

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 9th May, 2019

87. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry or Human Rights Commission for Pakistan have taken the notice of increasing poverty in Balochistan, as it is the responsibility of the state to provide maximum facilities for spending life as enunciated in the fundamental rights provided in the Constitution of Pakistan; and*
- (b) the steps being taken or taken by the Ministry or Human Rights Commission for Pakistan in collaboration with Federal Government and the provincial Government of Balochistan for the eradication of poverty in Balochistan?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

129. ***Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division be pleased to state the annual funds of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal and the funds disbursed among deserving people during the last five years alongwith the details of amount disbursed by the present Government so far to the poor people?

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety

Division: (a) The detail of annual funds of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal during the last five years is placed at Annex-A.

(b) The funds disbursed among deserving people during the last five years alongwith the details of amount disbursed by the present Government so far to the poor people is placed at Annex-B.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

135. ***Mr. Muhammad Bashir Khan:**
(Deferred on 29-04-2019)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that work on Samarbagh express line is continued since last three years but it has not been completed till date and as a result electricity is not being transmitted to fifteen (15) villages of vicinity and the masses are facing hardships;*
- (b) if so, the time by which the said work will be completed by the Government?*

Transferred to Power Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

156. ***Syed Javed Ali Shah Jillani:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division be pleased to state:

- (a) government's special initiatives for the revival of rural economy; and*
- (b) the details of schemes introduced for rural infrastructure development and maintenance?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety

Division: (a) 1. Cluster Development Based Agriculture Transformation Plan — V2025 Project

2. Centre for Rural Economy (CRE)

(b) 1. **“Cluster Development Based Agriculture Transformation Plan — V2025 Project”**

Feasibility study for Cluster Development based Agriculture Transformation (CDBAT) Plan has been launched by Planning Commission wherein, thirty-three potential agricultural commodities (crops-7, fruits-11, vegetables-9, livestock-2, miscellaneous-4) were identified based on their potential at farm level, export level and improving quality in domestic markets. In this regard, Identification, mapping, characterization, SWOT analysis of 83 clusters of above-mentioned commodities is being carried out. The following deliverables will be made available in a short period of time.

i. Identification of interventions and cluster level feasibilities of thirty-three commodities for public sector, PPP and FDI

ii. Agricultural Transformation Plan

2. **“Centre for Rural Economy (CRE)”**

Centre for Rural Economy has been established to provide evidence-based research support for rural development initiatives and to facilitate implementation of knowledge-based policies that can effectively choose investments to steer development in rural areas. CRE is envisaged to be a globally acknowledged centre working on all aspects of rural economy. CRE is involved in arranging awareness raising / capacity building linkage programs, development of policy briefs / reports / framework / strategies, research studies / publications / projects, establishment of linkages with

stakeholders and compilation of success stories of development partners for analysis and upscaling as potential investment portfolios. CRE will facilitate implementation of rural transformation plan and initiatives, and development of national rural entrepreneurship policy to support small scale rural entrepreneurships.

162. Withdrawn by the honourable member.

172. ***Mahar Irshad Ahmad Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons registered in each Union Council of NA-182, District Muzaffargarh under the Benazir Income Support Programme especially at the time of its inception;*
- (b) *the number of persons registered or excluded later on; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to conduct a new survey in order to further include poor people of district Muzaffargarh in it?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division: (a) There were 37,377 number of poor registered as beneficiaries in District Muzaffargarh at the time of BISP's inception in July, 2008. Detail of Tehsil / Union Council wise number of beneficiaries in District Muzaffargarh is annexed.

(b) The beneficiaries of phase-I (Parliamentarian phase who could not meet the eligibility criteria of Phase-II (Poverty Scorecard Survey) were excluded from the list of beneficiaries. The number of such excluded beneficiaries is 24,916.

(c) Resurvey/National rollout in the entire country is underway in the form of update of National Socio Economic Registry. The country has been divided in 8 geographical clusters. Survey in Cluster 3 covering

district Muzaffargarh will be started soon as survey firm has been hired by BISP for data collection in Muzaffargarh district.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

173. ***Mr. Ghous Bux Khan Mahar:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of posts lying vacant in Benazir Income Support Programme and details of all vacant posts of Sindh Region/Quota;*
- (b) tehsil wise details of all posts of Sindh Rural and Urban separately; and*
- (c) the number officers/officials are working on deputation basis in Sindh Region alongwith name, designation and place of posting of all such officers/officials?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division: (a) (i) Against the 4133 sanctioned strength of BISP, 1687 BISP employees (Regular & Contractual) are in position and 2446 posts are lying vacant. It is pertinent to mention here that in addition, 307 Contingent Paid staff and 417 deputationists are also working in BISP against the vacant posts.

(ii) The total quota of Sindh against the sanctioned strength comes to 999 posts against which 158 employees are presently employed. Vacant posts of Sindh region/quota will be advertised as per requirement of the program after notification of BISP Employees Service Regulations 2019.

(b) Complete list of all posts (Tehsil-wise) in BISP Sindh region is at Annex-I.

(c) The list of officers/ officials working on deputation basis in Sindh region is at Annex-II.

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@176. ***Ms. Naureen Farooq Ibrahim:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state whether it is a fact that plastic is being used in Islamabad despite the restriction on the selling and manufacturing of plastic in Islamabad; if so, the steps being taken by the Government to control it?

