

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly to be held on

Friday, the 14th December, 2018

33. ***Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**
(Deferred during 4th Session)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of saplings planted during the plantation campaign of the Prime Minister;*
- (b) the province-wise expenditures incurred there upon so far; and*
- (c) the steps being taken for their growth alongwith the expenses to be incurred thereupon?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) A total of 2.48 million saplings were planted during “Plant for Pakistan Day” campaign inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 2nd September, 2018.

(b) Federal Government provided interprovincial coordination to organize the campaign in the country. Respective provinces and territories utilized their own resources to participate in the campaign.

(c) The plants distributed during the campaign were planted and are being maintained by the public and institutions that participated in the campaign, from their own resources.

42. ***Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi:**
(Deferred during 4th Session)

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

- (a) *the name of persons who have been appointed on the advice of incumbent Prime Minister against different categories and nomenclature of their post/ portfolio, excluding the constitutional posts alongwith perks and privileges of each; and*
- (b) *the expertise in respective field and purpose of appointment of each of above appointees?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) Thirty three (33) Ministries Divisions have provided nil report (**Annex-I**). Reports from remaining Ministries/ Division are awaited (**Annex-II**). However, following information regarding persons appointed on advice of incumbent Prime Minister in terms of Rules 15(A)(I) of Rules of Business, 1973, has been compiled as per record of Establishment Division:—

Name	Post	Organization	Pay and Perks
Seed Turab Hyder	Member (Finance)	Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC)	In his own pay and scale (on deputation basis (Annex-III)).

(b) The officer belongs to Pakistan Audit and Accounts Services and possesses 30 years of diverse experience in the field of Finance Accounts being relevant to the post. Purpose of appointment is to ensure smooth functioning of Financial matters of the organization.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

183. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Deferred during 4th Session)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) *the annual income and expenditure of all TV channels of Pakistan Television, separately;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that most of the TV Channels of PTV are running in loss;*
- (c) *if so, whether a special study/audit was conducted for opening of new channels, programs, purchasing all types of programs/dramas from a third party, commercial utility and matters ancillary to the losses of the channels of PTV during last five years;*
- (d) *if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (e) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to integrate and decrease all TV channels of the PTV to make the PTV a profitable entity?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):

(a) The annual income and expenditure of all TV channels of Pakistan Television, separately for the year 2017-18 (P) is;

(Rs. In Million)

Channels	Income		Expenditure
	TV Fee	Commercial/ other	
PTV Home	6,649.215	1,179.567	5,818.023
PTV News	115.611	121.875	1,820.526
PTV National		10.965	353.815
PTV Global		30.734	295.144
PTV Sports	633.532	335.202	972.027
PTV World		114.629	367.245
Total:	7398.358	1792.972	9626.780

(b) Yes

(c) Being a state broadcaster, expansion of its channels is a prerogative of the Government of Pakistan. However, details of every imminent aspects are included in PC-I form of every project. During the last 05 years the same has been done in two newly proposed channels i.e. PTV Kids & PTV Parliament.

(d) Copies of “Project Digest” of each PC-1 form of PTV Kids & PTV Parliament are annexed at A&B.

(e) The present management is striving hard to make PTV a profitable organization by increasing its revenue and cutting the cost. Re-shaping of present TV channels may also come under consideration.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

199. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(Deferred during 4th Session)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the annual profit gained and loss sustained by the Pakistan Television during the last ten years?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):
The annual profit and loss sustained by PTV during the last ten years is:

	Rs. In million
Years	Profit/ (Loss)
2008-09	118.956
2009-10	32.514
2010-11	219.122
2011-12	147.050
2012-13 (Re stated)	(336.055)
2013-14	(733.236)

Years	Profit/ (Loss)
2014-15 (Re stated)	1,131.735
2015-16 (Re stated)	(1,290.907)
2016-17	(618.110)
2017-18 (Prov.)	(435.448)

201. ***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**
(Deferred during 4th Session)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the building of Radio Pakistan is being leased out; if so, the name of the lessee; and*
- (b) *whether any study regarding the sensitivity of the location of the said building has been carried out in terms of merits and demerits thereof?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):

(a) & (b) The decision regarding the Assets of PBC is taken by the Board of Directors of PBC which is the competent forum.

39. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Deferred during 4th Session)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Rs.35/- per month is charged/imposed as TV fee in electricity bills from consumers since the Cable TV is not available in the country and only PTV service is found;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that presently people pay fee of cable network system and PTV is seen through said network;*
- (c) *if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the TV fee in electricity bills is charged twice by Cable Operator*

Owners and also by the Government from the people what are the reasons thereof; and

- (d) the steps being taken to exempt TV fee charged/collected through electricity bills at an earliest?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):

(a) Television License fee is a government tax/levy, which is not related to PTV but it is charged for the possession of a TV set.

As PTV under takes multiple tasks pertaining to national interests, which are not commercially viable and have huge financial implications. Therefore, against that expenditure, the Government of Pakistan has permitted PTV to collect TV License fee through electricity bills as an agent for the Government.

Some of these non-viable projects include;

- i. PTV Parliament/National
- ii. PTV World
- iii. PTV Bolan
- iv. PTV Global
- v. AJK-TV

It would be appreciated that little to no commercial advertising revenue is generated from the above mentioned channels, whereas, recurring expenditure such as technology, Human Resource, Studios and transponder costs have to be borne by PTV.

It may also be noted that PTV has 101 Boosters/ Re-broadcast stations located in the length and breadth of the country, which are providing free to air terrestrial transmission. The majority of these Boosters is not commercially viable, but has been established as part of the National Service.

The TV License fee collected through electricity bills helps to offset a percentage of the expenditure incurred on these highly important, but commercially non-viable projects.

(b) It may be noted that PTV does not receive any share of fee/ rent charged by Cable operators. Therefore, it is incorrect to link TV License fee with

that of cable operators. TV License fee is charged for reasons enumerated in answer to “A” above.

(c) The Cable Operators have their own fee structure and levy of electricity license fee is not included in it.

(d) There are no such steps under consideration by the Government.

43. ***Ms. Aliya Kamran:**
(Deferred during 4th Session)

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

- (a) *whether the task force has been established by the Government for reforming the civil service; and*
- (b) *the details of salary and other fringe benefits including official vehicle, staff etc. being provided to the said task force?*

Transferred to Cabinet Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

70. ***Ms. Aliya Kamran:**
(Deferred during 4th Session)

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

- (a) *the number of Task Forces constituted by present Government; and*
- (b) *the names of said Task Forces alongwith the complete detail thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The Federal Government has constituted Twelve (12) Task Forces.

(b) Names and complete detail of these twelve Task Forces have been annexed as under:

- (i) Task Force on Recovery of Unlawfully Acquired Assets Abroad (**Annex-I**).
- (ii) Task Force on Civil Reforms (**Annex-II**).
- (iii) Task Force for Identification of Impediments and Facilitation of Merger of Erstwhile FATA and PATA with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (**Annex-III**).
- (iv) Task Force on Austerity and Restructuring of the Government (**Annex-IV**).
- (v) Task Force on Energy Reforms (**Annex-V**).
- (vi) Task Force on Tourism (**Annex-VI**).
- (vii) Prime Minister's Task Force on IT & Telecom (**Annex-VII**).
- (viii) Task Force on Criminal Law Reforms (**Annex-VIII**).
- (ix) Task Force on NAB Law Reforms (**Annex-IX**).
- (x) Task Force on Civil Law Reforms (**Annex-X**).
- (xi) Task Force on Education (**Annex-XI**).
- (xii) Task Force on Health (**Annex-XII**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

71. ***Ms. Aliya Kamran:**
(Deferred during 4th Session)

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

- (a) the names of five task forces in which the consultants have been appointed on recommendations of Government alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) complete details of perks, privileges, office vehicles, staff and salaries of each consultant thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) No consultant has been appointed in these Task Forces.

(b) NIL.

88. ***Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to adopt the syllabus and curriculum of private schools for Government Schools of Islamabad;*

(b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to adopt the syllabus and curriculum of private schools for Government Schools of Islamabad.

However, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training revised national curriculum – 2006 of all core subjects from Grade Pre I-V. The revised curriculum - 2017 is notified by this Ministry on August 11, 2017. Subsequently, textbooks for the said Grades were developed on the basis of revised curriculum which has been implemented in all schools under Federal Directorate of Education.

(b) Not applicable.

89. ***Mr. Mohammad Aslam Bhootani:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

(a) *whether there is any plan of PIA to connect Gwadar with Quetta through direct flights;*

(b) *if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) Presently, there is no plan of PIA to connect Gwadar with Quetta through direct flight.

