

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 13th February, 2020

4. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**
(Deferred on 31-01-2020)

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

- (a) the details of district-wise number of persons, hailing from Balochistan, excluded from Benazir Income Support Programme;*
- (b) whether survey had been conducted in the districts prior to the exclusion of aforesaid persons;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government intends to include more persons from Balochistan in the Benazir Income Support Programme;*
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard and whether members of National Assembly, Senate and Provincial Assembly will be provided quota in the process of inclusion of new persons?*

Reply not received.

6. ***Ms. Shazia Marri:**
(Deferred on 31-01-2020)

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

- (a) *the estimated cash transfer to BISP in first two quarters of the current financial year alongwith details of actual cash transfer to BISP in aforesaid period;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that target of cash transfer in the aforesaid period could not be made and less disbursement was made to BISP; if so, details alongwith reasons thereof;*
- (c) *whether such less cash transfer to the program has been paying negative impact thereon;*
- (d) *if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to actualize estimated cash transfer to BISP in letter and spirit?*

Reply not received.

11. ***Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**
(Deferred on 31-01-2020)

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

- (a) *whether Government has taken notice that non-Muslims of the country are vulnerable segment of the society;*
- (b) *if so, the plan by the Government to make visible change in lives of non-Muslims living in the country; and*
- (c) *output of above mentioned plan of the Government to alleviate poverty among non-Muslims with reference to add them in social schemes of the Government?*

Reply not received.

18. ***Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**
(Deferred on 31-01-2020)

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

- (a) *the action plan of the present Government to eradicate poverty from the country under United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;*
- (b) *whether the said action plan is in accordance with the objective of sustainable development goals of the United Nations; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *how the Federal Government is extending requisite cooperation to the provinces to supplement the action plan?*

Reply not received.

20. ***Syed Abrar Ali Shah:**
(Deferred on 31-01-2020)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that hundreds of thousands of the beneficiaries of BISP have been removed from the program recently; if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether counter verification of the contents of such beneficiaries were made prior to remove them from the program; if so, the details thereof alongwith criteria which is adopted for counter-verification; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken to include new beneficiaries in the program and stage-wise induction of new beneficiaries in the program?*

Reply not received.

@21. ***Ms. Uzma Riaz:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to regulate the private testing agencies in the country; if so, its details?

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: It is apprised that the documentation for the recruitment process to be accomplished through independent Testing Agency can be divided into two parts namely:—

- (a) Devising Recruitment Mechanism
- (b) Hiring of Services through open tendering process

2. Devising an appropriate recruitment mechanism is the responsibility of Establishment Division, whereas providing standards documentation for hiring of the services of Testing Agency rests with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority.

3. The procuring agency, keeping in view of the grade, category and nature of the post, shall follow the instructions of the Establishment Division for conducting recruitment test and interview. The procuring agency shall define the type (*i.e.* subjective or objective) and contents (with their weightage) of the test in addition to other mandatory eligibility requirements for shortlisting of the candidates.

4. The procuring agency shall follow the Public Procurement Rules and Regulations for hiring of the services of testing agency. The Authority has already devised the draft Standard Request for Proposal (RFP) for hiring of services (including consultancy services), and the same shall be available after approval of the PPRA Board.

5. Since, recruitment is a sensitive matter and has far reaching effect on the capacity building of an organization, so the comprehensive mechanism containing selection methodology and an appropriate evaluation criteria for hiring of the services of testing agency is being prepared on the basis of regulatory experience feedback; and the same shall be available within one month on the Authority's website.

23. ***Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:**
(Deferred on 31-01-2020)

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

- (a) *ratio of poverty of the year ending on June 30, 2018 and 2019 respectively;*

- (b) *ratio of the same at present;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that independent experts of the economy are forecasting increase in ratio of poverty in coming years;*
- (d) *if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to control the increasing ratio of poverty?*

Reply not received.

@105. ***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the present Government intends to facilitate those MNAs and fix quota for them in PIA for their arrival and departure, those who have to travel from far-flung areas to attend the session;*
- (b) *if so, the details; if not, reasons thereof?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) Currently, there is no system for seat blocking or fixed quota for the honorable MNA's. This is in line with the Prime Minister of Pakistan's directives regarding VIP culture and protocol.

(b) PIA does accord priority to the Honorable Members of the National Assembly where possible.

135. ***Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of PIA flights which are running in deficit at present and why; and*
- (b) *whether their deficit can be overcome?*

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

Following are the details of the routes which are incurring losses on Direct Operating Cost (DOC), which is the minimum bench mark for a flight operation (Period Jan-Dec 2019). The reason of making loss is high operating cost. It is worth mentioning here that yield and seat factor has improved on these sectors in 2019 as compared to 2018.