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): It is submitted that Pak-EPA issued “The Prohibition of Non-degradable Plastic (manufacturing, sales and usage) Regulations, 2013” and these came into force on 1st April, 2013 for Islamabad Capital Territory and the same were later amended in 2015. These regulations allowed oxo-bio-degradable plastic bag and did not completely prohibit plastic bag. There has been a substantive compliance of these regulations in ICT. The Naval complex E-8 and PAF complex E-9 ensured complete compliance of these regulations. Furthermore, the Utility Stores Cooperation, CSD and major Malls of Islamabad are also complying.

2. Ministry of Climate Change is currently working on a plan to prohibit single use plastic bags in ICT by 14th August, 2019. An SRO under the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997 is being drafted to give legal cover to the proposed action.

3. This Ministry has also taken the following steps to discourage excessive use of plastic in the Government Departments:

- i. Ban imposed on one time use polythene bags and PET bottles in the Ministry of Climate Change.
- ii. Cotton bags distributed amongst parliamentarians, media personnel and officials of MoCC as an alternative to plastic bags.
- iii. 5,000 cotton bags have been procured for distribution amongst the employees of the Federal Government. Several thousand

more are being procured for distribution in Juma/Itwaar bazars & various markets free of cost.

- iv. Awareness campaign on the hazards of single use plastics is being launched.

261. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state the locations of the airports in the country at present?

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):

The reply on the above question is attached as Annex-A.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

262. ***Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) whether is a fact that the number of factories emitting smoke are increasing day by day in the Islamabad Capital Territory; and*
- (b) whether any action has been taken by the Government against the said factories during the last five years; if so, details thereof?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) It is not a fact, as the number of industries emitting smoke are not increasing day by day in ICT. Pak 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. A total of 185 industrial units were identified in I-9, I-10 and Kahuta Triangle. Major source of air pollution are steel furnaces in Islamabad Capital Territory which are being regularly monitored by Pak-EPA through installation of Cameras and online dust monitoring system. Scrubbers have also been installed for absorption of carbon from emissions. The concept of Green

Industrial Zone is also being promoted in co-ordination with the industrial sector.

(b) There are 12 steel units which were causing pollution in Sector I-9/ I-10, despite strict monitoring and legal action. Supreme Court of Pakistan, in its order of 5th July 2010, directed cessation of operations of all steel mills till such time the online dust monitoring system is installed on the stacks. Cases against two (02) steel mills *i.e.* M/s Modern Steel and M/s Potohar Steel were filed in the Environmental Protection Tribunal (EPT) which imposed fine to the tune of Rs. 50,000/- on each unit.

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 anti-pollution equipment was not working. Legal action was initiated by Pak-EPA through issuance of Environmental Protection Order and subsequent closure of tile industries through ICT administration.

Furthermore, on account of non-compliance of the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan dated 30th June, 2018, 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 5.0 million was imposed on each.

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.

Presently, all the steel furnaces situated in ICT have installed pollution abatement technology and Pak-EPA regularly monitors these steel units for ensuring the compliance of the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS). These units are being monitored Pak-EPA through CCTV cameras installed inside and on the rooftops of the steel units. The steel units are also submitting their monthly gaseous emissions report to Pak-EPA.

Pak-EPA conducted a 30-day ambient air quality survey of industrial areas of ICT in February 2018. Now, Pak-EPA regularly monitors industrial areas to assess the pollution status of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) due to these industries.

In Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), Pak-EPA, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ICCI) and all associations of industries are working together to form the first model green industrial zone of Pakistan and all necessary steps are being taken under the green and clean initiative of Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Pak-EPA is also arranging lectures/ seminars/ workshops regarding the use and introduction of green technologies in the Industrial Sector to abate air pollution within the country with Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ICCI).

In this connection, a training / awareness session was conducted in Pak-EPA on 09-04-2019 wherein, than 20 industries representing soap, pharmaceutical, steel, flour, marble industries and warehouses nominated by ICCI participated who were imparted awareness regarding procedural and legal requirements for compliance of the provisions of PEP Act, 1997 and rules / regulations made thereunder.

263. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state the number of degrees of the employees of PIA which have been found as fake during the last five years?

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):

The total number of degrees of employees of PIA found fake/ tempered during last five years is 609. The current status of 521 employees having fake/ bogus certificates during last five years is as follows:

a.	Separated from PIACL Service till date	329
b.	Court stay/ under process	192
Total		521

264. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *whether it is fact that UNICEF has recently warned about the dangers posed by online violence, cyber bullying and digital harassment for people between the ages of 15 to 24 in Pakistan using Internet;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to stop cyber violence against children and youth in our country?*

Reply not received.

265. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that as compared to other cities, only one train is being plied from Rawalpindi to Quetta;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to increase the number of trains for Quetta from other cities of the country?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) Yes it is true that currently only one train is plying between Rawalpindi and Quetta, it is felt that currently the train Jaffar Express is enough to cater the requirement of the travelling public.

- Jaffar Express (39-UP/ 40-DN) is plying between Peshawar- Quetta via Rawalpindi.

(b) Resources of Pakistan Railway in the present scenario do not allow to increase number of Quetta bound trains.

266. ***Mr. Faheem Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Supreme Court of Pakistan banned the re-employment and extension of retired employees in all the civil departments/organizations/ministries;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in affirmative, the details of departments/ organizations/ ministries where retired employees are re-employed and extension are granted alongwith reasons thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) Supreme Court of Pakistan has not banned re-employment / extension of retired employees. However, the Supreme Court of Pakistan *vide* its judgment (paras 35 & 36) dated: 20-11-2013 has issued directions that re-employment should be made in public interest as per Section 14 of Civil Servants Act as well as other Government instructions on the subject (**Annex-I**).