(b) Taking this opportunity PIA would like to apprise that historically PIA was operating twice weekly flights between Gwadar & Quetta. However, the flights were suspended as the passenger load between Gwadar & Quetta was not enough to justify route economics of this sector. Therefore, PIA had to suspend these flights since October, 2016.

Flights between Quetta and Gwadar can only be operated once there is adequate potential in the market. Analysis of market presently does not reflect sizeable demand to justify route economics for these flights. Currently, PIA is operating flights between Karachi and Gwadar which are sufficiently meeting the market demand.

90. ***Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that rapidly increasing air, water and smoke pollution alongwith poisonous water from mills/factories in all the cities of the country are causing harmful effects to people; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to overcome rapidly increasing temperature due to shifting of population from rural to urban areas whereas the number of plants tantamount to nill?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) Air, water and smoke pollution along with poisonous water from mills / factories in different cities of the country is effecting environment and the people.

After the 18th constitutional amendment, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency is mandated with its function under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997, for protection, conservation and rehabilitation of environment in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). Pak-EPA had notified following Rules, Regulations, Guidelines and National Environmental Quality Standards for the protection and conservation of environment:

- i. Ambient Air under S.R.O. 1062(1)/2010 (**Annex-I**).
- ii. Motor Vehicle Exhaust and Noise under S.R.O. 72(KE)/2009 (**Annex II**).
- iii. Municipal and Liquid Industrial Effluents and Industrial Gaseous Emissions under S.R.O. No. 549(1)/2000 (**Annex III**).

To abate the levels of pollution, Pak-EPA took the following steps in ICT as per details given below.

1. Air Quality

i. Industrial Emissions:

Pakistan EPA had conducted a detailed survey of Industrial Estate of Islamabad situated in sectors I-9, I-10 and Kahuta Triangle to identify and categorize the number and types of industries (**Annex-IV**).

There are 12 steel units which are causing pollution in Sector I-9/ I-10, despite strict monitoring and legal action. Nine steel mills have installed on-line dust monitoring system, which is under monitoring by Pak-EPA and their efficiency is regularly checked.

Legal action has been initiated by Pak-EPA against the non-compliant steel mills for issuance of Environmental Protection Order and its subsequent enforcement through ICT administration.

ii. Vehicular Emissions:

The major factor of vehicular emissions is old age diesel truck and buses. Diesel vehicles due to overloading, faulty injection nozzles and weak engine emit excessive graphite carbon (visible smoke).

During previous campaigns, Pak-EPA in collaboration with Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) has checked over 40,000 public and private vehicles for exhaust emissions in Islamabad.

With a view to sensitize the masses on the issue of vehicular pollution, a mass awareness campaign is being developed consisting of 10 seconds and 20 seconds media messages that will be disseminated through electronic media.

2. **Water Quality**

In ICT, the following measures have been taken to control environmental pollution:

- i. The CDA has installed two waste water treatment plants with capacity of 17 and 5 million gallons per day in sector 1-9 to treat sewage of the city. The capacity of these sewerage treatment plants is sufficient to treat city sewage.
- ii. For the rural areas, there is no proper system of sewers or treatment facility in areas like; Bara Kahu, Bani Gala, Muslim Colony, Bari Imam and they are dumping their sewage into fresh water streams of Rawal Lake. The Supreme Court of Pakistan took Suo Moto case No. 13 of 2010 and directed CDA/ICT to stop sewage directly being thrown in fresh streams of Rawal Lake by illegal /unlawful settlements. After carrying out comprehensive study of the Rawal Lake catchments area CDA/ICT have identified four sewerage treatment plants and prepared a PC-I and submitted it to the Planning & Development Division for securing funds for the purpose.
- iii. 124 cases were registered in the Environmental Protection Tribunal (EPT) the residents of Bari Imam, Bhara Kahu, Bani Gala and Muslim Colony who were dumping raw sewage into the fresh water streams of catchment areas of Rawal Lake.
- iv. Legal Notices have been issued to housing societies viz National Police Foundation, Multi Professional, Services Cooperative, Pakistan Medical Cooperative Housing Society, Federation of Employees Cooperative Housing Society, etc. for discharging untreated waste water into rainwater stream. In the process of EIA approvals for housing societies it is mandatory for the proponent to designate a site for the installation of sewerage treatment plant

(b) This question does not pertain to Pak-EPA.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

91. ***Mr. Nisar Ahmed Cheema:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is fact a that operations of Lahore-Wazirabad train services/Babu Passengers Train have recently been suspended for an indefinite period; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to restore the same at the earliest?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) It is not fact. the operations of Lahore — Wazirabad Train services/ Babu Passenger train has not been suspended.

- (b) Nil.

92. ***Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a private airline has been provided space for flight kitchen at New Islamabad International Airport but the same has not been provided to PIA; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) M/s Pakistan International Airlines Corporation Limited (PIACL) was allotted an open space *i.e.* 02 plots (Plots No. 3 & 6) at IIAP, Islamabad each measuring 69.696 sqft (1.6 acres) for a period of 10 years for establishment of Self Catering Service.

(b) The said allotment was duly communicated to M/s PIACL vide letter No. IIAP/1764-04/058/SCM dated 26 July, 2017 advising the airline to complete all the pre-requisite formalities. However, despite consistent follow-up and full cooperation of the Airport management IIAP Islamabad, the airline has failed to complete following pre-requisite formalities for establishment of self-catering service.

- (i) Handing /Taking over of the space.
- (ii) Execution of license agreement
- (iii) Payment of advance license fee and security deposit.

93. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**
(Transferred from 5th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government has fixed the office timings from 9.00 a.m to 5.00 pm; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the decision of fixing the office timings from 9.00a.m to 5.00p.m was also taken in the past; if so, the year and period thereof;*
- (c) *why the decision to fix the office timings was taken back and re-fixed to 8.00a.m to 4.00p.m alongwith details thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is further a fact that the difficulties are being faced by the employees while traveling to and from Islamabad during winter season due to current office timings thereof; and*
- (e) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to fix the office timings from 8.00a.m to 4.00p.m in winter season; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) Yes, it is a fact that the Government has notified the office timings from 09:00 a.m to 05:00 p.m. *w.e.f* 27-08-2018.

According to Schedule II of the Rules of Business, 1973, the subject of office hours falls under the domain of Establishment Division. In pursuance of the Prime Minister's directions dated 23-08-2018 regarding working week duration, this Division moved a Summary for the Cabinet highlighting the background of 06-Day and 05-Day Working Weeks observed in the past for the decision of the Cabinet. The Cabinet decided to continue with 5 working days per week, with the stipulation that working hours Would be from 09:00 am to 05:00 pm.,

(b) Yes, in pursuance of the Cabinet Decision dated 16-05-1994, the Federal Government decided *w.e.f* 3-06-1994 the following office hours to be observed.

Sunday to Thursday: 09:00 a.m to 05:00 p.m
with 30 Minutes break
for lunch and prayers.
Friday and Saturday: Closed

(c) The decision was taken in pursuance of the Prime Minister's order's whereby the following office timings were observed by the Federal Government Offices *w.e.f.* 15-04-1997:

Monday to Thursday: 08:00 a.m to 03:00 p.m and Saturday (5-Days)
(with half an hour break for
Zohar Prayer/ Lunch).
Friday: 08:00 a.m to 12:00 Noon
Sunday: Closed.

(d) No formal study has been carried out in this regard.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration.

94. ***Mr. Gul Dad Khan:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state;

(a) *whether Ministry intends to ply train service for the people of Malakand;*

(b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) & (b) At present no proposal is under consideration by the government to ply train service for the people of Malakand being un-patronized section for passenger service. However, all trains including a new train Rehman Baba Express have been provided stoppage at Nowshera Railway Station which would cater to the traveling need of Malakand People.

95. ***Mr. Nisar Ahmed Cheema:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether Ministry has taken notice of pollution caused by plastic bags across the country; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to control the excessive use of plastic bags?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) Yes, it is a fact that 'non degradable plastic bags are being used by the traders and shopkeepers and these are notorious for choking sewer, open drainage system, spoiling sanitation and creating an overall unaesthetic view of environment. Plastic bags take much longer time to degrade (not biodegrade). Under the best circumstances, high density polyethylene will take more than 20 years to degrade.

According to a study conducted by Pak-EPA 55 billion plastic shopping bags are being used each year in the country. The use of plastic bags is on the rise at the rate of 15% per annum. There are about 8021 production units in the country with average production capacity of 250-500 kg per day and majority of them are cottage industry. Approximately, 1,60,000 people are directly, and 600,000 people are indirectly dependent on this industry.