PKR in Million

S. No.	Route	Loss on DOC
1	Pakistan-Toronto-Pakistan	556
2	Islamabad-Jeddah-Islamabad	58
3	Islamabad-London-Islamabad	418.4
5	Lahore-London-Lahore	143
6	Faisalabad-Jeddah-Faisalabad	129
7	Sialkot-Riyadh-Sialkot	32
8	Turbat-Sharjah-Turbat	66
9	Sialkot-Dammam-Sialkot	27
10	Pakistan-Copenhagen-Oslo-Pakistan	207
11	Karachi-Dammam-Karachi	49
12	Turbat-Mascat-Turbat	88
13	Pakistan-Paris-Barcelona-Pakistan	939
14	Pakistan-Milan-Paris-Pakistan	747
15	Pakistan-Beijing-Tokyo-Beijing-Pakistan	738
16	Karachi-London-Karachi	552
17	Pakistan-Oslo-Copenhagen-Pakistan	267
18	Sialkot-London-Sialkot	177
19	Quetta-Jeddah-Quetta	10

(b) All routes on PIA network are evaluated on a regular basis to establish operational and economic viability. In order to make these routes into a profitable venture, PIA has been keeping a constant eye on the market indicators, traffic trends prevalent on these routes, adjusting ticket fares along with continuously monitoring competitor strategies.

136. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that School Buses were purchased for the students of different Schools of Islamabad for their transport facility during the previous regime; if so, the number thereof and the names of the Schools and their sector-wise location to whom these buses were provided;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the bus provided to Government Girls Middle School Sector I-8/1, Islamabad was out of service for the last six months and out of use; if so, the time by which this school bus will be started operating on route for the facilitation of students?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) It is a fact that School Buses were purchased for the students of different educational institutions of Islamabad for their transport facility during the previous regime under Prime Minister Education Reforms Programme (PMERP). The detail of buses purchased and provided to the institutions is placed at Annex-A.

(b) The bus provided to Islamabad Model School for Girls (I-VIII), I-8/1, Islamabad is presently non-functional due to non-availability of a driver and conductor. Also, no budgetary provision is available in the regular budget of the school to meet operational cost of the bus. Federal Directorate of Education has processed a case for creation of posts of 200 Drivers and 200 Conductors for these buses, which is under consideration, The bus will start operate immediately after provision of Driver and Conductor.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

137. ***Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present status of rightsizing and re-structuring of the Pakistan International Airlines Corporation (PIAC); and*

(b) *the time by which the rightsizing and re-structuring of PIAC will be completed?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) PIA's Business Plan (2019-23) was presented to Prime Minister of Pakistan in April 2019. This Business Plan included recommendations on PIA right-sizing and restructuring. A committee lead by Secretary Finance was also formed to manage and put up final time lines, financial support required from GoP and recommendation on various captions for this purpose.

- * Subsequently, the Advisor to Prime Minister on Finance & Revenue directed PIA to formulate a new Corporate Business Plan, prepared by a reputable international consultant, which would redo the requirements of PIA right sizing and re-structuring. To achieve this task, approval from PIACL Board was obtained in the 36th BoD meeting held on 5th September, 2019, which was also attended by Additional Secretary Finance. The tendering process for appointment of an international consultant has been launched. The process is expected to take six months to complete the new Corporate Business Plan after award to the successful bidder.

(b) Rightsizing and restructuring of PTA, in accordance with new Corporate Business Plan will be presented accordingly with recommendations and associated timelines.

138. ***Mr. James Iqbal:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the names of Maddaris which have been affiliated with the Ministry at present and the number of those which have not been affiliated with the Ministry?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): So far, no Madras has been registered / affiliated with M/o Federal Education and Professional Training (M/o FE&PT), Islamabad. However Directorate General of Religious Education has been established along-with its 16 Regional Offices and staff has been posted from National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) and Basic Education Community Schools (BECS) on attachment basis. The Registration Form,

agreed by M/o FE & PT and Ittehad Tanzeemat-ul-Madaris Pakistan (ITMP) has been printed by the Printing Corporation of Pakistan on 20th January, 2020.

The Registration process will be initiated in the 1st week of March, 2020.

139. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

- (a) *the detail of countries visited so far by the President during the present Government; and*
- (b) *how these visits proved beneficial for the State?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) i. Turkey (Istanbul) 28 to 30 October, 2018

- ii. Saudi Arabia (Jeddah) 9 to 15 December, 2018.
- iii. Japan (Tokyo) 20 to 23 October, 2019.
- iv. Azerbaijan (Baku) 24 to 26 October, 2019.