(b) Since, answer to part (a) above is not affirmative, therefore, the detail thereof is not required.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

267. ***Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

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

- (a) *the procedure of issuing the relevancy certificate to the candidates and organizations;*
- (b) *whether the procedure of Higher Education Commission is lengthy and so time consuming; if so, reasons thereof; and*

(c) *the details of scholarships quota for the smaller provinces?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) The following procedure is adopted for issuing the relevance letters to the organizations:

- i. Request from employer is received in Higher Education Commission (HEC) alongwith required documents.
- ii. HEC seeks comments/opinion from subject experts regarding relevancy of different degrees (minimum three subject experts)
- iii. Employer is informed after experts review immediately.

Note: Relevancy letters are not issued to individuals.

(b) No, the procedure for relevancy is not lengthy. All the relevancy cases are immediately forwarded to the relevant subjects experts and the employer is informed accordingly. The process usually takes 3-4 weeks because of review by the experts.

(c) A total of **165,413**, Scholarships have been awarded to the Pakistani students across the country, during the last five years. The Province-wise breakup is as under:

Region	Overseas	Indigenous	Total
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	30	14859	14889
Balochistan	305	26157	26462
FATA	31	768	799
Gilgit-Baltistan	31	4613	4644
Islamabad	22	1362	1384
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	153	36172	36325
Punjab	776	57024	57800
Sindh	254	22856	23110
Total:	1602	163811	165413

268. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether PIA Auditors have refused to endorse PIA's financial statement; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to improve/upgrade the performance of national airline?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):

(a) PIA Auditors have not refused to endorse financial statements. However, the accounts are being jointly audited by chartered accountant firms E&Y and KPMG and the audit process is likely to be concluded during April, 2019.

PIACL commenced the process of implementation of Oracle based new Enterprise Resource Planning system (ERP) during 2016 and various key modules were made Go-Live during the year ended 31 December 2017. The implementation of ERP system in a big and complex organization like PIACL is a hectic and time-consuming activity. Many difficulties were faced during the collection and subsequent migration of opening balances data in the ERP system which required party and invoice-wise data to be entered in the system. Therefore, a detailed exercise was conducted across the Company to identify and upload party and invoice wise data in the ERP system, which consumed a considerable amount of time.

During the course of audit, external auditors required various types of Reports for completing their audit procedures. Due to ban imposed by Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan on the external hiring, PIACL could not hire qualified IT programmers for preparing multivariate requisite Reports which is a specialized and time-consuming activity.

Keeping in view the aforementioned facts, PIACL is working tirelessly in close coordination with ERP implementation team and auditors for the resolution of pending operational and audit related matters. It is expected that PIACL will be able to complete this assignment within a month or two.

(b) PIA present management has taken the following measures to improve upon its performance and reduce the losses:

- i. Launching of viable new routes like; Sialkot-Sharjha, Lahore-Muscat, Islamabad-Doha and Lahore-Bangkok-Kualalampur, Sialkot-Paris-Barcelona, Peshawar-Sharjha, Peshawar-Al-Ain and Multan-Sharjha. These routes are going satisfactory and economically viable.
- ii. Increasing frequencies and capacity on profitable routes like Jeddah and Madinah especially from Faisalabad.
- iii. Closure of loss making routes like, New York, Salalah (Oman), Kuwait, Mumbai.
- iv. Replacing the twenty years old and highly expensive software system with new (HITIT) which is very cost effective and huge savings are expected.
- v. An effective austerity and cost saving drive initiated which included curtailment of unnecessary visits by officials both foreign and domestic. Instructions issued to make use of technological assistance like video calls, conference calls etc.
- vi. Retrieving company vehicles and eliminating fuel allocations accordingly.
- vii. Stoppage of all officiating and extra allowances given on additional assignments to officials.
- viii. Ban on overtime allowances in all cadres.
- ix. Abolishing VIP protocols and deployment of workers on real assignments.
- x. Streamlining the business activities and discipline at Air Port Hotel which was going in losses and now revenues are improving.
- xi. Effective monitoring and vigilance of all areas to eliminate pilferage and leakages.
- xii. Improvement in food quality with inclusion of refined menu in the light of recommendations and suggestions received from passengers.

- xiii. Introduction of Executive economy class on European and Gulf sectors which are attracting more customers.
- xiv. Rationalization of fares according to market demand thus helping in increase of seat factor.
- xv. Delays of flights have been cut down significantly by better planning in engineering, flight operation and ground handling departments.
- xvi. Special emphasis on cargo business with monitoring of performance, rationalization of cargo fares and more effective liaison with all stakeholders.
- xvii. Special focus on Umrah and Ziarats business by introduction of attractive fares and increasing capacity.

269. ***Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that registration of religion in Annual Confidential Report (ARC) of Government employees has ended; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the year in which registration of religion in ACR(s) ended and the time by which the column of registration of religion would be inserted again; if not, reasons thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) The entry of religion has never been part of the ACR / PER as per available record.

(b) In view of above (a) the question of restoring it does not arise. The entry of religion in ACR form is not required as it is written on the basis of performance of the officer and not on the basis of religion.

270. ***Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistani Television Channels are showing un-ethical and vulgar dramas, films, shows and morning shows etc;*

- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make code of conduct for media to end the same which brings negative effects on the society;*
- (c) *if answer to part (b) above is in affirmative, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting: (a) It is pertinent to mention here that Drama's Films and Entertainment shows comes to under the category of "Entertainment". Under Section 20 (f) of the PEMRA Ordinance 2002 (amendment Act 2007) read with Rule 13(2)(a) a licensee is required / bound to appoint an editorial board / in-house monitoring committee and monitoring facilities for each medium under its control, to ensure compliance of the code of Conduct. The licensee is not required to seek permission of PEMRA for each drama or movie or show being telecast by it. They are required to comply with the approved category and programme mix of the license.