Pak-EPA has examined that different countries have addressed the plastic bags issues in the following ways:

- (a) Complete ban on manufacturing and use of plastic bags.
- (b) Increasing price of bags by levy of additional taxes or cost.
- (c) Promoting use of paper and cotton bags.
- (d) Increasing thickness of the bags.
- (e) Banning manufacturing of non-degradable plastic bags and introduction of degradable plastic bags.

The manufacturers of the plastic bags oppose the ban on plastic bags, arguing that, employment of thousands of persons depends upon such cottage industries, which manufacture polyethylene bags. The ban will render many people jobless.

(b) After the 18th constitutional amendment, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency is mandated with its function under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act' 1997, for protection, conservation and rehabilitation of

environment in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). Pak-EPA had notified the following Regulations to regulate the use of plastic bags:

Prohibition of Non-Degradable Plastic Products (manufacturing, sale and usage) Regulations 2013 under S.R.O. 5(KE)/2013 later amended under S.R.O. 96(KE)/2015 (**Annex-I**).

In order to implement the aforesaid regulations, Pak-EPA took the following leading and foremost actions to deal with the issue;

- Letters for the implementation of subject regulations were issued to Chairman CDA and Commissioner ICT. (December 15, 2016)
- Public Notices in national newspapers were published regarding the ban of use of non-degradable plastic bags. (January 04, 2017)
- A preliminary meeting with the Traders Welfare Associations of Islamabad was conducted in committee room of Pak-EPA regarding the compliance of said regulation. (January 09, 2017)
- Letters for the compliance of said regulations were issued to more than 120 major stores/shops/retailors in different time intervals.
- A letter was sent to Chairman CDA, Islamabad where it was requested to implement the said regulations and to verify the legal status of shopping bags manufacturer industries in Islamabad. (January 20, 2017)
- A letter was issued to Commissioner ICT, where it was requested to provide the list of shopping-bag manufacturing industries located in ICT. (January 20, 2017).
- The letters along with published notice in the newspapers regarding the prohibition of non-degradable plastic products were sent to Traders Welfare Associations (TWAs), Shopping malls, stores/shops/outlets and restaurants of commercial markets of Islamabad for the implementation of said Regulations.
- Pak-EPA conducted several internal and external meetings with the Presidents and members of Traders Welfare Associations (TWA) of the sectors/ markets of Islamabad.

- After completion of all processes of awareness to the public via newspapers, traders welfare associations and issuance of individual letters, the EMT of Pak-EPA started the monitoring visits of markets for the implementation of said regulations. The enforcement of the regulations was started from the M/s Metro Cash & Carry.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

96. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(Transferred from 5th Session)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the details of Rail Service being started in Karachi?

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): Pakistan Railways has started the following Rail services in Karachi.

TRAIN NUMBER	BETWEEN
Sindh Express	Karachi Cantt-Sukkur-Karachi Cantt
Shah Latif Express	Dhabeji-Mirpur Khas-Dhabeji
Dhabeji Express	Karachi City-Dhabeji-Karachi City
Rehman Baba Express	Karachi-Peshawar-Karachi

Shah Latif express is being introduced by extending presently running Dhabeji Express Karachi City- Dhabeji to Mirpur Khas.

A part from the above 20 pair of trains are already plying between Karachi and up country.

97. ***Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**
(Transferred from 5th Session)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that foreign decorative plants are planted by Government institutions and developers in Private Housing Schemes;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that different diseases are spreading from such kinds of plants;*
- (c) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government for their prevention?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) Yes. foreign decorative plants are planted by Government institutions and developers in Private Housing Schemes

(b) No. Not all such plants cause diseases except some plants known as invasive alien species which cause diseases and allergies

1. As a prerequisite, for every infrastructure related initiative, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is carried out prior to start of projects.
2. As per approved National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), this Ministry encourages plantation of local plant varieties and trees.

98. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *the total amount of debt of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) at present;*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen the PIA; and*
- (c) *the root causes of the deficits and debts of PIA?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) Status of total outstanding loans on 30th November, 2018 is as follows:

	PKR in Billions
Loans against GoP Guarantees	198.359
Loan by GoP	8.000
Loans against PIA Assets	41.019
Total	247.378

(b) Being a major shareholder Government has been providing continuous financial support in the form of sovereign guarantees and advances against equity.

(c) The main reason of the increase in debt is due to financing of deficit arising on account of persistent cash losses.

99. ***Syed Javed Ali Shah Jillani:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of employees who have been dismissed from service by private TV channels and newspapers since 01-01-2018?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):

Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA)

It is submitted that Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) was established under PEMRA Ordinance 2002 later amended as PEMRA Act, 2007 to facilitate and regulate the private electronic media in the country.

Under Section 4 “Functions of the Authority” PEMRA is responsible for;

- (1) Regulating the establishment and operation of all broadcast media and distribution services in Pakistan established for the purpose of international, national, provincial, district, local or special target audiences.
- (2) The Authority is also responsible for regulating the distribution of foreign and local TV and Radio channels in Pakistan;
- (3) Make Rules and Regulations by Notification in the Official Gazette.

It is, therefore, submitted that PEMRA law does not provide micromanagement. Hence, PEMRA does not interfere in hiring and firing of employees of its licensees.

Moreover, it is submitted that print media/newspapers do not fall under PEMRA's regulatory ambit.

Press Information Department (PID)

Representative bodies of media have been issuing contradictory statements on sacking of employee. There is no authentic figure or data available with the Ministry to ascertain the correct number of employees sacked by print media houses.

100. ***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of private schools in Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether there is any monitoring policy in respect of the syllabus taught therein?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) As of to-date, the Private Educational Institutions Regulator, Authority (PEIRA) has the database of 1,437 private educational institutions (PEIs) functioning within the territorial jurisdiction of Islamabad Capital Territory.

(b) As regards monitoring policy in respect of the syllabus being taught in private educational institutions (private schools) of Islamabad, it is apprised that among other terms and conditions for registration including, monitoring policy, a private educational institution shall be registered by the Authority subject to furnishing, of an undertaking that

“the curricula, courses of studies and books being used or to be used for preparing students for examination conducted by a foreign educational agency shall contain nothing repugnant to the Islam or Ideology of Pakistan or discriminatory or prejudicial against minority communities.”

101. ***Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**
(Transferred from 5th Session)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the year wise deficit of the Pakistan Railways increased during the last three years till date; and
- (b) the steps taken to control the said deficit?

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) The years wise increase / decrease in Pakistan Railway's deficit during the last three years is detailed below:—

(Rs in Billion)

Years	Deficit	Increase (+)/ Decreased (-) in deficit
2014-15	27.247	
2015-16	26.993	-0.254
2016-17	40.701	+13.708
2017-18	36.622	-4.079
1-7-2018 to 31-10-2018	9.819	

Actual deficit shall be worked out on close of current financial year.

(b) **The Government is taking the following steps to control its deficit.**

- (1) Will increase the Freight trains from 08 to 12 per day.
- (2) 10 new passenger trains introduced with available resources.
- (3) Installing of Individual Energy Metering in Railways colonies through DISCOs to end BULK SUPPLY System.
- (4) Installing tracking system for efficient use of fuel, which would save approximately 1 billion of fuel.
- (5) Focus on earning through branding & marketing.
- (6) Dry ports system would be upgraded for better financial gains.
- (7) Pakistan Railways has earned 2 billions in the past three months than pervious year.
- (8) Our passengers have increased by 300000/- in last four months than previous years.

102. ***Ms. Munawara Bibi Baloch:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish either a full-fledged University or a Campus of Federally Chartered University in each district of Balochistan;*
- (b) *if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Yes, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Government of Pakistan under its different development projects is financing the establishment of universities or campuses or a campus of federally chartered university in the districts of Balochistan without a higher educational institute in a phased manner.

- (b) The details of these initiatives are as under:

i. **Establishment of Full Fledged Universities**

HEC is working on establishment of two universities in Balochistan *i.e.* University at Sibi and University of Gwadar. Details are at Annex I & II.

ii. **Establishment of Campuses at District Level**

HEC under its umbrella project “Establishment of sub campuses of Public Sector Universities at District Level (Phase-1)” and PSDP project has established 10 campuses in 9 districts of Balochistan. The details of these campuses is at Annex III.

iii. **Establishment of Campus of Federally Chartered University**

Establishment of campus of National University of Science & Technology, Islamabad at Quetta has recently been approved by CDWP in its meeting held on May 24th, 2018 at a capital cost of Rs. 1958.744 million.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

103. ***Ms. Saira Bano:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) do not handle cargo service at present; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether PIA has assessed estimates of total volume of cargo both in terms of weight and amount which is transported by air to and from the country on annual basis; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken to start cargo service of PIA at an earliest?*

Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division: (a) PIA is providing Cargo service at present.

