MB	3.59/MB	21.51/MB	3.59/MB

(b) Tariffs of 4G/LTE services have not changed after the merger of Mobilink and Warid as evident from the Table below : Furthermore in pursuance of PTA decision dated 19th May 2016 Jazz was required to get prior approval of its tariffs before announcing.

Table 2: Comparison of Pre-merger Warid LTE Packages with Post-merger Jazz 4G/LTE Packages

	Pre-merger Warid	Post-merger Jazz	Pre-merger Warid	Post-merger Jazz	Pre-merger Warid	Post-merger Jazz	Pre-merger Warid	Post-merger Jazz
	Warid	Jazz	Warid	Jazz	Warid	Jazz	Warid	Jazz
Package	Weekly		Weekly Premium		Monthly Browser		Monthly Browser	
Volume	1000 MB	1000 MB	1500 MB	1500 MB	1500 MB	1500 MB	2000 MB	2000 MB
Price	Rs.110	Rs.110	Rs.110	Rs.110	Rs.160	Rs. 160	Rs. 160	Rs. 160

164. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that tenders are being floated for the purchase of new aircrafts by the Pakistan International Airlines; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the authority who checks quality/standard of new aircraft at the time of its purchasing?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) PIA has not floated any tender for purchase of new aircraft in the recent past, PIA has acquired aircraft on Dry Lease instead of purchase. This allows the airline to conserve its depleted financial resources. However once the financial situation improves PIA may decide to acquire new aircraft.

(b) The quality and standard of new aircraft is assessed by a team of representatives of technical departments of PIA. However, the aircraft can operate only after the technical clearance of CAA.

165. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the year-wise total amount of free of cost/ concessional tickets issued to employees of the Pakistan International Airlines during the period from 01-01-2008 to 31-12-2013?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: The free/concessional tickets given to the PIACL employees have no monetary value as all the tickets are subject to availability of load *i.e.* a ticket to PIACL employee is only confirmed when vacant seat is available due to non-availability of passenger.

Details of year wise tickets (free / concessional) issued to PIA employees during the period of 01-01-2008 to 31-12-2013 are as under:

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
No of Tickets Issued	151,755	130,180	175,665	184,403	139,374	116,038

166. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of aeroplanes of the Pakistan International Airlines have been grounded in Germany; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: One PIA aircraft A310 has been grounded in Germany. The non-fly worthy grounded aircraft after obtaining a waiver from CAA was rented to a film company based in London to shoot a film in Malta. The flight to Malta was a non-revenue ferry (without passengers). Thereafter, there was an attempt to sell that aircraft to a museum in Leipzig, Germany during 2016 while by passing the codal formalities *i.e.* PPRA Rules and PIA internal procedures. Inquiry was held and Mr. Bernd Hildenbrand, former Acting CEO, PIA was terminated. The aircraft is still property of PIA and its sale is being processed under the relevant rules.

167. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the forest cover in Pakistan is quickly depleting; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Government has failed to control rapid deforestation in the country; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Disallowed on re-consideration.

168. ***Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of employees of the Pakistan Television Corporation at present; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government for the betterment/welfare of the said employees since June, 2013?*

Minister of State for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage (Mrs. Marriyum Aurangzeb): (a) At present 5006 Employees are working in PTVC in the following categories;

Regular Employees	=	3943
Temporary Employees	=	1063
Total	=	5006

(b) Following steps have been taken by the present PTV management for betterment and welfare of its employees;

- i. Services of 367 and 161 temporary employees have been regularized on 30-10-2015 and 26-07-2016 respectively.
- ii. PTV has provided jobs to 150 children of deceased employees.
- iii. Day Care Centres have been established for kids of female employees at PTV-HQrs & PTV-News.
- iv. Hindu employees have been given Festive allowance (Dewali) @ Rs.3000/-.
- v. Christian employees have been awarded Festive Allowance @ Rs.5000/- on Christmas.
- vi. Inter Centres Tournaments of Cricket, Table Tennis and Hockey are arranged for healthy entertainment of employees.