Under Section 26 of PEMRA Ordinance 2002 (Amendment Act 2007) if any complaint regarding nay part / portion of the programming / content of TV Channels is received, same is placed before Council of Complaint for appropriate recommendations to the Authority.

With regard to Pakistan Television Corporation, a Concept Development Committee comprising media professional and programme experts has been constituted to evaluate and develop ideas of programmes. Scripts of the programmes are critically analyzed with regard to our socio-religious norms. Adverse content / track, if any is dropped at idea evaluation stage. PTV only approves ideas and productions which portrays its constructive role in shaping and integrating social fabric of our society.

List of action taken by the Authority on violations observed/ reported against Entertainment Channels, is Annexed-A

(b) Federal Government of Pakistan, on the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan, has notified Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisement) Code of Conduct 2015 for TV Channels,

(c) Nil.

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

271. ***Ms. Naz Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the steps taken or being taken by the Government to upgrade Pakistan Television?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting: Procurement of equipment is under process for conversion of PTV-NEWS from SD to HD and its DVB-S2 uplink at PTV-HOME against PSDP allocation. Besides, PTV has planned to convert its 03 Channels from SD to HD, preparation of PC-1 is under process.

272. ***Mr. Kesoo Mal Kheeral Das:**

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 District Jamshoro?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): At present, there is no such proposal under consideration for establishment of Women University in District Jamshoro. There are three universities established in District Jamshoro, and offering various academic programmes; the names are as under:

- i. University of Sindh
- ii. Mehran University of Engineering & Technology
- iii. Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences

All three universities are equally accessible to the students of either gender. Sindh University, Jamshoro which is a comprehensive institution currently enrollment of **40837** students including **12712 (31%)** female students, is equally accessible for female students.

273. ***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether the pharmacy department of Khairpur University, Sindh and Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad are not being recognized; if so, reasons thereof?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): The Pharm-D Program of Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad has been recognized by Pharmacy Council of Pakistan (PCP), and gazette notification is under process. However, the recognition visit of Shah Abdul Latif Khairpur (SALU) is awaited. After which its process of recognition will be initiated by PCP.

274. ***Ms. Saira Bano:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to introduce similar syllabus in all the educational institutions; and*
- (b) the details of stage-wise implementation of the plan of Government in this regard?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) At the moment National Curriculum 2006 is implemented in all public Schools / Institutions of Pakistan. Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training revised National Curriculum 2006 from class pre-I to VIII and developed textbooks on revised curriculum 2017 from class pre-I to V which is implemented in educational institute of Islamabad Capital Territory.

After the 18th Constitutional Amendment, the Concurrent List was abolished and the subjects contained in that list. *i.e.* curriculum and syllabus were devolved to the provinces. The Federal Government does not have any legal mandate in respect of curriculum and syllabus of School education. Therefore, it is now the responsibility of provincial government to evolve

their curriculum and syllabus for school education. However, to coordinate with federating units and discuss issues related to education, the Federal Government has evolved coordination mechanism through National Curriculum Council (NCC) and Inter Provincial Ministers Education Conference (IPEMC),

(b) Same as at (a) above.

275. ***Mahar Irshad Ahmad Khan:**

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

- (a) *the present status of the proposal under consideration of the Government for the establishment of a University or a Campus of any University in Muzaffargarh; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Federal Government for the allocation of funds for the said project in the next budget?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Higher Education Commission (HEC) has received request from the public representative as well as the demand was raised through “Pakistan Citizen Portal”. The Minister for State, Ministry of Housing & Works has requested for establishment of a university in tehsil Kot-Addu, District Muzaffargarh. The following steps have been taken by HEC:

- Bahahuddin Zakriya University (BZU), Multan was requested on 10th December, 2018 to prepare a feasibility report on establishment of its sub-campus at District Muzaffargarh.
- BZU, Multan submitted feasibility report on 07-01-2019 for the campus with an estimated cost of Rs. 1927.225 million.
- HEC has also constituted a team comprising of representative of BZU Multan, Ghazi University D.G. Khan, and Mian Nawaz Sharif

Agriculture University, Multan to visit the District for interaction and consultation with the local administration to refine the proposal and also identify some suitable building(s) for the interim setup as well as identification of land for the permanent campus. The entire team will visit district Muzaffargarh during current month.

(b) HEC supports the proposal for “Establishment of a campus at District Muzaffargarh” in Principle subject to following:

- I. The land for the campus be provided free of cost (100 Acres)
- II. A suitable building for interim setup to be provided by the local Administration/Provincial Government for the campus till the permanent infrastructure is built.
- III. Provision of Development funds for academic infrastructure, laboratories and operational cost for 3 years from PSDP.

276. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to refer the Starred Question No.36 replied on 16-01-2019 and to state:

- (a) *whether Pakistan Railway Advisory and Consultancy Services (PRACS) as per MOU and registered in SECP as a limited company, has the right to get services of serving employees of Pakistan Railways (PR); if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *the provision of services rules of PR, upon which a serving employees can be posted to a limited company like PRACS; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *if not, the reasons for posting serving employees of PR in PRACS;*

- (d) *whether such serving employees of PR in PRACS draw salaries both from PR and PRACS and further they also get financial benefits/privileges from PRACS; if so, the details thereof;*
- (e) *does it comes under the financial rules of Government; if so, details; if not, reasons thereof; and*
- (f) *the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) Para 3.18 of PRACS Service Rules-2015 allows to get serving employees of Pakistan Railways (copy at Annex-I).