(b) In 2017, the Cargo market research tool Cargo IS (Intelligence Services) has been procured by PIA that gives comprehensive details regarding outbound and inbound Cargo to and from Pakistan, both in terms of volume and amount. The Cargo IS is an IATA standard product, specifically designed to provide Air cargo transport information to airlines in terms of Market shares and Inflow and outflow of Cargo region-wise and country-wise.

(c) Not applicable, as PIA is already providing Domestic and International Cargo services.

104. ***Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Steel Mills and Brick Kilns have established in the residential areas of Islamabad and its suburbs are causing environmental pollution;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken to control the said pollution?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) Steel mills and Brick kilns are a cause of air pollution in ICT. However, all steel mills are

established in the designated I-9, I-10 and Kahuta Industrial triangle areas of Islamabad, which are being regularly monitored by Pak-EPA.

Brick kilns are also a major source of air pollution and are located in the suburbs of Islamabad

(b) Pak-EPA is mandated under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997, for the protection, conservation and rehabilitation of environment in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). Pak-EPA had notified National Environmental Quality Standards for ambient air under S.R.O. 1062(1)/2010 (Annex-I) and National Environmental Quality Standards for industrial gaseous emission under S.R.O. 549(1)/2000 (**Annex-II**).

Steel Industries:

During the visit of Pak-EPA monitoring team to the industrial area on 28-08-2017, three industries *i.e.* M/s Zia Steel; M/s Mustehkam Foundry and M/s Silk Route Steel Mills were found to be non-compliant, as the antipollution equipment was not working. Legal action was initiated by Pak-EPA by issuance of Environmental Protection Order and subsequent closure of the industries through ICT administration.

Furthermore, on account of non-compliance of the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan dated 30th June, 2018 (**Annex-III**), following four steel furnaces and re-rolling mills were sealed the same day by the Agency after issuing Environmental Protection Order (EPO) and a fine of Rs. five million was imposed on each (**Annex-IV**).

1. Pak-Iron Re-Rolling & Furnace Steel Mills, I-9/2, Islamabad.
2. Mustehkam Steel Mills (Foundry) I-9/2, Islamabad.
3. Siddiqui Steel Mills (Furnace), I-9/2, Islamabad.
4. Karachi Steel (KSR), I-10 Islamabad.

The monitoring team specifically monitors steel furnaces and steel re-rolling mills which are in violation of National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) and have not installed air pollution control devices. Following steel units in I-9,

I-10 and Kahuta Industrial Triangle were inspected, on 3rd, 4th and 5th July, 2018 to check the status of environmental compliance and advised to strictly comply with NEQS.

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| 1 | Fazal Steel Mills | 11 | Kiyani Brothers Steel Mills |
| 2 | Ittihad Steel Mills | 12 | Islamabad Steel Mills |
| 3 | Taibah Steel
Re-Rolling Mills | 13 | RK Steel Mills |
| 4 | Mujahid Steel Mills | 14 | Hassan Steel Mills |
| 5 | Al-Noor Steel Mills | 15 | Potohar Steel Mills |
| 6 | RS Steel Mills | 16 | B.M Steel Mills |
| 7 | MIZ Re-Rolling
Steel | 17 | New Mustehkam Ittifaq
Steel Mills |
| 8 | Siddiqui Re-Rolling
Steel | 18 | Fazal Steel |
| 9 | Siddiqui Furnaces | 19 | Pak- Iron Re-Rolling Mills |
| 10 | HS Steel Mills | | |

Brick Kilns:

Ministry of Climate Change had worked a phased program to relocate brick kilns from Islamabad particularly in the vicinity of Benazir Bhutto International Airport.

- a. Twenty-seven (27) brick kilns located in zone IV and V near to the Benazir Bhutto International Airport have been demolished.
- b. Environmental Protection Tribunal ordered that brick kilns located within a radius of 12 km of Airport to be shifted elsewhere and those located beyond the radius of 12 km to 20 km have to install smoke control device.

- c. With the assistance of CDA and ICT 16 brick kilns have been removed & shifted to the outer periphery of ICT.
- d. Construction of a model brick kiln unit based on Zig zag technology and Vertical Shaft Brick Kiln (VSBK) technology, is underway with the assistance of Swiss authorities. The brick kiln association is keen to switch over to new technology once it is successfully demonstrated for operation in Pakistan.

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

105. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**
(Transferred from 5th Session)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for constructing Women University in Buner?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): At present, no proposal for establishment / construction of Women University at Buner is under consideration at Higher Education Commission.

106. ***Ms. Shazia Marri:**
(Transferred from 5th Session)

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that large number of SIMs of different cellular companies are operational without biometric verification at present;*
- (b) If so, the exact number of SIMs of each cellular company, which are still operational without biometric verification at present;*
- (c) Whether relevant authorities have taken notice of illegal/ fraudulent use of such SIMs for different illegal activities; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) what steps are being taken to block such SIMs forthwith, and ensure the re-issuance of verified SIMs once and for all?*

Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) No.

(b) Nil. PTA deployed Biometric Verification System (BVS) for issuance of SIMs with effect from 1st August 2014. SIM is issued and activated after online verification of subscriber's biometrics (finger/thumb impression) from NADRA. Subsequently, all SIMs issued prior to BVS regime were re-verified through BVS under National Action Plan (NAP) and all non-re-verified SIMs were blocked.

(c) N/A

(d) All non-re-verified SIMs were blocked as mentioned at (b) above.

107. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**

(Transferred from 5th Session)

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

(a) whether any study was carried out prior to recently revised timings for Government offices; if so, the details; if not, the justification to revise timings for the Government offices thereof; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to restore previous office timings; if so, the details; and if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister In-Charge of the Establishment Division: (a) No formal study has been carried out. However, anecdotal evidence suggests that the punctuality has improved considerably.

The reason for recent revision in office timing is that, on the directions of the Prime Minister's dated 23-08-2018 regarding working week duration this Division moved a Summary for the Cabinet highlighting the background of 06-Day and 05-Day Working Weeks observed in the past for the decision of the Cabinet. The Cabinet decided to continue with 5 working days per week with the stipulation that working hours would be from 09:00 am to 05:00 pm.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

108. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the places/locations in the country where railway stations are without boundary walls at present?

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): The list of Railway Stations with places/ locations in the country which are without boundary wall is attached as Annexure -A.

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

109. ***Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.4 replied on 29-10-2018 and to state:

- (a) *when did Cabinet received summary from Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination for price approval of said drugs; if not, reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which said summary will be approved?*

Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) & (b) No summary regarding drug pricing has been received in the Cabinet Division from Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination. On receipt of summary, the same will be processed in accordance with rules/regulations.

110. ***Seemi Bokhari:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of out of school children brought in to educational institutions during the last five years, in Islamabad*

- (b) *whether government conducted a study to identify whether these children are still in schools or not;*
- (c) *whether government intends to identify reasons why number of children once enrolled in schools left studies; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) The total Out of School Children (OOSC) for classes 1-12 with the age group 5-16 in Islamabad is given below:

Year	OOSC (ICT)
2012-13	93,259
2016-17	45,035

Source:

1. Pakistan Education Statistics 2012-13 to 2016-17, AEPAM, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamabad
2. Population Projection 2005-2025, National Institute of Population Studies (NIPS), Islamabad.

During the last 5 years 48,224 out of school children of age group 5-16 were brought into schools in ICT.

(b) As indicated above in para 'a', there are about 48,000 children of age group 5-16 in ICT. Various efforts have been made by government to bring OOSC into school.

(c) Yes, Academy of Educational Planning and Management has recently conducted a Research Study titled "Causes of dropout rate at primary level in Pakistan" to identify reasons as to why number of children once enrolled in schools left studies. Following are the major reasons of high drop-out rate at particular level of education:

- Low economic development of the country
- Low per capita income

- Low socio-economic family background of students (students drop-out due to poverty and to earn livelihood for their families)
- Illiteracy of parents
- Migration of parents in search of an employment
- Large family size
- Children helping in domestic chores
- Low priority towards female education
- Child related factors (poor health, learning difficulty, mental capability and poor attendance)
- Non-availability of physical facilities in public schools
- Dilapidated conditions of school buildings
- Long distance to school
- Irrelevant and difficult teaching and learning materials
- Teachers related factors (harsh attitude, corporal punishment, teachers' absenteeism, non-availability of teachers and multi-grade teaching).
- Administrative factors (non-supportive school administration, political interference in posting and transfer of teachers, lack of proper monitoring of schools and non-availability of funds for supervisors to visit schools).

111. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there are no signals of 3G and 4G mobile phones in the cities of Kalat and Sorab, Balochistan; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to make available 3G and 4G signals of mobile phones in the said areas?*

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication (Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui): (a) The wireless data services were available in Kalat and Sorab, however, in pursuance to the instructions of Law Enforcement Agency (LEA), wireless data services 3rd Generation (3G) /4th Generation

(4th) /General Packet Radio Services (GPRS) of Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs) and Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) are closed in Kalat and Surab due to security/operational reasons since 21st February, 2017 till Further orders. However, only Mobile Voice Services are working in these areas.

(b) As stated above.

112. ***Syed Javed Husnain:**
(Transferred from 5th Session)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to promote tourism in Gilgit Baltistan?

Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division: The subject "Tourism" has been devolved to provinces under 18th Constitutional Amendment. In this context, promotion and development of tourism has been assigned to provinces in their areas of jurisdiction. Presently, PTDC is operating 10 Motels in different tourist spots of Gilgit Baltistan, to provide hospitality to the visiting tourists at affordable rates. These Motels not only cater to thousands of domestic and foreign tourists every year but also help in poverty alleviation through job creation in the sector. Detail of PTDC Motels located in Gilgit Baltistan is at (Annex-I).

Annex-I

PTDC MOTELS LOCATED IN GILGIT BALTISTAN

Sr.	Motel	Location	Number of Rooms
1.	PTDC Motel Chinar Inn	Gilgit City	44 rooms
2.	PTDC Motel Hunza	District Hunza	28 rooms
3.	PTDC Motel Sust	District Hunza	24 rooms
4.	PTDC Motel Gupis,	District Ghizer	12 rooms
5.	PTDC Motel Phandar	District Ghizer	12 rooms
6.	PTDC Motel Rama Lake	District Astore	12 rooms
7.	PTDC K-2 Motel Skardu	Skardu City	28 rooms
8.	PTDC Motel Astak	District Skardu	04 rooms
9.	PTDC Motel Satpara	District Skardu	12 rooms
10.	PTDC Motel Khaplu	District Ghanche	12 rooms

113. ***Ms. Nasiba Channa:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the Airlines including Shaheen Airline against whom Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) dues are payable at present alongwith the amount thereof?

Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division: The detail of airlines including Shaheen Airline against whom CAA dues are payable at present alongwith the amount thereof (**Annex-A & B**)

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

114. ***Ms. Uzma Riaz:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has been following the principle of "open skies regime" in order to regulate traffic between Pakistani and Foreign Airlines due to which international carriers are allowed to operate a number of flights to any destination in Pakistan;*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to devise a more regulated regime in which a regulator allocated traffic between Pakistani and Foreign Airlines is based upon bilateral country agreements as used to be practiced in the past;*
- (c) if so, the time by which the same will be devised?*

Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division: (a) The Open Sky Policy being pursued by the Government of Pakistan with a few States. To that effect a pure Open Skies had been concluded with USA in 1997 and other liberal agreements were concluded with the States of Saudi Arabia (2015), Netherlands (2014), Switzerland (1998), Spain (2008), UK (2008) and the Scandinavian Countries (1999). Further, unlimited frequencies are granted to other States only

to/from Karachi [for Dubai (1998)] and Singapore (1998) and Gwadar, Quetta, Panjgur and Turbat which have remained majorly underserved till date.

(b) Historically, international operations between Pakistan and any other State are negotiated based on bilateral Air Services Agreements (ASA) which governs the operational framework for the conduct of international operations between Pakistan and any bilateral partner. Through the provisions contained in an ASA, which is based on reciprocity and bilateralism, flights operations between Pakistan and any foreign state conducted either by a Pakistani carrier or any foreign carrier are regulated by the concerned Aeronautical Authorities. National Aviation Policy 2015 is under revision for which a committee has been constituted to provide recommendations for formulating more vibrant policy which will cover all pertinent issues including traffic rights rationalization.

(c) It is expected that revision of National Aviation Policy-2015 will be finalized by end 2018.

115. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the actions taken by the Ministry to recover its land illegally occupied since 01-01-2018; and*
- (b) *whether progress has been made so far to install GPS system in trains?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a)

- An area of **133.89** acres of Railway land has been retrieved from unauthorized occupants from 01-01-2018 to 15-11-2018. Division wise detail of retrieved land is as under:

PESHAWAR			RAWALPINDI			LAHORE			MOGHALPURA			MULTAN			SUKKUR			KARACHI			QUETTA			TOTAL
Com	Res	Agri	Com	Res	Agri	Com	Res	Agri	Com	Res	Agri	Com	Res	Agri	Com	Res	Agri	Com	Res	Agri	Com	Res	Agri	
9.352	0.016	3.13	2.76	0.18	0.05	7.456	2.476	9.5	0.244	0.222	0	10.43	6.28	53.50	4.523	4.54	10.5	0.85	6.25	0	0	1.6	0	133.89

Following steps have been taken to retrieve the encroached land:-

The campaign is being monitored by the Divisional Superintendents, Headquarters office and at the level of Ministry of Railways.

- A comprehensive policy has been drawn to prevent further encroachments. This policy makes the concerned Pakistan Railway Officers/officials and Railway Police officials jointly responsible in case of any new encroachment.
- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Joint Procedure Order have been issued for strict implementation of this policy.
- A project for computerization of Railway land record has already been initiated, in order to harmonize the Railway land record with the record of all the Provincial Revenue Department. This project will be helpful in safeguarding the Railway land to ensure transparency and control encroachments.

(b) At present, the tender for the procurement of 400 trackers for 400 locomotives has been published and the opening date of the same is 15-12-2018. Further processing of the case would be carried out accordingly.

116. ***Mr. Ramesh Lal:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the posts of Physical Training Inspector for Sindh Rural domicile quota are lying vacant in Federal Directorate of Education; if so, when will these be sent to FPSC for appointment?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): Yes, it is a fact that 08 posts of Physical Training Instructor (Senior) BS-16 for Sindh (Rural Domicile are lying vacant in Federal Directorate of Education Islamabad. These vacant posts have already been referred to FPSC for advertisement on 27th October, 2017 through the defunct CA&DD Islamabad.

117. ***Ms. Zille Huma:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any comprehensive plan to build/establish vocational training Institutes on modern standards;*
- (b) *whether the Government has set up district-wise centres of said institutes; if so the number of said centres; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government for the facilitation of the people over-there ?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training

(Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) 1. National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) is the apex organization for policy making, regulation, coordination, and standardization of the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) sector in Pakistan. Though the commission does not own vocational and technical training institutes of its own, it has established numerous sector specific Centers of Excellence (COE) across the country for the promotion of technical and vocational training. These institutes/ COEs are now operated by their respective federal or provincial departments. Some of such institutes/COEs are mentioned below:-

- (a) College of Technology, Multan
- (b) of Tourism & Hotel Management Lahore
- (c) GCT Nowshera
- (d) GCT Karimabad, Karachi
- (e) Pakistan institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, Karachi
- (f) Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, Hazara University, Mansehra
- (g) GCT Railway Road, Lahore
- (h) Govt. Advance Technical Training Institute, Peshawar

2. In addition to the above, establishment of a further five COEs are under process, one at Islamabad and one each in the four provinces, with the collaboration of the partner donor organizations. These COEs will be equipped with modern technologies and will also cater to the needs of teacher's training, research and private sector engagement.

3. PC-1 has been approved for the establishing two COEs in the following training institutes of Islamabad. However, funding allocations to start the projects has not yet been made by the planning commission.

- i. National training bureau (NTB) Islamabad.
- ii. National Skills University (erstwhile National Institute of Scientific and Technical Education-NISTE) Islamabad.

4. Another COE for hospitality and construction is being established at the National Skill University with the collaboration of Turkish Development Agency, TIKA.

5. To meet the growing needs for Heavy Machinery Operators (HMOs) in both the domestic and international job markets. PC-1 has been approved for establishing technical training facilities in the following 13 districts of the country. However, funding allocation to start the project is still awaited.

- i. Gilgit
- ii. Peshawar
- iii. Dera Ismail Khan
- iv. Manshehra
- v. Gujranwala
- vi. Faisalabad
- vii. Multan
- viii. Bahawalpur
- ix. Quetta
- x. Gawadar
- xi. Sukkur
- xii. Hyderabad
- xiii. Karachi

6. Additionally, workshops and laboratories in more than 50 technical and VTI in all the four provinces are upgraded to bring training facilities at par with the demands of the national and international job markets.

(b) Establishing district-wise institutes falls in the domain of the respective technical and vocational education and training authorities (TVETAs) of the provinces.