169. ***Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.10 replied on 07-12-2017 and to state:

- (a) *the time by which the process of appointment of disabled persons will be completed by the Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU); and*
- (b) *the cadre and post-wise quota reserved for disable women and minorities in the AIOU at present alongwith the present status of filled posts of said quota in each cadre?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman): (a) The process of appointment of disabled persons as well as on merit, women and minorities quota against the advertisements made by Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), in March and August/ September, 2016 has been completed in July 2017. The detail of disabled persons recruited against the advertisements is as under:

S.N.	Name of candidate	Name of Posts with BPS
1	Mr. Sarfraz Ahmed	Lower Division Clerk (BPS-9)
2	Mr. Zahid Latif	Naib Qasid (BPS-02)
3	Mr. Fazal Abbas Awan	Naib Qasid (BPS-02)

(b) As per Federal Government Policy being adopted by the AIOU, the post wise quota reserved for disable, women, and minorities is as follows:

Category	Quota in Percentage
Disable	2%
Women	5%
Minorities	5%

Present status of filled posts against said quota in each cadre is attached at Annex-I.

CADRE WISE DETAIL OF POSTS

S.No.	Name of Advertised post	No. of Advertised posts	No. of Appointments made			
			Merit	Disabled Quota	Minorities Quota	Women Quota
1	Lower Division Clerk (BPS-09)	60	53	1	3	3
2	Naib Qasid (BPS-02)	85	70	2	2	4
3	Security Guard (BPS-02)	17	14	-	1	1
4	Sanitary Worker (BPS-02)	14	13	-	-	1

170. ***Dr. Fouzia Hameed:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Faisal Mosque, Islamabad is portraying picture of recreational park instead of religious place;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that all lawns surrounding the said Mosque have been totally destroyed due to poor maintenance thereof;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the reasons thereof?*

Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary): (a) No, it is not a fact, Faisal Mosque, Islamabad is not specific for any gender or group and its unique architecture attracts sight seers besides worshipers but there are no recreational activities in the premises.

(b) Due to large public turnover specially on Friday and weekends the lawns of the said mosque gets occupied and there is no other place where these people can go as the administration of the said mosque do not allow public to eat and rest in mosque premises. Due to this reason the lawns surrounding the said mosque sometimes look unmaintained whereas authority tries its best to maintain the said lawns from time to time.

(c) N/A.

171. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of dispensaries/hospitals operating in the rural areas of Islamabad including Tarnol, Koral and Bhara Kahu;*
- (b) *the facilities available in said hospitals at present;*
- (c) *the hospital-wise names of doctors working in said hospitals at present; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish full fledged hospitals for said areas; if so, when it will be established?*

Reply not received.

172. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the average daily business of the passenger trains at present; and*
- (b) *the month-wise profit and loss of said trains during the year 2017?*

Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique): (a) The average daily business of passenger trains at present is Rs: 63 million.

(b) At present, a consolidated Profit and Loss Account is being prepared as part of financial statements of PR. Separate Accounts for each business unit, *i.e.* Passenger Business Unit, Freight Business Unit and Infrastructure Business Unit, are not being maintained over the system to provide the month-wise profit and loss of passenger train services. Efforts are being made to acquire an Enterprise wide software solution and software modules being provided by SAP covering requirements of Pakistan Railways in areas such as Financials, Costing, Inventory Management, Project Management, Human Resource, Maintenance, Booking and Ticketing etc. The Ministry of Railways is

already in discussion with the Office of Controller General of Accounts, SAP and M/s. Siemens officials. After implementation of this system, Pakistan Railways will be able to generate Unit/Passenger Train-wise Account of Revenue and Expenses.

173. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Federal General Hospital (FGH) has status of a regular hospital; and*
- (b) *whether all medical facilities are available in the FGH; if so, the names of diseases for which medical facilities are available in said Hospital at present?*

Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary): (a) Yes Federal General Hospital (FGH), Chak Shahzad, Islamabad is a regular hospital

(b) This hospital is providing outdoor & indoor Emergency services, Obs & Gynae, General Surgery, General Medicine, ENT, Pediatrics and Physiotherapy services etc.

This hospital is also providing laboratory & radiological diagnostic facilities.

Everything is provided free of charge in the hospital *i.e.* consultation, medicines, X-Ray, ECG and etc.

174. ***Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Dialysis Centre is available in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad;*

- (b) *the total number of Nephrologists working in PIMS at present;*
- (c) *the total number of beds are available for children wards in PIMS at present;*
- (d) *whether said beds are usable; and*
- (e) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide more beds for said wards; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary): (a) Yes, Dialysis Centre is available in Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad. At present there are 12 dialysis machines in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad. At present 11 dialysis machines are functioning at PIMS, Islamabad. Daily 40-50 patients under going the process of dialysis.

- (b) At present two, Nephrologists working in PIMS.
- (c) 242 beds are available in children wards, children Emergency has 12 beds.
- (d) Yes, all beds are usable / functional and in good condition so far.
- (e) At present no proposal is under consideration for extension of beds in said department.

175. ***Malik Muhammad Amir Dogar:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Liver Transplant Centre (LTC) was established in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad during the year, 2010;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that appointments were made for the said Centre; if so, the details thereof;*

- (c) *whether it is further a fact that employees appointed for said Centre have been drawing salaries from many years; and*
- (d) *the total number of patients whose liver transplantation made by the LTC so far?*

Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary): (a) The facility of Liver Transplant started in Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences on the direction of the Prime Minister of Pakistan in November 2010.

(b) 95 posts of different cadres were sanctioned at the time of establishment of centre for liver disease and liver transplant in PIMS. Out of these posts, 57 posts are filled and 38 posts are still vacant. However position pertaining to the highly skilled professional *i.e.* Consultant Anesthetist Liver Transplant Surgery, Consultant Radiologist (Interventional), Consultant Heptobilliary & Liver Transplant Surgeon and Consultant Hepatologist could not be filled.

(c) 57 employees hired in center of Liver Transplant are drawing salaries from this institute, list of employees and their present placed of duty is placed at Annex-A.

(d) Only one Liver Transplant was carried out by a U.K team in May 02, 2012. The recipient could not make full recovery, died on fifth post operative day.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library).

176. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the flights of the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) have been closed for United States of America; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that active international routes have been closed by the PIA during the last five years; if so, the numbers and reasons thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) The flights to USA have been closed by PIA since November 2017. Due to incurrence of heavy losses on NYC route since very long PIA is in the process of restructuring its routes to minimize them and expand through capacity swapping on economically viable routes. On NYC route PIA has been incurring losses to the tune of PKR 1.2 billion per annum (on Direct Operating Cost). Therefore it will be very difficult to continue with same further. In line with industry practice PIA has also been rationalizing its route network from time to time, where loss making routes are closed while additional flights are introduced on viable routes. However, every effort has been made to re-accommodate the affected passengers on PIA's flights *via* Toronto or through partner airlines.

(b) In aviation industry, airlines do restructure their network where loss is to be curtailed and consolidation to be made on profit making routes. In line with industry practices PIA also has been rationalizing its routes network from time to time, where loss / profit making are closed / opened while additional flights are introduced on viable routes. Following is an overview of routes which were discontinued by the airline during the last five years due to heavy losses:

Route	Suspended Since
International Routes	
Pak-USA-Pak	November 2017
Pak-Barcelona-Pak	February 2015
Pak-Mashhad-Pak	October 2014
Karachi-Katmandu-Karachi	July 2014
Pak-Bradford-Pak	May 2014
Pak-Hong Kong-Bangkok-Pak	November 2013
Pak-Amsterdam-Frankfurt-Pak	September 2013
Pak-Zahedan-Pak	April 2013

Domestic Routes

KHI-UET-PZH-DSK-ISB	October 2015
ISB-PEW-DSK-PZH-UET-KHI	October 2015
ISB-SKZ-HDD-SKZ-ISB	May 2013
ISB-LHE-WNS-HDD-LHE-SIB	May 2013

The major reasons for suspension of routes have been economic non viability of fleet. Especially, the flights which were on old A310 aircraft have a very high fuel cost due to its high fuel consumption.