(b) **President's Visit to Istanbul, Turkey (28 – 30 October, 2018)**

The President of Pakistan, Dr. Arif Alvi, on the invitation of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, visited Turkey on 28th October, 2018. The visit provided an opportunity to further enhance mutual cooperation between the two countries in the spheres of political development, trade cooperation, support for each other on various multi-lateral fora. Both the countries support each other on issues of core national interests. Exchange of high-level delegations is a regular feature of this relationship.

President's Visit to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (09-15 December, 2018)

The president of Pakistan paid a visit to Saudi Arabia for pilgrimage from 09-15 December, 2018. During the visit the President Called on the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, His Majesty, King Salman-bin-Abdul Aziz Al-Saud and exchanged views on strengthening bilateral relations. President addressed the Pakistani community including representatives of media,

construction sector, banking sector, laborer sector, finance and accounting sector, doctors and educationists in Makkah. He also briefed the audience about investment opportunities for foreign companies. The visit provided a good opportunity to reach out to the leadership of Saudi Arabia and our community in the Kingdom.

President's Visit to Tokyo, Japan (20-24 October, 2019)

President of Pakistan visited Tokyo from 20-24 October, 2019 to attend the Enthronement Ceremony of the new Emperor of Japan Naruhito. The visit was very productive as it was utilized to highlight our key national objectives such as highlighting of Kashmir issue and enhancing economic and commercial relationship, tourism, science & technology, projecting an 'emerging Pakistan' and human resource development. In the President's meeting with Prime Minister Abe, the areas of mutual benefit were also discussed and commitment to this important bilateral relationship was reaffirmed. Japan is key economic development partner of Pakistan and the exchange of high-level visits is highly important to add impetus to the existing bilateral relations as was recognized in the recently-held Bilateral Political Consultations in Islamabad on 24th January, 2020.

President's Visit to Baku, Azerbaijan (24-26 October, 2019)

Pakistan's Participation in NAM Summit at the highest level was an important opportunity for Member countries to reaffirm Bandung Principles which still remain at the core of NAM's work. President's statement sent a powerful message that Pakistan will continue standing by its Kashmiri brethren in all international forums especially the one which has always championed strong resistance to apartheid, colonialism and foreign occupation. A large number of countries owe their independence to NAM's strong support to their freedom struggle. President's participation was also important in the context of our bilateral relations with Azerbaijan which has always unequivocally supported Pakistan on the Kashmir issue.

140. ***Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an amount of Rupees fifty thousand is paid to the Government servants from the Benevolent Fund on marriage of one of their children which is not sufficient;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Government of the Punjab has increased the said Grant from fifty thousand rupees to one hundred thousand rupees;*
- (c) *if so, whether the Federal Government intends to increase the said grant from fifty thousand rupees to one hundred and fifty thousand rupees; if so, the time by which; if not the reasons thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) Marriage grant of Rs. 50,000 is paid out of Group Insurance Fund on marriage of one child irrespective of gender of a serving, retired employee or eligible family members of a deceased employee, in terms of Rule-19 of the FEB & GI Rules, 1972. This rate and conditions of admissibility are applicable from 21-04-2011. However, rate of marriage grant has been enhanced to Rs. 100,000 *w.e.f.* 20-4-2016 for marriage of one orphan daughter of a Federal Government employee who dies after retirement. Marriage grant is paid out of group insurance fund. The payments remained higher out of group insurance as compared to receipts during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18. However, receipts during 2018-19 are higher because the arrears of premia of non gazetted employees of that year has been paid by the Finance Division. Detail of receipts and payments out of group insurance fund is attached at **Annex-A**.

(b) Presently the Government of Punjab is paying marriage grant on marriage of one daughter only *w.e.f.* 19th May, 2019 as per following detail:

For employees 1 to 15 100,000 Rupees
 For employees 16 & above 150,000 Rupees

As per SOP, the marriage grant has to be availed within 3 years of marriage in Government of Punjab. However, FEB & GIF pays marriage grant of Rs. 50,000 on marriage of one child irrespective of gender whereas Government of Punjab only pays marriage grant on marriage of daughter. Further FEB & GIF also pays marriage grant of Rs. 100,000 on marriage of

orphan daughter *w.e.f.* 20-04-2016. Moreover, there is no time bar for availing the marriage grant by the serving and retired employees or families of the deceased employees.