(c) Providing technical and vocational training is the responsibility of the respective provincial governments. However, to bridge huge gap between the provincial capacity to impart technical training and the demand for skilled workforce as well the size of youth population, NAVTTC has been implementing the Prime Minister Youth Skill Development Programme (PMYSDP). PMYSDP is a nationwide program which circumferences the whole country including far-flung areas of Balochistan, rural Sindh, Southern Punjab, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan & FATA. Special priority is given to women, lower socioeconomic groups and minorities in order to ensure access to quality skill development opportunities. The program is being implemented in collaboration with Provincial TEVTAs, Provincial Labour & Manpower Departments, Social Welfare Departments, Private Technical & Vocational Training providers, Armed Forces Institutes and the industry. The duration of training is 6 months and all the training expenses are borne by the Govt. of Pakistan. The trainees are paid monthly stipend of Rs. 3,000 per trainee (in case of FATA Rs. 4,000). At the end of the training, TVET graduates are also provided with toolkits which not only gives them an opportunity to utilize their gained skills but also help them to start their own businesses. The seats under the program are distributed among provinces on population basis; however, less developed areas like Balochistan, FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan and Rural Sindh are given high share in enrolment of trainees.

200,000 youth has so far benefitted from the Program, primarily belonging to middle, lower middle class and deprived segments of society. NAVTTC has allocated a special quota of minimum 30% for female enrolment for skill development courses under this Program.

27. ***Rai Muhammad Murtaza Iqbal:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the adverse impacts/effects of the Sahiwal Coal Power Plant on the environment of Sahiwal District and its surroundings; if so, the measures being taken by the Government for the prevention thereof?

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): Ministry of Climate Change, Government of Pakistan has taken following steps to cope with the issue of emissions from coal power plants:-

1. A comprehensive National Climate Change Policy has been approved in 2012. One of the Policy recommendations specifically states; “Obtain and introduce clean coal technology”. The policy recommendations require implementation by all stakeholders in the country.
2. Notified National Environmental Quality Standards for ambient air quality.
3. Ministry of Climate Change has developed detailed: “Environmental Impact Guidelines for Coal Fired Power Plants in Pakistan”. The guideline addresses impacts of coal power generation on environment and ecology. It comprehensively covers issues like:
 - Criteria to be applied for selecting a site for a coal-fired power plant
 - Rapid environmental and social impact assessment
 - Potential environmental and social impacts of coal-fired power plants.

According to Environment Protection Department Punjab, the operation of Sahiwal Coal Power Plant can have adverse impacts/effects on the environment of Sahiwal District and its surrounding, if mitigation measures as provided in Environmental Approval issued to the Unit are not adopted in letter and spirit. However, the Power Plant uses Super Critical Boiler Technology, high quality low sulphur imported coal and have installed Air Pollution Control Equipment (ESPs, Desulfurization Unit) and Waste Water Treatment Plant. The treated effluent is reused for horticulture. Coal Ash is partly sold to Cement unit, due to which air and water emissions are within the acceptable range.

The Environmental Protection Agency Punjab regularly monitors the operation of the Power Plant. The latest test report is annexed. (Annex-I)

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

28. ***Jam Abdul Karim Bajir:**

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

- (a) *the recruitments made from Balochistan and Sindh in Federal Government departments at Karachi according to the quota vide notification issued in 2005; and*
- (b) *the number of seats lying vacant against the said provincial quota at present?*

Minister In-Charge of Establishment Division: (a) The Federal Government has issued administrative instructions regarding distribution of share amongst regions / Province *vide* O.M dated 12-02-2007 (Annex-1). Detail of working Strength of employees from Balochistan and Sindh in Federal Government departments at Karachi as per Annual Statistical Bulletins (2016-17) is placed at Annex-II.

(b) The detail of vacancies can not be calculated in advance as the quota varies from post to post as per quota roaster. Vacant posts belonging to Sindh & Balochistan can not be pre-determined as it depends upon the rotation of quota roaster which varies from post to post. However, the latest position regarding observance of 6 % quota of Balochistan under “Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package (AHBP)” in entire Federal Government is as under:

Identified Post	Filled-in Posts	Vacant or under process Posts
13118	9023	4095

The last quarterly report regarding observance of 6 % quota for Balochistan Province under “Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package (AHBP)” is placed at Annex-III, whereas the recruitment against the posts pertaining to Sindh is being done as per provision of the Civil Servant Act, 1973.

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

29. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) *the number of Sweet Homes being run by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal in the country at present;*
- (b) *the number of orphans residing therein at present; and*
- (c) *the annual total expenditure required therefor?*

Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Pakistan Bait ul Mal (PBM) has established 38 Pakistan Sweet Homes (PSHs) which cater to the need of orphan children, throughout the country including AJK and Gilgit - Baltistan. Each Centre accommodates 100 orphan children. They current management is endeavoring to, establish four more new PSHs at each Provincial / Regional level

(b) Currently, 3600 children are residing in PSHs wherein children are kept in home like environment with the provision of boarding facility, food and clothing. They are provided quality education in private schools.

(c) PBM incurs an expenditure of Rs. 15 Million approx. on each PSH annually.

30. ***Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state whether the Government has formulated strategy to meet the commitment given in the National Determined Contributions (NDC) to reduce emissions and build adaptive strength?

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): Government of Pakistan is cautious of the high environmental cost and peaking of greenhouse emissions associated with its ambitious economic growth plans. Initiatives to achieve Pakistan's desired high level of growth includes huge investments in infrastructure, energy, and industrial projects. The Pakistan's Vision 2025 aims at an average growth rate of 7 percent until 2025, with increasing rates thereafter.

2. The Pakistan National Climate Change Policy aims that climate change is mainstreamed in the economically and socially vulnerable sectors of the economy and to steer Pakistan towards climate resilient development. Though, Pakistan

acknowledges adaptation as a priority given its high vulnerability to the effects of climate change, still integrating mitigation concerns in its planned development initiatives.

3. In its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), Pakistan has identified key sectors with the largest abatement potential and intends to implement appropriate mitigation measures in these sectors. Pakistan's NDC builds on the objective of Climate Change and aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent below its projected 2030 emissions.

4. Pakistan is an active member of the NDC Partnership and is keen to take actions and engage with all global partners. The NDC Partnership is already engaging with Government of Pakistan in determining the best ways which fit in the national planning context, Government of Pakistan besides other partners intends to effectively engage with UNDP for strengthening climate governance systems, design and improve gender-responsive mitigation actions and strategies, and put in place the enabling environment to attract public and private investments for NDC priorities.

5. The Government of Pakistan has formally launched 'Clean and Green Pakistan Movement', which adopts a holistic approach and aims at reducing and alleviating pollution of air, ground and water. The Movement involves broad set of activities, in which support at all levels of government would be brought to achieve the objectives of a cleaner and greener society.

6. The Clean and Green Pakistan Movement includes activities aiming at; improved sanitation and access to clean water and food, better waste management and reduction of air, water land pollution and mass plantation of trees. It is believed that linking the objectives of Clean and Green Pakistan Movement with commitments under NDC would complement our overall mitigation strategies and help achieve a low-carbon economy.

31. ***Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to prepare for Pakistan's participation in the forthcoming COP scheduled after only a month?

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): Ministry of Climate Change, being focal institution for UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol, finalized

elaborate arrangements for effective participation in COP-24 to demonstrate the commitment of Government of Pakistan. In this regard, official delegation headed by Advisor to Prime Minister on Climate Change is attending COP negotiations to safeguard the interest of Pakistan. Pakistan's Position Paper for COP-24, covering all thematic areas, has been developed after consultation with stakeholders. A copy of position paper is attached.

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

32. ***Ms. Zille Huma:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any provision in syllabus of Class-I to 5 to teach ethics in federally administrative schools; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) if not, what steps are being taken by the Government to include ethics in the syllabus of Class-I?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) & (b) There is a provision in syllabus of class (I-V) to teach ethics in federally administrative schools. It has been added as a sub theme in revised General Knowledge curriculum and textbooks (I-III).

33. ***Ms. Kishwer Zehra:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state whether there is any comprehensive programme to propose punishments for cutting of trees to promote Green Pakistan Programme?

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): A comprehensive mechanism of punishments for illegal cutting of trees is already provided in the Forest Acts under implementation in the provinces and territories, hence, any new proposal is not required to be proposed.

34. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that tickets for AC seats are not booked for the passengers at the departure of train from Karachi to Cantt. station Hyderabad and vice versa;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons therefor?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) No, Regular Bookings are made as per routine.

(b) Nil.

35. ***Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the PIA incorrectly spells Makkah in its documentation;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to make correct correction thereof at the earliest?*

Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division: (a) PIA does not operate to Makkah Mukarrama. However, in correspondence whenever it is required, PIACL used the same spellings.