177. ***Ms. Amra Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that contracts of the contractual employees of the Federal General Hospital, Islamabad are not being extended; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said employees were appointed against the sanctioned posts duly advertised in the newspapers five years ago; if so, the reasons for not regularizing their services so far?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary): (a) The case for extension of contract appointment was forwarded to FPSC for NOC. FPSC on 6th December, 2017 accorded approval for extension of contract for a period of six month with the date of expiry of existing contract of the contract employees. (Copy enclosed).

(b) The contract employees of Federal General Hospital were appointed on contract basis against regular sanctioned posts duly advertised. Recruitment to the posts of BS-6 & above is prerogative of FPSC. The delay in regularization due to the fact that these employees have been working on contract basis for the last 6 years on six monthly regular extensions. These

employees are now reluctant to appear before FPSC and insisting on their regularization without appearance in FPSC after obtaining special dispensation from appointing authority in this regard. These employees have also filled Writ petition and their case is sub-Judice.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library).

178. ***Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to repair the main double road from Golra Morr to Sector I-16, Islamabad; if so, when it will be repaired?

Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary): Yes, the proposal for repair of main Double Road from Golra Morr to Sector I-16 is under consideration. The work will be undertaken after allocation of Funds.

179. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the loss being suffered by the Pakistan International Airlines at present alongwith the reasons thereof?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: It is apprised that as on 31-12-2016 total loss suffered by PIA was PKR 45.38 billion. The year 2017 accounts are in closing/finalization stage and it will be declared after the finalization of accounts.

Following are some major reasons for the loss suffered by PIA reproduced as under:

- During 2013-14 the fuel prices were very high rising to even above US\$100/Barrel. Thus adding significantly towards fuel expenses.
- After shortage of aircraft in PIA fleet, aircraft have been obtained on lease (wet lease / dry lease) from different countries / companies. Payment of monthly installment of the lease aircraft is

also a major reason for increase in financial loss and ultimately deficit.

- Navigation and other expenses rose at high rate thus increasing expenses.
- In 2015 the salary of PIA employees were increased which also contributed towards increase in loss.
- In 2016, due to PIA employee's strike against the privatization of PIA. Flight operation was suspended which hit the financial position of PIA as many flights were cancelled and heavy losses were incurred resulting in deficits.

180. ***Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of hospitals in Islamabad where breast cancer screening centres have been established; and*
- (b) *the details of expenditures incurred thereon?*

Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary): (a) Breast Cancer Screening Centers is operational in Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad

Further a Breast clinic is working in Capital Hospital Islamabad in the Surgery Department where information is given to the patients regarding awareness of Breast Cancer. For Screening mammography, the patients are referred to NORI Hospital Islamabad or CMH, Rawalpindi.

(b) The amount allocated, release and spent on the said project of PIMS during the fiscal year 2016-17 is as under:

Allocation	Releases	Expenditure
60.772 Million	42.540 Million	35.000 Million

181. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the cellular companies could not extend its 3G and 4G technologies as per agreement made with the Government at the time of auction of said technologies;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether the Government has taken notice of it; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *whether the Government intends to invoke relevant clauses of the said agreement; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to bound the cellular companies to extend its services of 3G and 4G technologies in the country?*

Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication

(Ms. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan): (a) No. All cellular operators who were issued license after NGMS spectrum auctions meet the prescribed rollout obligations as per their license agreements.