(c) No. The Federal Government does not intend to increase the amount of marriage grant as the annual payments are higher than the receipt during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18. The deficit was met from investment income. Further, FEB & GIF pays marriage grant out of group insurance Fund whereas Government of Punjab pays out of Benevolent Fund. Further, Government of Punjab pays marriage grant on marriage of daughter whereas FEB & GIF pays marriage grant on marriage of child irrespective of gender. FEB & GIF pays eight different benefits out of group insurance whereas Government of Punjab only pay insurance on death and retirement. Detail of benefits being paid out of Group Insurance Fund is placed at **Annex-B**. It is pertinent to point out that Government of Punjab gets monthly contribution of Benevolent Fund @ 3% of pay without any cap, whereas the FEB & GIF gets monthly contribution @ 2.4% with cap @ Rs. 1090. Further, the Government of Punjab does not pay fee reimbursement, however, FEB & GIF pays fee reimbursement upto Rs. 100,000 per child to employees whose son/ daughter gets admission in public sector universities in the specified fields. Two children of an employee can avail the benefit in an academic year. The annual payment on educational stipend/ fee reimbursement is Rs. 1.2 billion.

In view of above, it is evident that the schemes of FEB & GIF and rate of contributions are very much different from Government of Punjab and cannot be compared. Keeping in view the financial constraints FEB & GIF is unable to increase the rate of marriage grant.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

141. ***Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the details of the persons appointed in the Ministry and its Departments since August, 2018?

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

142. ***Ms. Rubina Irfan:**

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

- (a) *whether Establishment Division has evaluated the strength of testing service institutions through whom recruitments are made in Government institutions particularly with reference to their system of evaluation and to ensure transparency in recent times; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that Government institutions hire the services of such institutions before advertising posts without inviting bids as required in PPRA rules;*
- (c) *if so, steps being taken to remove such discrepancies and strengthen the testing system?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) According to Recruitment Policy Ministries/ Divisions etc. are competent to hire services of Testing Agencies by themselves. However, Establishment Division *vide* O.M. No. 53/1/2008-SP dated 01-8-2019 (ANNEX-I) circulated criteria for hiring of Testing Agency by Ministries/ Divisions, so as to ensure transparency in the recruitment process.

(b) Observance of PPRA Rules is the essential requirement under laid down procedure and all the Ministries/ Divisions have been emphasized to follow the same in letter and spirit (O.M. dated 01-8-2019 refers).

(c) N.A.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

143. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *constituency-wise number of applicants, who belongs to different districts of Karachi have been entertained by Pakistan Baitul Mall (PBM) since August 1, 2018;*

- (b) *number of applications, which have been disposed of by granting due assistance/support to applicants and number of applications which are pending at present alongwith reasons thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that applications of those residents who opted temporary residence in Karachi in their CNIC; if so the justification thereof; and*
- (d) *what steps are being taken to dispose of pending applications and extend maximum support to the poorest of the poor?*

Reply not received.

144. ***Mr. James Iqbal:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state the year-wise amount spent on Roosevelt Hotel America during last ten years?

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): Total Amount Spent on Capital Expenditure on Roosevelt Hotel, New York during 2009-2018 are as under:

Sr. No.	Years	Amount in US\$
1.	2009	701,733
2.	2010	933,889
3.	2011	460,304
4.	2012	1,119,293
5.	2013	5,066,057
6.	2014	4,704,456
7.	2015	3110,783
8.	2016	3,037,958
9.	2017	3,109,009
10.	2018	2,537,058
Total:		24,780,540

145. *Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro:

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state that how Government is tackling the issue of drugs in Educational Institutions especially in Islamabad?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): Higher Education Commission (HEC) has taken numerous steps to prevent use of drugs, narcotics and involvement in its business. Some of these are as follows:

- * Ministry of Narcotics Control has launched a mass awareness mobile phone app “Zindagi” to curb the drug addiction. In this regard, HEC has circulated the “**Drug Awareness and Prevention brochure**” to all public and private sector universities/ Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) across the country through email, dated **February 6, 2020**. The HEI’s have been requested to spread the information amongst all university employees (Faculty & Non-Faculty) and students about the harmful effects of narcotics.
- * All Universities/HEIs across the country have “**Zero Tolerance Policy**” against drug usage or involvement in its business within their premises. HEC has solicited response in the month of **October, 2019** from Islamabad/ Rawalpindi based public and private sector Universities/ HEIs regarding steps taken to curb the menace of drugs. Accordingly, responses received from the Universities/HEIs have been compiled and a detailed report thereof is at **Annex-I**.
- * HEC has also given instructions to all HEIs *vide* letter No. 10-23/A&C/HEC/2015/473, dated Aug **10, 2017** for creating mass awareness against the drug abuse in the universities/HEIs through organizing lectures, seminars, debates, workshops, tableaux, drama shows and through extensive advertising campaigns highlighting the Anti-drug slogan Say No to Drugs/نہ سے نہ زندگی سے پیار
- * HEC has requested all the Universities/ HEIs *vide* letter No. 10-23/A&C/HEC/2015/6861 dated **March 17, 2016** to ensure implementation of tobacco control law in campuses by

sharing and displaying IEC (information, Education & Communication) Material to promote awareness amongst students, faculty and employees. HEC is continuously following up the matter for enforcement of Tobacco Control Laws in universities of Pakistan.