(b) Under section 10 of posting and transfer rules, 1973. The officers/officials of Pakistan Railways are transferred/posted in PRACS. Besides, para 3.18 of PRACS Service Rules-2015 also allows posting of Railways employees in PRACS.

(c) As reply at Sr.b above.

(d) No. The officers during their posting in PRACS, draw salaries only from PRACS and not from Pakistan Railways.

(e) The PRACS is governed by the company rules framed under company Act, 1984.

(f) As per Government rules.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

277. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the cities of Pakistan and the foreign countries to which Federal Minister for Railways has paid visits during the tenure of the present Government till date;*

- (b) *the details of expenditures incurred on each of the said visits; and*
- (c) *the objectives and results of each of the said visits thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) Minister visits Headquarters Office Lahore on every Saturday to conduct meetings with Railway officers. Federal Minister visited Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Quetta, Multan, Sahiwal, Lahore, Sialkot, Mianwali, Peshawar, Mardan, Dargai and Nowshera for meetings, inspection of track, stations and other installations by train.

Besides above, he paid official visits to China, UAE and Iran with local hospitality provided by the host Governments.

(b) Usually the Honourable Minister travelled by train within the country, however, an amount of Rs. 3000/- as daily allowance is allowed in Pakistan as per rules and with different rates for the foreign countries.

(c) As mentioned in Para (a), the objectives of the visits are meetings with Railway officers and inspection of Railway installations. As a result of such meetings and inspections, Pakistan Railways has introduced 24 Passenger and 4 Freight trains which enhanced the earning of Pakistan Railways from Rs. 35.304 Billion to Rs.39.010 Billion (3.706 billion increased) upto March, 2019 as compared to previous years.

The Minister paid official visit to China from 25-4-2019 to 29-4-2019 and signed Declaration on Preliminary Design of ML-I which is the milestone for the improvement of Pakistan Railways. Similarly Honourable Minister for Railways visited Iran on the invitation of Minister for Roads and Urban Development Iran and discussed the upgradation /rehabilitation of Quetta-Taftan Section on BOT/PPP basis. Minister has also visited UAE on the invitation of Minister for Infrastructure Development UAE to attend Middle East Rail Conference. All tours were on local hospitality.

278. ***Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

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

- (a) *the budget allocation of Federal Education for all the respective provinces; and*
- (b) *the details of procedure of utilization of Federal Education budget in the provinces?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) As a result of 18th amendment to the constitution the concurrent legislative list was abolished and the subject of education was devolved to the Provinces. The remaining subjects at Federal level were entrusted to different Ministries / Divisions. This Ministry only deals with Federal Educational Institutions and policy matters. Therefore, the Ministry does not possess such details of funds allocated to all respective Provinces.

(b) Nil.

279. ***Ms. Naureen Farooq Ibrahim:**

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

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the educational system of Government and semi-government Universities in Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the details of strategy being adopted to promote research in the said Universities?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Improvements in performance and standards of Higher Education Sector is one of core strategic aims of the present Government. The Government fully supports the programmes, policies, and reforms initiated by Higher Education Commission (HEC) for improvement

of Higher Education Research and Development. As a result of these reforms, the ranking of Pakistani Universities have improved substantially, and there are twenty three (23) Pakistani Universities ranked in top 500 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asian ranking, 2019 and (9) Nine Pakistani Universities ranked in top 1000 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World ranking, 2019. The detail of some of Programmes launched by HEC for improvement of HEIs standards, improve the educational system, overall governance, and quality of education of Government as well as private universities is attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) Nature, International Journal of Science in its article dated 27-12-2018 states that Pakistan and Egypt had highest rises in research output in 2018. According to estimates, Pakistan and Egypt topped the list in percentage terms, with rises of 25% and 15.9% in research output, respectively. The detail of strategy being adopted to promote research in the said universities is attached at **Annex-II**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

280. ***Ms. Mehnaz Akber Aziz:**

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

- (a) the reasons for not appointing full time Chairman and Members of Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions Registration and Regulation Authority (PEIRA) since its creation more than five years ago through Act No XI of 2013; and*
- (b) whether copies of Annual progress Reports of PEIRA for the last five years have been shared with Parliament; and*
- (c) which Authority is legally required to compile and furnish reports every year as per Article 18 of the Act XI of 2013?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Islamabad Capital Territory - Private

Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (ICT-PEIRA) comprises a Chairman (BPS-20) and two Members (BPS-19). Both the full time employed members *i.e.* Member (Academics) and Member (Registration) are in place, whereas case for appointment/posting of Chairman is under consideration with Federal Government.

(b) Upon promulgation of Islamabad Capital Territory-Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013, Private Educational Institutions (Registration & Fee Determination) Rules, 2016 were framed and implemented in June 2016. However, major provisions of these rules were challenged by various private schools including Beaconhouse School System, The City Schools, Root School System, Root Millennium Schools, Roots International Schools, Headstart School System, Lahore Grammar School and an illegal association of private schools namely Private Schools Association, Islamabad in Islamabad High Court (IHC). The IHC passed multiple restraining orders with the directions that the Authority shall not interfere in matters of private schools.

Due to excessive litigation and restraining orders from the Courts, there was no mentionable progress from 2016 onwards. However, in December 2018, the Supreme Court of Pakistan has passed Orders on account of determination of fee and rate of annual increase of private schools. Afterwards, the Authority is making all out efforts to ensure implementation of Court Orders in letter and spirit. In addition, recent mentionable progress is as under;

- Award of registration / renewal to more than 1,000 private schools.
- Inspection of more than 200 newly established schools.
- Recovery of outstanding registration / regulatory fees from defaulter private schools.
- Identified 693 unregistered schools and issuance of legal notices. Most of them have applied for registration and their cases are under process.