(b) N/A, as explained in (a) above.

(c) N/A.

(d) License Agreements include mandatory minimum roll out obligations for provision of Next Generation Mobile Services (NGMS) *i.e.* 3G/ 4G in the country. The mandatory coverage requirements to be completed phase-wise are currently being complied Mobile Companies. Rollout beyond the license obligations is as per operators' technical and commercial feasibility.

182. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any plan under consideration of the Government to establish any Government institution on the pattern of the National Testing Service which will ensure recruitments on merit;*
- (b) *whether the Government has taken any step to ensure merit with reference to irregularities being occurred in other testing institutions; and*
- (c) *the names of the private testing institutions which are carrying out recruitments in the country at present?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) Presently such proposal is not under consideration of the Federal Government.

(b) Federal Government devised Recruitment Policy (Annexure-I) followed by Mechanism for recruitment to ensure merit and transparency in the recruitment process at all levels (Annexure-II). The Recruitment Policy is being implemented by the Ministries / Divisions / Departments of the Federal Government.

(c) Names of well known private testing agencies which are carrying out screening tests for recruitments in the country are as under:

1. National Testing Service
2. Pakistan Testing Service
3. Universal Testing Service
4. Baluchistan Testing Service
5. Merit Testing Service
6. Global Testing Service

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library).

183. ***Mr. Abdul Qahar Khan Wadan:**

Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to make an effective role of Media to control sectarianism in the country since June, 2013?

Minister of State for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage (Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb): The Ministry of Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage, is conscious of its obligations and carefully monitors the Print and Electronic Media to check any content related to Sectarian hatred and violence. The Ministry, through monitoring units in different organizations under its administrative control, makes sure that all publications, broadcasts and advertisements on national level do not contain or encourage violence, terrorism, sectarianism, religious discrimination and hate speech. Print and Electronic media are time and again advised to promote religious and inter-faith harmony.

Details of actions taken by different organizations under the administrative control of information and Broadcasting Division with regard to checking the issue of Sectarianism on print and electronic media are reproduced below:

(i) PRESS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

PID keeps close liaison with the newspapers, magazines and print media organizations like CPNE, APNS, PFUJ RIUJ and Press clubs to keep them cognizant of government policy against sectarianism (Annexure A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M)

(ii) PRESS COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN

Press Council of Pakistan Implements the Ethical Code of Practice for Print Media in its true spirit. Clause (7) of the Ethical Code of Practice is reproduced below:

“(7) The press shall avoid originating, printing, publishing and disseminating any material, which encourages or incites discrimination or hatred on grounds of race, religion, caste, sect, nationality, ethnicity, gender, disability, illness, or age, of an individual or group”.

PCP monitors the print media in context of hate speech and sectarian violence. The professional bodies of journalists are being reminded time and again to follow PCP’s ethical code and refrain from spreading hate speech and sectarian violence, PCP has sent letters to the professional bodies of journalists as well as to the editors of newspapers to ensure the implementation of PCP’s ethical code. (Annexure N,O,P,Q,R)

Moreover, Press Council of Pakistan in its quarterly meetings with professional bodies of journalists *i.e.* APNS, CPNE and PFUJ, emphasizes on the role of print media in creating sectarian harmony in the country.

(iii) Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA)

Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) was established in March, 2002 through an Ordinance to facilitate the growth of Electronic media and to regulate its operation in the country.

2. PEMRA regulates private electronic media through following regulatory statutes.

- i. PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007.
- ii. PEMRA Rules 2009.
- iii. PEMRA (Television Broadcast Station Operations), 2012.
- iv. PEMRA (Radio Broadcast Station Operation) Regulations, 2012.
- v. PEMRA (Distribution Service Operations) Regulations, 2011.
- vi. PEMRA (Council of Complaints) Rules, 2010.
- vii. Electronic Media (Programs and Advertisements) Code of Conduct, 2015.