- HEC signed a ‘Letter of Intent’ (LOI) with Ministry of Capital Administration and Development, Division (CADD) in year **2015** for the period of two year *i.e.* 2015-2017 to initiate joint efforts to enforce “**Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smoker’s Health Ordinance, 2002**” in the Universities/ HEIs and declare them smoke-free institutions. In this backdrop, HEC had organized an awareness seminar for the students and faculty members of the federally chartered Universities, wherein HEC was also declared as smoke free premises.
- After the abolishment of CADD, the subject functions transferred to Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination (MONHSRC). HEC is coordinating with the Ministry to renew the ‘Letter of Intent’ for another three years regarding “Tobacco-Smoke Free Zone”.

However, use of drug is a multifaceted issue and need active coordination between HEIs, local police, law enforcement agencies, Federal Government and Provincial Governments, NGOs supporting the cause, etc. to deny access to drug, build awareness to rehabilitation addicted students.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

146. ***Ms. Nuzhat Pathan:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that environment pollution causes Asthema, Cancer and stunt the growth of children;*
- (b) if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to control said pollution?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a)

(A) EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ON ASTHMA

Asthma is usually an acute problem triggered by many different substances. Environmental pollution might be one of the factors that causes the asthma vary from individual to individual (for example, exercise-induced asthma, allergic reaction, any hypersensitivity). The exact cause of asthma is still unknown.

Air pollution may also trigger the asthma. Small particles in the air can pass through nose or mouth and get into the lungs.

Though, air pollution comes from different sources, some are man-made and some are naturally occurring. Air pollution includes solid waste burning, industrial pollution, and dust particles.

POLLUTANTS CAUSES HEALTH PROBLEMS

(i) Health department has not conducted any specific research / survey that proved the air pollution is the Leading cause of cancer in Pakistan. Although there are several factors internationally studied about linkage of air pollution and its cause of asthma, cancer or other diseases but unfortunately in Pakistan no such authentic study is available to show the ultimate effect of air pollution on public health. Research is needed to provide the data/information and results that support effective governmental regulations and essential to study the health effects of air pollutant. Research/study is important to comprehensively assess the efficacy of national-level preventive measures. Findings from these studies are expected to guide the policy decision makers with evidence.

(ii) Particulate Matter:

Particulate matter of very small diameter have a crucial role in favoring asthma attacks, and smaller the substance deeper the penetration in the respiratory tree. Main polluters are PM_{2.5} ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) (particulate matter or small drop) less than or equal to 2.5 μm in diameter), PM₁₀, (ozone), NO₂ (nitrogen dioxide),

SO₂ (sulfur dioxide) and CO (carbon monoxide) Exposure to such pollutants and traffic-related air pollution increases the risk of exacerbations of asthma symptoms.

The number of pollens or spores or amount of pollutants that can trigger an asthma attack may vary from person to person depending on a number of factors, including the severity of their asthma

(iii) Indoor air pollution:

Indoor air pollution can pose a health risk. Sources of indoor air pollution may include:

- Lung cancer caused by asbestos is different than pleural mesothelioma, an asbestos-related cancer that develops in the lining of the lungs instead of inside the lung
- Household cleaners and air-freshening sprays or devices
- Fuel-burning heat sources (wood-burning, stove) Smoke from cooking, fireplaces and tobacco.
- Toxic fumes that are “off-gassing” from new products (new furniture and new carpet)
- Building and paint products, adhesives, Pesticides, Radon (a gas that comes from the ground and enters a home and can rise to dangerous levels)
- Cosmetics, perfumes and hair sprays

(B) EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ON CANCER

Cancer is caused by accumulated damage to genes. Such changes may be due to chance or to exposure to a cancer causing substance. The substances that cause cancer are called carcinogens. The cause of cancer may be environmental agents, viral or genetic factors.

1. **Biological or internal factors:** such as age, gender, inherited genetic defects and skin type
2. **occupational risk factors:** including carcinogens chemicals, radioactive materials and asbestos.
3. **Lifestyle-related factors:** Tobacco, alcohol, some food-related factors, such as nitrites and poly aromatic hydrocarbons generated by barbecuing food).

(i) **Outdoor air pollution**

Outdoor air pollution is a mixture of tiny dust-like particles and substances in the air. Outdoor air pollution can be man-made, such as fumes from vehicles or factories.

In 2013, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) confirmed that outdoor air pollution is a cause of cancer.

Most pollutants levels including PM10 and PM2.5 remain within the NEQS limits. On average, levels of both PM10 and PM2.5 in the Islamabad are low.