- Internal working of Authority has been streamlined by redistribution & rationalization of office work.
- Updated record / database of 1,437 schools along-with students strength of 304,184.

In pursuance of Section 18(3) of ICT-PEIRA Act, 2013, the report shall become due in September 2019 and shall accordingly be submitted in Parliament before 30th September 2019.

(c) Islamabad Capital Territory - Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (ICT-PEIRA) is mandated to do so.

281. ***Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Library Professionals in Education set up (Librarian, Assistant Librarian, Sub-Librarian and Library Assistant) were not declared as a Library Teacher and Library Lecturer according to the Education Policy 2009;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in affirmative, the details thereof;*
- (c) *if the answer to part (a) above is in negative, what measures have been taken by the present Government to implement Education Policy 2009 in this regard and declare/ redesignate library staff in education set up (Librarian, Assistant Librarian, Sub-Librarian, Library Assistant)?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) The National Education Policy (2009) under sub-section 14 of section 6.3 had , recommended a policy action to explore the option of declaring the librarian) working in the educational institutions as library teachers and library lecturers.

(b) Relevant portion of the National education Policy (2009) explaining details of the matter is at Annex-A.

(c) The post of Sub-Librarian (BS-15) has been up-graded to Assistant Librarian (BS-16) on 23-12-2010. Subsequently, the stated post was up-graded to BS-17 as Librarian on 01-01-2011. There are 46 Librarians presently working under Federal Directorate of Education (FDE), Islamabad and 45 eligible incumbents have also been awarded time scale to BS-18.

As regarding Library Assistant (BS-09), it is clarified that it was a feeding post initially for Sub-Librarian (BS-15) which was up-graded to BS-16 as Assistant Librarian and then BS-17 as Librarian. During the process of revision of recruitment rules for various cadres under FDE, the Federal Public Service Commission has reserved the post of Librarian (BS-17) 100% for initial recruitment on the grounds that promotion from BS-09 (*i.e.* Library Assistant) to BS-17 (*i.e.* Librarian) is unprecedented.

Therefore, FDE is in the process of considering a revised structure with hierarchical mobility for Sub-Librarians (BS-09).

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

282. ***Ms. Nuzhat Pathan:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan received financial and foreign assistance in connection with various projects of climate change during the last three years;*
- (b) if the answer to part (a) above is affirmative, the detail thereof?*

Reply not received.

283. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**

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

- (a) the details of policy of the Higher Education Commission with regard to admission in postgraduate programmes in different Universities; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the students already enrolled in different degree programmes at different Universities are being asked to appear and qualify GAT to avoid cessation/ terminations of their degree programme?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) The detail policy of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) with regard to admission in postgraduate programs in different universities is attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) As per HEC minimum guidelines for admission and award of degree criteria, test is the pre-requisite of admission. It is not for the students who are already enrolled. However, no student should be enrolled in MS/ MPhil/Equivalent, and PhD Programs without qualifying the test. As such, HEC makes the test requirement mandatory before admission. It is the prerogative of the university to select any mode of test viz. either accept the test by NTS, engage NTS for taking admission test, engage another renowned Testing service provider or conduct the test itself.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

284. ***Mr. Abdul Shakoor:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.49 replied on 21-2-2019 and to state:

- (a) the stage and level of talks for starting the train service for tourist purposes and rehabilitation of Railway tract from Peshawar to Torkham border by Tourism department KPK;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that the feasibility assessment of the project has not been carried out; if so, the purpose of talks which are being carried out without feasibility assignment of the said project; and*
- (c) *the time by which implementation after talks on said project will be ensured as per the planning of Railway department?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) The restoration of track from Peshawar to Torkhani Border from Tourism point of view needs to be sponsored by Provincial Government being a Provincial subject. For tourism the Pakistan Railways is ready to provide 04 steam locomotive coaches on diesel expenditure only. The section is closed due to damages to track & bridges.

(b) The responsibility of any feasibility assessment for restoration of track from tourism point of view rests with Provincial Department of KPK.

(c) Timeline for implementation of the subject Project would also depend upon the feasibility study, scope of work and funding mechanism. At this stage, no timeline can be provided.

285. ***Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the industries which are creating pollutants are not restricted to install advance equipments so that the said pollutants may be controlled; if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to restrict such industries for eradicating pollutants?*

Minister of state for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) Pak-EPA had notified National Environmental Quality Standards Ambient Air under S.R.O. 1062(I)/2010 and Industrial Gaseous Emissions under S.R.O. No. 549(I)/2000. Every industry is liable to keep its gaseous emissions within the permissible limits notified in NEQS.

(b) There are 12 steel units which were causing pollution in Sector I-9/I-10, despite strict monitoring and legal action. Supreme Court of Pakistan, in its order of 5th July 2010, directed cessation of operations of all steel mills till such time the online dust monitoring system is installed on the stacks. Cases against two (02) steel mills *i.e.* M/s Modern Steel and M/s Potohar Steel were filed in the Environmental Protection Tribunal (EPT) which imposed fine to the tune of Rs. 50,000/- on each unit.

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 anti-pollution equipment was not working. Legal action was initiated by Pak-EPA through 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, 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. 5.0 million was imposed on each.

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.

Presently, all the steel furnaces situated in ICT have installed pollution abatement technology and Pak-EPA regularly monitors these steel units for ensuring the compliance of the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS). These units are being monitored by Pak-EPA through CCTV cameras installed inside and on the rooftops of the steel units. The steel units are also submitting their monthly gaseous emissions report to Pak-EPA.