3. In case of any violation of Code of Conduct, PEMRA initiates legal actions which *inter-alia* includes issuance of advisories, warnings, notices, show cause notices, imposition of fine and revocation / suspension of licensees under Section 29 & 30 of PEMRA Ordinance, 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007.

4. Moreover, Section 20(c) of the PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007 read with Rule 15(I) of the PEMRA Rules 2009 and sub section 3(1-d,f,h), 10, and 23 of Electronic Media Code of Conduct-2015, bars the licensees from airing of the material promoting sectarian violence. Relevant provisions are reproduced hereunder:

PEMRA Ordinance, 2002

20. **Terms and conditions of licence.**—A person who is issued a licence under this Ordinance shall.—

(c) ensure that all programmes and advertisements do not contain or encourage violence, terrorism, racial, ethnic or religious discrimination, sectarianism, extremism, militancy, hatred, pornography, obscenity, vulgarity or other material offensive to commonly accepted standards of decency.

Code of Conduct, 2015

3. **Fundamental principles:**—The licensee shall ensure that ;(1) No content is aired which—

(d) passes derogatory remarks about any religion, sect, community or uses visuals or words contemptuous of religious sects and ethnic groups or which promote communal and sectarian attitude or disharmony;

(f) contains abusive comment that incites hatred and contempt against any individual or group of persons, on the basis of race, caste, nationality, ethnic or linguistic origin, color, religion, sect, gender, age, mental or physical disability;

(h) is likely to incite, aid, abet, glamorize or justify violence, commission of any crime, terror or leads to serious public disorder;

10. **Religious tolerance and harmony:**— Licensee shall ensure that :—

(2) Beliefs and practices of any faith are described accurately when discussed and interfaith harmony is promoted at all times.

(3) no programme or comment is aired which incites or condones acts of violence and encourages violation of law in the name of religion, sect, community or ethnic group or any other pretext.

23. **Hate speech:**—(1). Licensee shall ensure that hate speech by any of its employees or any guest in a programme is not aired.

(2) The licensee shall not relay allegations that fall within the spectrum of hate speech, including calling someone anti-Pakistan, traitor, or anti-Islam.

(3) Where hate speech is resorted to by any guest, the channel and its representative must stop the participant and remind him and the audience that no one has the authority to declare any other citizen as a Kafir or enemy of Pakistan, Islam or any other religion.

Explanation:—Hate speech Includes any expression that may incite violence, hatred or discrimination on the basis of religion, ethnicity, colour, race, gender, origin, caste, mental or physical disability.

Over the years, private Satellite TV Channels have remained quite conscious while discussing Sectarian issues. Moreover, 24/7 “Complaint & Feedback Call Center” has been established at PEMRA Headquarters, Islamabad with Toll free number 0800-73672 (0800-PEMRA) for rectification of queries / complaints from general public.

6. Details of action taken by PEMRA, against prorogation of hate speech through TV Channels is attached at annex S.

(iv) Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC)

Radio Pakistan, being a national broadcaster, not only strives to maintain interfaith and sectarian harmony but also specially makes efforts to remove apprehension and clear misconception for a harmonious and peaceful society. Programmes in varied formats like talk shows, interviews, documentaries, features, discussions, seminars, dramas, special reports etc. were broadcast from all PBC Stations, Special segments regarding discouraging of Sectarianism were also broadcast as part of all religious programmes by PBC Stations.

Radio Pakistan’s Current Affairs Channel has been interviewing opinion-makers and conducting talk shows to highlight the issue besides projecting statements of government leaders, politicians, members of the Parliament, religious leaders and scholars in this regard. There is special focus on discouraging hate material and misuse of loud-speakers in discussion programmes.

(v) **Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC)**

PTV strictly implements code of censorship issued by the Government of Pakistan, according which programme is unsuitable, if

- Causes hatred or strife among religions, sects, castes or creeds;
- Fans radical, sectarian, parochial, linguistic, regional or class hatred.