(ii) **Indoor air pollution:**

Indoor air pollution can have many sources. For example, the burning of solid fuels to heat homes and to cook with could be a source, but this is less common in the Pakistan.

- (b) ■ Pakistan is signatory to international UN conventions to control air pollution, which include the following:
- Under The Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their safe disposal, all toxic chemical including asbestos are banned.
 - POPs (Pesticides and PCBs) chemicals are banned under Stockholm convention.

- Pak-EPA has also introduced zigzag technology for brick kilns, Industrial emission particularly steel industries and cement (ICT) installed filter bag houses.
- Implementation of compliance of Pak-II (Euro-II) Standards
- In smog season, GoP Banned burning of Crop residue, brick kilns, and Solid-waste burning (particularly a trans boundary issue)

In order to tackle the issue of environmental pollution while controlling the air pollution of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), Pak-EPA has notified the following National Environmental Quality Standards;

- NEQS for ambient air under S.R.O. No. 1062(1)/2010 (**Annex-I**)
- NEQS for industrial gaseous emission under S.R.O No. 549(I)/2000 (**Annex-II**).

According to above NEQS, all the industries of ICT are bound to control air emissions through installation of anti-pollution devices.

The major factors that contribute in smog formation and air pollution are industrial and vehicular emissions in ICT.

(A) INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS:

(i) Steel Industries:

All the steel furnaces (08) situated in ICT have installed pollution abatement technology which is being monitored by Pak-EPA regularly for ensuring the compliance of NEQS.

(ii) Brick Kilns:

Pak-EPA directed brick kiln owners to adopt zigzag technology on immediate basis. The technology was introduced with the cooperation of the All Pakistan Brick Kiln Owners Association (APBKOA).

In ICT, five (05) out of sixty-four (64) brick kilns have now turned over their kilns on newly environment friendly zigzag technology.

All the owners of brick kilns who have not yet installed the pollution control technology have now submitted affidavits to convert their kilns to environment friendly zig-zag technology by the end of 2020.

Recently, Pak-EPA has sealed 05 Brick Kilns who were operating their kilns in Sector H-16, Islamabad without installation of pollution control technology.

(B) VEHICULAR EMISSIONS

The vehicular emissions are one of the major sources of air pollution in capital city.

Over the last 2 years, huge jump was observed in the number of vehicles in ICT which was about 125 thousands from the year 2016 to 2017. According ITP (Islamabad Traffic Police), daily 25,000 to 30,000 vehicles enter in ICT by three main entrances. Total number of vehicles registered has reached to 78,082 in 2017 by Motor registering authority, Excise and Taxation department ICT.

(Data source: Excise and Taxation Department, NTRC Islamabad)

In order to tackle the issues of vehicular emissions in ICT Pak-EPA has notified the following National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) for vehicular emission standards under S.R.O No. 72(KE)/2009 (NEQS for motor vehicle exhaust and noise). (Annex-III).

The National Electric Vehicle Policy is developed to ensure meeting the penetration numbers set forth.

(C) TRANSBOUNDARY EMISSIONS

Solid Waste Crop Residue Burning:

As per Governments anti-pollution measures, imported machinery wil brought to assist farmers to make use of the post-harvest rice crop rather than burn it.

Due to trans-boundary movement of Air Pollution from surrounding areas, smog in winter season, specifically.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

147. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken notice that most of the departments could not ensure implementation of laws, computerization and availability of their records under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 for the facilitation of general public;*
- (b) if so, the details thereof; if not reasons thereof; and*
- (c) what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure the implementation of said law?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting: (a), (b), & (c)

- It is true that most of the ministries and departments have not updated the information on their websites as required under Section 5 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
- The Information Commission, appointed on November 2018, has asked all the Federal Government departments to fulfill the requirements of the Act.
- The Commission has received over 300 appeals from the citizens and in more than 120 cases the Government departments have provided the requisite information to the citizens. All the remaining cases are at different stages of implementation of the Act.
- The Ministry of Information has forwarded the case of sanction of posts duly recommended by the MS Wing of the Establishment Division since March 2019. The reply from the Finance Division is still awaited. As soon as the requisite staff is provided to the information Commission it will monitor the progress of proactive disclosure by all the Federal Ministries and attached Departments.
- The annual report of Information Commission is ready and will be presented in the parliament in last week of February.

148. ***Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan is hiring consultants against BPS 21 on high salaries with excessive perks and privileges;*
- (b) *if so, details of such consultants; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that HEC had asked Universities for austerity measures after Government cut on the HEC budget which has affected 194 Universities across the country?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) No consultants have been appointed against BPS-21. However, Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan has hired consultants on contract basis as per approved policy of the Commission.