(b) Fresh instructions are being issued by PIACL to all departments to take care of spellings in the said regard.

36. ***Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that PIA flights from Hyderabad have been stopped; if so, the reasons therefor; and*

(b) *whether there is any plan to start cargo service, Hajj and Umrah operations from Hyderabad Airport?*

Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division: (a) According to PIACL to establish operational and economic viability, all routes on PIA network are evaluated on a regular basis. Initially PIACL was operating one weekly flight on Islamabad-Sukkur-Hyderabad-Sukkur-Islamabad route and twice weekly flights on Islamabad-Lahore-Nawabshah-Hyderabad-Lahore-Islamabad on ATR 42 aircraft. However, due to low market demand, increased cost and heavy losses the flights were suspended from May, 2013.

As Hyderabad is geographically located near to Karachi, therefore, passengers prefer to travel by road to Karachi and subsequently travel by air to various locations from there. Flights to / from Hyderabad can only be operated once there is an adequate potential in the market. Analysis of market presently does not reflect sizeable demand to justify route economics for flight to/from Hyderabad.

(b) Due to technical limitations Hyderabad Airport is feasible for ATR operations only. Whereas cargo service, Hajj and Umrah operations are carried by aircraft other than ATRs.

37. ***Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred on foreign visits made by the present Ministers alongwith the purposes thereof?

Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division: **Rs.3,840,943/-** have been incurred on account of Foreign visits made by the Present Ministers. Detail and purpose of visit is at **Annex-I**.

Details of visits of Ministers where no expenditure has been incurred by the Cabinet Division, have been obtained from the relevant Ministries and is enclosed as **Annex-II**.

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

ISLAMABAD:
The 13th December, 2018

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Friday, the 14th December, 2018**

52. **Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**
(Deferred during 4th Session)

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

- (a) *the total number of employees serving in NEPRA in NPG-I scale and recruited directly through advertisements and how many of them are on Special Quota (Disabled), since 2013 till date alongwith their qualifications and domicile details;*
- (b) *how many cases are pending in the courts against the recruitment process/induction on the posts of NPG-I scale, since the inception of NEPRA till date; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that NEPRA accommodated the petitioner in petition titled “Amber VS FOP” filed in Islamabad High Court; if so, then what criteria/procedure was adopted by the NEPRA therefor?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The total number of employees serving in NEPRA in NPG-1 scale inducted directly through advertisements are 34 since 2013. Out of them; 02-employees are inducted and employed on Special Quota (Disabled) in NPG-1 scale, since 2013 as per the following details:

Sr.	Name	Desig.	Qualification	Domicile
1.	Ms. Saba Saif	AD	MBA (Banking & Finance)	Balochistan
2.	Syed Ibad Ali Shah	AD	BS (Electrical Engineering)	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

(b) 02-cases are pending in the courts against the recruitment process/ induction on the posts of NPG-1 scale, since the inception of NEPRA till date.

(c) NEPRA did not accommodated the petitioner in petition titled “Amber Vs FOP” filed in Islamabad High Court; the incumbent was appointed in NEPRA after following the due recruitment process *viz a viz* screening test and interview.

23. **Syed Javed Husnain:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *the names and designations of the officers (BPS-20 and above) who are using Government vehicles despite receiving monetization;*
- (b) *if so, steps being taken by the being taken by the Government to take action in this regard?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) It is submitted that since the introduction of Transport Monetization Policy in January 2012, no officer in BS-20 and above who availed the Monetization Policy and drawing monetization allowance has been authorized to use official vehicle. Presently, there is no formal complaint about the misuse of official vehicle by the BS-20 and above officers. As per the Monetization Policy, the Principal Accounting Officer / Secretaries are required to ensure that the officers drawing Monetization Allowance are not using any project vehicle or departmental operational / general duty vehicle.

(b) The Cabinet Division has advised all Secretaries / Head of Departments for the proper usage of the official vehicles only for official purposes, as per parameters of the Monetization Policy. They have further been requested to ensure the parking of vehicles, except those that are on official duty, in the office premises after closing hours/completion of duty, through surprise checks by senior officers at odd hours.

It is additionally submitted that the Federal Cabinet has also advised the Task Force on Institutional Reforms and Austerity constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ishrat Hussain to give due consideration to the matter regarding proper use of official vehicles.

24. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to lay PTCL Cable in Model Valley near Fareed Town, Union Council No.45, (Jhangi Sydan), Sector H-15, Islamabad;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be Laid?*

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication (Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui): (a) & (b) Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) post privatization is a private entity and GoP has no operational control.

As per information received from PTCL, there are currently no plans to deploy FTTH/GPON/MSAG in the current fiscal year or in the near future, owing to lack of demand for such services.

25. **Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the steps being taken to address the issue of increase in air pollution/smog in Pakistan?

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) Pakistan's environmental problems are of concern because of the economic consequences of environmental degradation. The World Bank in its "Strategic Environmental Assessment 2005" using conservative estimates finds that the mean annual cost of environmental degradation is approximately 6% of GDP.

Urban air pollution remains one of the most significant environmental problems facing the cities. A substantial body of research demonstrates that high concentrations of suspended particulates adversely affect human health, provoking a wide range of respiratory diseases and heart ailments. The most hazardous are fine particulates of 2.5 microns in diameter (PM 2.5) or smaller. Worldwide,

fine particulates are implicated in 500,000 premature deaths and 415 million new cases of chronic bronchitis.

The subject of environment and ecology was devolved to the provinces under the 18th Constitutional Amendment. Accordingly, Provincial Governments have enacted their respective environmental laws, rules and environmental quality standards. The provincial EPAs are responsible to address air emission issues through effective enforcement of those rules and laws etc. Government of the Punjab has recently developed Smog Policy and constituted a commission on SMOG.

Step Taken by Government of Pakistan:

Ministry of Climate Change under its mandate has undertaken following initiatives for addressing the issue of smog:-

- introduction of Zig-Zag technology in coordination with all EPAs, NEECA and Pakistan Brick Kiln Association. Zig-Zag kiln technology aims to enhance fuel efficiency, energy savings and reduction in emissions up to 70%. The Ministry in collaboration with NEECA organized on-site awareness cum training sessions in various cities of Pakistan. In Punjab, more than 1000 Kiln owners and people associated with brick kiln sector participated in the training sessions.
- Ten Billion Tree Tsunami initiative has been inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 2nd September 2018. The model of billion tree tsunami implemented in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will be replicated to plant ten (10) billion tree saplings across the country which will mitigate the effects of air pollution.
- National Environmental Quality Standards for ambient air quality (notified)
- Male Declaration on Control of Trans-boundary Air Pollution. Recently a request has been made to South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) to initiate activities in collaboration with EPA, Punjab.
- Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) of UNEP has been requested to address Short Lived Climate Pollutants.

- Reduction of sulphur in diesel which is now Euro II compliant (0.05%); Establishment of continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations in federal and provincial capital cities.
- Under the Prime Minister directives, Petroleum Division is in the process of introducing Euro-VI compliant by the year 2020. However, the Ministry of Climate Change has requested the division to consider import of Euro-VI compliant diesel immediately given the high cost being paid by the consumer suffering from SMOG issues, where vehicular emission is major sources of air pollution.
- Government of Pakistan is working on a multi pronged strategy to holistically address the issue of air pollution as it has far reaching effects on human health and surrounding environs. Furthermore, Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) is also engaged in air quality data generation. In one of its studies SUPARCO had traced particulate matter causing Smog and found elements of coal being used across the border in power generation.

26. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that low coverage is being given to members belonging to opposition on Pakistan Television and Radio Pakistan;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):

(a) & (b) The present government has lifted all restrictions on the coverage of opposition on official media. Since lifting the restriction on the coverage of opposition, all political parties are covered on the basis of news value.

It would not be an exaggeration that official media has given more coverage to the opposition than the private media.

27. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Basic Education Community Schools at present;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that teachers are serving in the above said schools on temporary basis; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by Government to regularize the services of these teachers?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Presently 12304* Basic Education Community Schools (BECS) are running across the country.

* 129 BECS of South & North Waziristan were temporarily closed due to Military Operation and will be opened in near future.

(b) Yes, it is fact that BECS teachers are working on temporary basis and they are being paid honorarium instead of salary from BECS project.

(c) Though the nature of job of BECS teachers is temporary subject to the needs of school in far flung specific areas. Replacements and shifting of BECS to new need based area is one of the prime characteristics of BECS project, once the need is over in the area. Hence no efforts/steps have been taken for the regularization of BECS teachers.

28. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a dispute of land between Pakistan Railways and the owners of land/houses at Dina, District Jhelum;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Pakistan Railways have threatened the residents of the area for dislodging and demolishing their properties at Dina despite the fact that the case is subjudice in Civil Court;*
- (c) *if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the reason for not resolving the dispute?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) Yes it is a fact that there is a dispute of Railway land measuring 4000 Sft between Pakistan Railway and Mr. Arshad Jahangir where a tower of mobile company is installed at Dina.

(b) Yes it is clarified that according to the Railway land plan, the said piece of land belongs to Pakistan Railways. During the recent drive of removal of encroachment & retrieval of Railway land in compliance to the directives of Hon. Supreme Court of Pakistan only a formal departmental notice was served upon the encroacher & no written/verbal threat been given.

(c) Meanwhile the encroacher filed a case and Civil Judge Jhelum in its hearing on 19-11-2018 has passed orders that a joint demarcation is to be carried out and also granted status-quo.

Further action would be taken in the light of court directives and as per Railway policy after proper joint demarcation of the land in question.

29. **Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that all the teachers posted at Shafiq-ur-Rehman Shaheed Model College for Boys, Sector G-7/2, Islamabad have completed their posting tenure;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons for not transferring all the said teachers from the said school; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said teachers will be transferred from the said school?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) The posting of teaching staff in the Educational Institutions under Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad is not tenure based. Provision of staff in the schools and colleges is need base and synchronized with existing enrollment and number of sections as laid down in the workload distribution policy approved, by the defunct Capital Administration and Development Division, Islamabad. The same applies to Shafiq-ur-Rehman Shaheed Model College for 'Boys, G-7/2, Islamabad.

(b) FDE has been effecting the posting/transfer of teaching staff from the said school whenever a need for such posting/transfer arises.

(c) The said teachers from the said school will be transferred whenever a need for such transfer will arise.

30. **Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of land of the Pakistan Railways (PR) which is illegally occupied in Sindh at present particularly in Hyderabad and Mirpur Khas;*
- (b) *the land of PR recovered from illegal occupants in Hyderabad and Mirpur Khas during the last five years till date alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the area of land between Mirpur Khas and Nawab Shah of the Railways leased out during the said period alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) An area of about 1151.039 acres is under encroachment in Sindh Province, whereas 53.11 acres is encroached at Hyderabad and 5.89 acres at Mirpur Khas. Details of encroachment at Hyderabad and Mirpur Khas is attached as **Annexure-A**.

(b) An area of 39.249 acres of Railway land has been retrieved from unauthorized occupants in Hyderabad and Mirpur Khas during last five years, details attached as **Annexure-B**.

(c) An area of 38.83 acres Railway land has been leased out in the section of Mirpur Khas — Nawab Shah during last five years, detail attached as **Annexure-C**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

31. **Seemi Bokhari:**

(Transferred from 5th Session)

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

- (a) the department-wise names of persons and post who were re-instated in service under the law of sacked employees since 2008;*
- (b) the amount which has been given to each of above employee;*
- (c) the number of persons who were re-instated in service under the said law and given compensated mount but left service after receiving compensation including department-wise details?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) No law existed for Sacked Employees in 2008. On the other hand the Sacked Employees (Re-instatement) Ordinance, was promulgated on 14-02-2009 (**Annex-I**) and subsequently converted into Sacked Employees (Re-instatement) Act, 2010, on 08-12-2010 (**Annex-II**). A total number of 525 (five hundred and twenty five) Sacked employees were re-instated into service under .Section 6 of Sncked employees Re-instatement Ordinance 2009 as well as the Act ibid. Details are at **Annex-III**.

(b) The details of compensation amount paid to each of re-instated employee in light of Section 16 of SER Act, 2010 is at **Annex-III**.

(c) There were eight (08) re-instated sacked employees, who left service (resigned) after receiving compensation amount. Details are at **Annex-IV**.

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13. **Mr. Khursheed Ahmed Junejo:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that complete curriculum reforms would allow all Pakistani Government schools and private schools using Government textbooks, to follow an international level curriculum that encourages analytical and critical thinking; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Government is planning to reform to revise the curriculum to meet critical challenges?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training

(Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Indeed, the complete curriculum reforms will allow all Pakistani government schools and private schools using government textbooks, to follow an international level curriculum that encourages analytical and critical thinking.

(b) It is a fact that Government is planning to reform to revise the curriculum to meet critical challenges and Ministry Of Federal Education And Professional Training has already started the curriculum review process. Curriculum has been revised from pre-primary to Grade VIII. Based on revised curriculum 2017, textbooks from pre-primary to grade V has been developed. In the revised curriculum and textbooks (2017-18), high focused has been given on activity based learning and holistic development which helps the student to meet critical challenges.

14. **Jam Abdul Karim Bajir:**

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

- (a) *as to why the Government has changed late office timings for one hour as the sun sets at 05:00 PM in winter and more electricity is being consumed in offices and Government servants, particularly females, have to face transport problems after 05:00 PM reaching home late; and*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that internationally office closing timing is usually one hour earlier to consume daylight for saving time and electricity in winter?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) Establishment Division, in pursuance of Schedule II of the Rules of Business, 1973, issued the notification for change in office hours in pursuance of Cabinet's decision dated 27th August, 2018. In case the Cabinet takes decision to change the timing for facilitating the government servants, the same will be notified by Establishment Division, accordingly.

(b) The practice of Daylight Saving is observed in some counties. This was also practiced in Government of Pakistan about 10 years ago.

15. **Mr. Jai Parkash:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the reasons of change in duration of contracts for six months instead of three years awarded to various companies at the New Islamabad International Airport?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: Islamabad International Airport is planned to be outsourced to a specialist firm experienced in management of international airports for enhanced efficiency and optimum revenue generation. The matter of outsourcing the airport was placed before the CAA Board of Directors during its 175th meeting held on 11th October 2018. The Board after due deliberations directed to engage a Transactional Advisor so that the Outsourcing process is completed in a transparent and professional manner. Since the retail and several other concessions fall within the ambit of outsourcing, the Board directed to hold the grant of concessions for three (03) years and instead allowed extension to the sitting licensees for a period of six months only enabling completion of the outsourcing process.

16. **Mr. Jamshed Thomas:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *the admission quota available to students belonging to minorities in all Colleges and Universities including for medical and engineering in Pakistan; and*

(b) *if the quota is not available the time by which admission quota will be created therefor to provide educational opportunities?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) The Universities by law are open to persons of all religions, cast, creed, etc. and no person could be denied the privileges of the university on the ground of religion, race, caste, creed, class, color, etc. therefore, no admission quota has been prescribed in universities of Pakistan including medical and engineering institutions.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration of Higher Education Commission to allocate quota for students belonging to minorities.

17. **Syed Javed Husnain:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the time by which the Government will start flight operations from Islamabad to Tashkend and the reasons due to which flights have been suspended?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: According to PIACL all routes on PIA network are evaluated on a regular basis to establish operational and economic viability. In 1992 PIA started operating two weekly flights to Tashkent, however, due to insufficient loads which were partly due to strict visa regulations in place by Uzbekistan, flights had to be discontinued.

Furthermore, in aviation industry, airlines do restructure their network where loss is to be curtailed and consolidation is to be made on profit making routes. In line with the industry practices PIA also has been rationalizing its route network from time to time, where loss making routes are closed, while additional flights are introduced on viable routes.

18. **Syed Javed Husnain:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to introduce a flight from Islamabad to Chitral enroute Sakardu and Gilgit?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: According to PIACL no such proposal is under consideration. PIA operates twice daily flights to Gilgit by

ATR aircraft and daily one flight to Skardu by A320 aircraft direct from Islamabad. However, for Chitral the flight routing is entirely different *i.e.* Islamabad - Chitral - Peshawar - Chitral - Islamabad, which operates twice weekly (Friday and Sunday).

19. **Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the most successful train of Pakistan Railways and the monthly income thereof;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to terminate the operation of any non-profitable train; and*
- (c) *whether there is also any proposal under consideration to upgrade the railways tracks?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) The most successful train of Pakistan Railways is 5-Up/6-Dn (Green Line) running between Margalla-Karachi Cantt and generating Rs. 140 million per month.

(b) Currently no proposal under consideration.

(c) Under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Pakistan Railways has planned to Up- grade Main Line- 1 (ML-I) running from Karachi to Peshawar including Taxila — Havelian (1872Km).

Feasibility Study has already been completed and preliminary Design is in Progress.

In addition to ML-1 Pakistan Railways has also planned to up — grade Main Line- (ML-2) Kotri to Attock City, 1254 Km) and Main Line — 3 (ML-3) (Rohri to Quetta Spezand — Taftan section , 996 Km). For ML-2 Feasibility Study has been completed and for ML-3 is in progress.

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