PTV's Censor board comprising media experts and professionals preview/censor and clear all the programmes before telecast to ensure compliance of the government policy,

In order to counter and control sectarianism, PTV always televises religious programmes participated by scholars from all school of thoughts to promote tolerance and harmony amongst all segment of society, Detail of the programmes is attached at Annex T.

(vi) **Shalimar Recording and Broadcasting Company (SRBC)**

SRBC has always ensured to air programmes based on religious harmony on it channel A-TV and there has been effective control not to give vent to sectarianism.

(vii) **Associated Press of Pakistan (APP)**

APP being national news agency is providing its news services to the national and regional print subscribers for the promotion of religious harmony at national and provincial level as well. Different seminars, functions and other activities organized by the government as well as private organizations to foster interfaith harmony and discourage sectarianism are extensively covered by APP for print, pictorial and video subscribers. Special features and write-ups, besides video packages are prepared and put up on wire for newspapers and TV channels which help discourage sectarianism.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library).

184. ***Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to lay PTCL Cable in Sector I-16, Islamabad; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication (Ms. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan): As per PTCL input, PTCL does not have any plan to deploy cable network in I-16 in near future.

185. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an advisory for potential earthquake has been circulated by the Ministry; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Minister for Climate Change (Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan): (a) It is intimated that National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has not issued any such advisory. It is pertinent to mention here that, so far no scientific devise / machine / mechanism has been invented which can predict Earthquake / seismic activities before they occur.

It is important to highlight that in October 2017, an Indian originated / circulated letter gone viral which has no scientific / logical bases.

(b) It is also worth mentioning that NDMA regularly holds meetings of Federal / Provincial stakeholders to review multi hazard risks and corresponding preparations. Details of recently held meeting are as following:

- a. Meeting of representatives of JS HQ, Pakistan Navy, Pakistan Air Force, Army, Inter Service Intelligence (IS I), Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) and Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) held on 25th October, 2017.
- b. Earthquake Simulation Ex meeting on 2nd January, 2018.

- c. National Post Monsoon 2017 Review Conference and Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs) Periodical Coordination Conference on 9th January, 2018.

186. ***Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the walking/running track of cricket ground, Sector I-8/1 near Mughal Market, Islamabad has been demolished; if so, the reasons and present status thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to re-build the said track; if so, the time by which it will be re-built?*

Withdrawn by the honourable member.

187. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of amount spent on the up-gradation of libraries functioning under the administrative control of the Capital Development Authority alongwith the names thereof; and*
- (b) *the number of new books included in said libraries during the last four years?*

Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary): (a) No up-gradation work has been done/ carried out in the libraries functioning under the administrative control of the Capital Development Authority.

(b) Approximately 13,600/- new books have been included in said libraries during the last four years (2014-2017). These books were provided by the Department of Libraries Islamabad (DOLI).

188. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Capital Development Authority to install plants in Islamabad to generate electricity from garbage;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which it will be implemented alongwith the locations thereof?*

Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary): (a) Yes, It is affect that there is a proposal under consideration of CDA to install a plan for electricity generator from garbage.

(b) The Project is in its Planning Phase. After undertaking the requisite feasibility, the project would be launched. The Location proposed for the Installation of WtE Plant is in Sector I-17, which would be an Industrial Sector.

189. ***Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state:

- (a) *the time by which the Government will launch 5G Internet Technology;*
- (b) *the steps taken to maintain its tender process transparent; and*
- (c) *the benefits to be accrued from said technology?*

Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication (Ms. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan): (a) It is appraised that 5G is a commercial / marketing term (5th generation mobile networks) also referred to as "IMT for 2020 and beyond". It means International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT) system with a target date set for 2020. It is expected by international standardization bodies that 5G should be rolled out initially by 2020 to meet business and consumer demands. Currently, it is not commercially implemented & standardized any where in the world.