(b) The detail of consultants is attached at **Annex-I**.

(c) HEC has disseminated the instructions of the Federal Government relating to austerity measures for the FY 2019-20 contained in Finance Division (Expenditure Wing), O.M No.7(1) Exp. IV/2016-812 dated 21-08-2019, to federally funded public sector universities/institutions for compliance.

Annex-I

DETAIL ABOUT CONSULTANTS IN HEC

SN	Name of Consultants	Name of Project/Assignment	Date of Appointment
1.	Mr. Asif Shahid Khan	Consultant (IT/MIS)	20-11-2018
2.	Mr. Rizwan Rashid	Consultant (IT/MIS)	05-12-2018
3.	Mr. Arshad Ahmed	Consultant (Finance)	20-05-2019
4.	Dr. Sara Zubair	Consultant (Program Development) NAHE	04-07-2019

SN	Name of Consultants	Name of Project/Assignment	Date of Appointment
5	Dr. Muhammad Daud Munir	Consultant (Policy & Legal Affairs)	22-08-2019
6	Mr. Fazal Abbas Maken	Consultant (Institutional Reforms)	04-10-2019
7	Dr. Zulfiqar H. Gilani	Consultant (4-Year Integrated Undergraduate Program)	21-11-2019
8.	Lt. Gen. (R) Muhammad Asghar	Consultant (CPEC, Academic Research & Development)	17-01-2020

149. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the consistent decline in passing percentage of the Central Superior Services exam has pointed out the fact that education system of the country is outdated, hence it is not capable to face the challenges posed by the fast-paced world;*
- (b) *if so, whether the Ministry, HEC or nay other department on behalf of Federal Government has conducted an assessment to determine the real causes of declining educational system particularly with reference to declining passing percentage of CSS; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *what corrective steps are being taken to keep abreast of the education system of the country with the fast-paced of the world?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) No empirical study/evidence suggests that the consistent decline in passing percentage of the Central Superior Service (CSS) exam is related to out dated higher education sector of the county. While it needs to be admitted that their exist a lot of room for improvement in quality of higher education in Pakistan compared with world's leading universities, it would not be appropriate to directly link higher education quality with passing

percentage of CSS exam sans a thorough and objective research. Improvement in ranking of Pakistani universities in world rankings, unprecedented rise in internationally indexed research from Pakistan and its citation rate in leading journals, quality of faculty, and alignment of Pakistan higher education framework with the international systems undoubtedly demonstrate improvement in quality of higher education in the last decade and half.

(b) Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) has published a detailed annual Report 2015 along with Examiner's report 2014 and 2016 that provide some explanation of low passing percentage in CSS Exam. These include poor English language proficiency, quality of schooling, lucrative employment opportunities, in other professionals, low eligibility (14 years of schooling/BA) and absenteeism *i.e.* percentage registering but not appearing in the final exams are some of the factors that have contributed towards poor passing percentage in CSS exam. However, these reports provide no reflection and relative importance/relationship with the passing percentage. Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) need to conduct a detail analysis to establish factors contributing towards poor passing percentage and devising the plan for improving the situation. Such analysis also look at the change in professional performances of the youth.

(c) Apart from focusing on its strategic aims of access, quality / and relevance, HEC is undertaken a number of initiatives for continuous improvement of quality of higher education in accordance with fast-paced world. Some of these are:

- i. Revamping of post-secondary education.
- ii. Establishment of National Academy for Higher Education.
- iii. Establishment of revamped of Education Testing Council.
- iv. Revamping of National Research Framework.
- v. Revamping of HEC Research Grant Framework.
- vi. Work on fund raising program.
- vii. HEMIS (Higher Education Management Information System).
- viii. Revised Framework for HEC National Distinguished Professors.
- ix. Revised policy for Pakistani HEIs offer degree program in collaboration with foreign Universities.

- x. Structuring & Result-Based funding of Centers of Excellence/ Centers for advance studies/Area Study Centers.
- xi. Work on PhD Procedures and Systems.
- xii. Work on HEC Plagiarism Policy.

150. ***Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi:**

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

- (a) *the names of persons appointed under various provisions of the Rules of Business, 1973 by the present Government with the status of Federal Minister and Minister of State alongwith details of perks and privileges of each;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that dual nationality holders have been appointed and given the status of Federal Minister and Minister of State; if so, the justification of such appointments alongwith the details of their expertise in respective field?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The Rules of Business, 1973 (sub-rule 6 of rule 4) provides for the appointment of Special Assistants to the Prime Minister (**Annex-I**). In terms of Serial No. 1A of Schedule V-A to the said Rules (**Annex-II**) the Special Assistants are also granted status of Federal Minister and Minister of State without Cabinet rank for the purpose of salary, allowances and privileges which are normally available to Federal Ministers and Ministers of State under the Federal Ministers and Ministers of State (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1975 (**Annex-III**). The existing Special Assistants with or without the status are as follows:

1. Dr. Sania Nishtar, SA to the Prime Minister on Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation with the status of Federal Minister.
2. Mirza Shahzad Akbar, SA to the Prime Minister on Accountability and Interior with the status of Minister of State.
3. Mr. Naeem ul Haque, SA to the Prime Minister on Political Affairs with the status of Minister of State.
4. Sayed Zulfiqar Abbas Bukhari, SA to the Prime Minister on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development with the status of Minister of State.