Pak-EPA conducted a 30-day ambient air quality survey of industrial areas of ICT in February 2018. Now, Pak-EPA regularly monitors industrial areas to assess the pollution status of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) due to these industries.

In Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), Pak-EPA, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ICCI) and all associations of industries are working together for the first model green industrial zone of Pakistan and all necessary steps are being taken under the green and clean initiative of Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Pak-EPA is also arranging awareness lectures/seminars/workshops regarding the use and introduction of green technologies in the industrial sector to abate air pollution within the country with Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ICCI).

In this connection, a training / awareness session was conducted in Pak-EPA on 09-04-2019 wherein, more than 20 industries representing soap, pharmaceutical, steel, flour, marble industries and warehouses nominated by ICCI participated who were imparted awareness regarding procedural and legal requirements for compliance of the provisions of PEP Act, 1997 and rules / regulations made thereunder.

@286. ***Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the amount collected by the cellular companies from their consumers during the last three years alongwith company and head-wise break-up?

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: Last three years Headwise revenue of Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs) (Pkr In millions)

China Mobile Pakistan (CMPAK)

Revenue heads	2015	2016	2017	Total
Prepaid Customers (Except data services)	26,129	30,987	33,057	90,173
Data Services (Post & Prepaid customers)	14,732	13,824	24,401	52,957
Interconnect Revenue	5,687	5,826	6,269	17,782
Post Paid customer (Except data services)	1,149	1,688	2,159	4,996
International roaming	50	79	68	197
Total	49,762	54,420	67,971	172,153

Moblink (Jazz)

Service Revenue	145,871	221,713	210,166	577,750
Equipment Revenue	700	547	1,017	2,264
Total	146,571	222,260	211,183	580,014

Telenor

Revenue	98,087	106,027	113,758	317,872
Total	98,087	106,027	113,758	317,872

Ufone

Voice services	30,485	30,095	31,426	92,006
Data & Value added services	11,724	14,957	14,673	41,354
Messaging services	3,268	2,912	2,078	8,258
Subscription fee and line rent	5,219	4,288	3,654	13,161
Other revenue	756	1,043	1,094	2,893
Total	51,452	53,295	52,925	157,672

Warid

Revenue	33,264	32,097		65,361
Total	33,264	32,097	-	65,361

287. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *what is the laid down standard/definition of literacy to determine literate person in the country;*
- (b) *does this definition/standard matches with the international standard;*
- (c) *if not, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and*
- (d) *what is the present literacy rate of country?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) According to the Population Census 1998, literacy can be defined as “One who can read a newspaper and write a simple letter in any language.” According to Population Census 1998, the total literacy was 43.92% (male: 54.81, female: 32.02%). Later on, the literacy rate is determined by various surveys conducted by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. The literacy rate (Age 10+) for the last 10 years can be seen at Annex-I.

(b) At the international level, usually the UNESCO Institute for Statistics reports the adult literacy rate (Age 15+) of various countries. Keeping in view the functional feature of literacy, its definition and standards vary in different countries, depending on the overall educational and development level of the society. UNESCO has provided a generic definition of literacy mainly for international comparison. The first internationally agreed definition recommended by UNESCO was in 1958 which states “a literate person is one who can, with understanding both read and write a short simple statement on his or her everyday life”. The concept of literacy has since evolved and according to UNESCO’s 2003 definition “Literacy is the ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate and compute, using printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy involves a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in their community and wider society”.

A number of countries have adopted conventional or simple definitions of literacy which encompasses 3 dimensions *i.e.* Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. Pakistan's definition of literacy covers above three dimensions and it is compatible with the definitions of most of the developing countries and international standards. Various national and international definitions can be seen at Annex-II.

(c) The Government of Pakistan has taken steps to improve the literacy definition. It was first time during 2008 that numeracy was officially added to the definition of literacy in Pakistan. Secondly, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reports literacy statistics by conducting household surveys and population census. PBS has constituted technical committee to finalize the questionnaire for standardized data collection.

(d) As per Labour Force Survey 2017-18 literacy rate (Age 10+) of Pakistan is 62.3% (Male: 72.5%, Female: 51.8%)

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

288. ***Syed Hussain Tariq:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that both electronic and print media have been relaying donation campaign of Diamer-Bhasha and Mohamand Dam since its start free of cost;*
- (b) if so, the estimated cost of per advertisement in print and electronic media of such campaign;*
- (c) whether such free of cost campaign on aforesaid media was ordered to relay by Supreme Court of Pakistan, Government of Pakistan or it has been relayed by media itself;*
- (d) if such campaign has been relaying on the orders of Court or Government the relevant provision of rules, which empowers either Court or Government to order print and electronic media for relaying such campaign free of cost?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting: (a) Yes. However, expenditure of only one advertisement in print media was borne by the Federal Government.

(b) Only PKR.246,425/- on account of Print Media Advertisements has been incurred by the Federal Government for fund raising of Daimer-Basha and Mohmand Dams. Details of Expenditure and Copies of Advertisements are enclosed at Annex-I & II, respectively. Other advertisement were carried by publications as Public Service Messages (Free of Cost).

(c) The Supreme Court of Pakistan in its CMA NO. 6155/2018 in Constitution Petition No. 57/2018 ordered Ministry of Information and Broadcasting “to prepare an advertisement campaign for the media to increase public awareness through print as well as electronic media shall be run by all print and electronic media free of cost as Public Service Message”.

(d) All state organs under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting are bound to execute the order of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

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

289. ***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court had imposed the ban on discretionary fund; if so, whether the Government has lifted the ban from Sustainable Development Goals?