To stay at the forefront of the technology and to enable State of the art service to Pakistan's consumers, Telecom Policy 2015 provides measures not only for early commercial adoption of technology but also to provide conducive test and development environment for upcoming and future technologies. 5G is expected to enable new around breaking data rates and limits and will considerably enhance the experience of services applications that are available today. The Federal Government has issued a Policy Directive in this regard and PTA is in process of formulating a Framework for test and development of new technologies; identification of spectrum bands in coordination with Frequency Allocation Board (FAB) for 5G; and constitution of a multilateral stakeholder working group for 5G.

(b) No tendering is under process at the movement.

(c) 5G will have improved performance with better speed, capacity, reliability, and latency than today's 4G Networks. It will offer enormous benefits for consumers. Every 5G user will experience high-quality broadband service both upload and download. Sensors embedded in roads, railways, airfields and vehicles will communicate with each other through the 5G network. 5G technology will expand business opportunities through monitoring, tracking and automation capabilities on a large scale - from connected farms and agriculture to smart cities and buildings, thus enabling Internet of Things (IoT).

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The 23rd January, 2018

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

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“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Wednesday, the 24th January, 2018

26. **Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**
(Deferred during 46th Session)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.27 replied on 15-05-2017 and to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that some Excessive fees are being charged by the Global System of Integrated Studies (GSIS) located at Sector H-8/1, Islamabad; if so, the reasons for not taking actions against responsables thereof;*
- (b) *the time by which such fees will be refunded to the concerned students of GSIS;*
- (c) *the details of increase made in fees of class one to 0-3 during the last three years till date by the GSIS alongwith the details thereof;*
- (d) *the detail of increase made in annual fund of said classes during the said period by GSIS alongwith the justification and utilization thereof; and*
- (e) *whether it is also a fact that the said increase is against the Government policy; if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?*

Reply not received.

4. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**
(Deferred during 50th Session)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of applications submitted to The City Schools, Islamabad since 01-01-2017 for concession of fee in respect of siblings studying in the same schools in the light of the orders given by the Court alongwith the details thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that no concession has been given by the said schools to said students so far;*
- (c) *if the answer to part (b) above is in the affirmative, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to give concession to one out of three siblings/ students on monthly basis; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

7. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**
(Deferred on 15-01-2018)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the project of New Islamabad International Airport is being delayed; if so, the reasons alongwith the responsables thereof?

Reply not received.

15. **Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri:**
(Deferred on 15-01-2018)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the total number of sibling students studying in The City Schools, Islamabad at present alongwith the school-wise details thereof?

Reply not received.

55. **Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of employees have been working in the National School of Public Policy on contract and daily wages basis;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to regularize the services of said employees at the earliest; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) At the time of inception of NSPP, 1371 positions were sanctioned for NSPP and its units, which were categorized as 713 Regular and 658 Posts (BS-01 to 16) as Contract. Appointments against the contractual posts were made on contract. However in 2008, 131 Contract employees were regularized in the light of Establishment Division's O.M. dated 29th August, 2008. In 2010, eighteen (18) appointments were made against regular posts.

The Scale wise details of employees of NSPP and its units is attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) No proposal is under consideration to regularize the services of the contractual employees.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

56. **Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Street No.24, Sector G-6/2, Islamabad was repaired; if so, when alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said Street deteriorated before its prescribed life; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *whether action has been taken against the contractor of said Street; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *the details of expenditures to be incurred for repairing of the said Street?*

Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary): (a) Yes, It is fact that necessary patch work of said street was carried out two month ago through departmental labour.

(b) Yes it is fact the said street was carpeted one decade ago through MPO Directorate, CDA with the passage of time the half portion of street has disturbed and needs to be repaired/ re-carpeted.

(c) No contract for said street has been awarded to any contractor for last 10 years.

(d) Tentatively a cost of Rs. 1.2 (M) will be required for repair/ re-carpeting of said street.

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