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: It is irrelevant to the fact that the honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan has imposed and Government has lifted the ban on discretionary funds, in terms of declaration made by the honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan vide para 51, in the judgment dated 05-12-2013 as t reproduced under:-

“that funds cannot be placed at the sole discretion of Prime Minister / Chief Minister as the expenditure , envisaged to be

incurred under the Constitution is grant specific and not person specific, the allocation of funds for development schemes has to be made following the procedure provided in Articles 80 to 84 of the Constitution and the rules / instructions noted hereinabove”.

The reasons in terms of paras 52(1&2) of the above judgment **(Annexed)** are also reproduced as:

“52(1) The National Assembly, while giving assent to a grant which is to be utilized by the Executive at its discretion, has to follow the procedure provided in Articles 80 to 84 of the Constitution as well as the Rules of Procedure, 2007. However, such discretionary grant cannot be spent at the absolute discretion of the Executive and the discretion has to be exercised in a structured manner”

“52(2) The Constitution does not permit the use / allocation of funds to MNAs /MPAs/ Notables at the sole discretion of the Prime Minister or the Chief Minister. If there is any practice of allocation of funds to the MNAs / MPAs / Notables at the sole discretion of the Prime Minister/Chief Minister, the same is illegal and unconstitutional. The government is bound to establish procedure/ criteria for governing allocation of such funds for this purpose;”

It is clarified that Government follows the approved Guidelines of the Programme in pursuance of the above judgment and accordingly, Cabinet Division would not be able to release any funds to the MPAs / MNAs / Notables, at the sole discretion of Prime Minister /Chief Minister.

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ISLAMABAD:
The 8th May, 2019

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Thursday, the 9th May, 2019**63. **Ms. Nusrat Wahid:***(Deferred on 29-04-2019)*

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the practical measures taken by the Ministry to create awareness amongst the masses with regard to disaster management during the last five years?

Reply not received.

64. **Ms. Nusrat Wahid:***(Deferred on 29-04-2019)*

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for safety and security of the Journalists during the last three years?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting:

- i. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has prepared draft Journalists Safety, Security, Protection and welfare bill, 2018 for welfare of the Journalists. The stakeholders are being consulted and bill will be laid in National Assembly with the approval of the Cabinet. The salient features of the bill are:
 - a. maintain & operate National Journalists, Safety and Welfare fund to assist journalists / non-journalists & media workers under attack, or facing threats of attacks, with protection measures including, among others, legal aid, medical aid (from public hospitals / dispensaries in Pakistan) from the fund. Ministry has disbursed approximately an amount of **Rs. 30,573,579/-** since 2015 as financial assistance to the Journalists/media workers.

- b. extend financial aid to families of journalists / non-journalists & media workers who lose their lives while performing professional duties;
 - c. actively pursue investigation of threats and prosecution of crimes against journalists / non-journalists & media worker, ascertain and address causes of impunity of crimes against journalists / non-journalists & media worker;
 - d. The Government has also implemented following steps for the Protection of Journalists and Media Houses:
 - e. This bill seeks to address the issues involved in the safety, security and protection of journalists through a multi-pronged effort with shared responsibility of all stake holders.
- ii. ICT police completed Security Audit of 88 Media outlets in Islamabad.
 - iii. ICT Police conducted nine (9) Mock Security Exercises at Media Houses in Islamabad.
 - iv. ICT Police installed 60 Panic Alert Buttons in 38 Media Houses of Islamabad.
 - v. Provided cluster Security to the Media Houses in Islamabad.
 - vi. Prepared Special Security Programme for 15 prominent Media Houses in Islamabad.
 - vii. Sehat Cards would be provided to media persons.
 - viii. PMRA is being created in consultation with opposition, in which a judicial forum would be made available for redressal of complaints.
 - ix. Journalist protection Act is being brought in, in line with the KP ACT, Protection would be given to journalists and equipment during coverage of wars / mobs.
 - x. Steps are being taken for providing protection to journalists on social media.

103. **Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state the total number of telephone connections provided at the residences of Government Officers in Sector F-6/1, Islamabad during the last five years by the National Telecommunication Company?

Reply not received.

104. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) the total number of technical and non-technical employees serving in the Pakistan Television;*
- (b) the annual balance sheet of income and expenditure of Pakistan Television; and*
- (c) the details of annual income earned under the head of advertisements?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting: (a) There are 4786 employees serving in PTV.

1313 number of employees have technical nature of jobs (Pertaining to engineering, Information Technology and computer cadres).

3473 number of employees have non-technical nature of jobs (other than engineering, Information Technology and computer cadres)

(b) (Rs: In Million)

Year	Income	Expenditure	Loss
2015-16	10,111.128	11,402.035	(1,290.907)
2016-17	10,200.733	10,818.844	(618.110)
2017-18	9,191.333	9,626.782	(435.449)

(c)	Year	Advertising Income
	2015-16	3,450.239
	2016-17	2,424.944
	2017-18	1,373.837

105. **Ms. Nusrat Wahid:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the location-wise name of the Skill Development Institutions working in the country at present?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): A Province wise breakup of TVET Institutions is at Annex-I. Location (City)-wise information is voluminous, spanning over 480 pages which is enclosed at **Annex-II**.

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

106. **Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

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

- (a) whether PTV Booster Project for district Dadu was initiated; if yes;*
- (b) the time by which same will be up-graded; and*
- (c) the reasons for delay in up-gradation of the same?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting: (a) At present, Dadu is being covered by the RBS-Noorpur. Since the area is being served, therefore, there is no project initiated specially for District Dadu.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) -do-

ISLAMABAD:
The 8th May, 2019.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.