5. Mr. Shahzad Syed Qasim, SA to the Prime Minister on Coordination of Marketing and Development of Mineral Resources with the status of Minister of State.
6. Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan (MNA), SA to the Prime Minister on Capital Development Authority Affairs.
7. Mr. Muhammad Usman Dar, SA to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs.
8. Mr. Nadeem Afzal Gondal, SA to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Coordination.
9. Sardar Yar Muhammad Rind, SA to the Prime Minister on activities pertaining to Ministries of Water Resources, and Petroleum in the Balochistan.
10. Dr. Zafar Mirza, SA to the Prime Minister on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination With the status of Minister of State.
11. Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan, SA to the Prime Minister on Information and Broadcasting Division with the status of Minister of State.
12. Mr. Nadeem Babar, SA to the Prime Minister on Petroleum Division, with the status of Minister of State.
13. Dr. Moeed W. Yusuf, SA to the Prime Minister on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning with the status of Minister of State.

(b) Under the provisions of the Rules of Business, 1973 the appointment of Special Assistants to the Prime Minister is made. The Prime Minister determines whether a person to be appointed would be able to assist him as an expert in the performance of specific function(s). Article 62(1)(a) of the Constitution which deals with dual nationality is not applicable on Special Assistants to the Prime Minister as they are not elected Members of the Parliament. Therefore, no information regarding dual nationality of Special Assistants to the Prime Minister has been maintained.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

151. ***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of PTV employees with scale-wise details who have been removed from service during the last two years?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting: 77 number of employees have been removed from the services during the last two years (From 01-02-2018 to 31-01-2020) in the following manner:

Group	No. of Regular Employees	No. of Temporary Employees
8	1	-
7	1	-
5	6	4
4	-	10
3	-	13
2	2	-
1A	3	-
1	2	1
Anchor	-	13
Professional	-	21
Total	15	62

152. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether it is a fact that posts of Lecturer in Architect Department have been advertised by the National College of Arts, Lahore this year; if so, the details of candidates appointed including domicile thereof alongwith merit list of written test and interview?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): Yes, It is fact that post of Lecturer in Architecture was advertised in February, 2019. Details of candidates appointed including domicile alongwith merit list of written test & interview is enclosed at Annex-I.

Annexure-I

National College of Arts (NCA) Lahore.

S. No.	Designation/Department & No of Posts	Candidates		Details of Candidates Appointed	Domicile	Qualification	Written Test Marks	Interview
		Total	Inter view					
1.	Lecturer (BFS 15) Architecture NCA Lahore C2 post.	5	4	Mr. Jehir Hussain S/O. Farwa Hussain Mr. Awaiz Aguda S/O. Aqdas Faraz Tahir Ms. Mahira Razi s/o. Abid Hussain Baloch	Kurram, KPK (FATA) Lahore	2550 3550	3150 3350	44.5/50 37.5/50
					Chaghi (Balochistan)	3550	2950	40/50

National College of Arts (NCA) Rawalpindi.

S. No.	Designation/Department & No of Posts	Candidates		Details of Candidates Appointed	Domicile	Qualification	Written Test Marks	Interview
		Total	Inter view					
2.	Lecturer (BFS-15) Architecture NCA, Rawalpindi Campus C2 post.	30	2	Ms. Habiba Janveer s/o. M. Tanveer Alam Ms. Samman s/o. Qayyum	Jhelum Rawalpindi	3050 3050	3850 2950	34.8/50 40.8/50

153. *Ms. Shahida Rehmani:

Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division be pleased to state whether Government intends to give monthly financial assistance to unemployed and disabled persons; if so, the details thereof?

Reply not received.

154. *Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the detail of time allocated on PTV to Government and opposition separately in the present Government tenure?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting: Total number of programs aired by PTV News stand at 1480 programs in present Government tenure, approximately 73333mts of air time.

Total No. of Programs in Last 12 Months	Total Duration of Programs in mts
1480	74000mts
No. of Panelists from Treasury benches	= 2408
No. of Panelists from Opposition benches	= 3360
Total On air Time Given to Treasury benches	= 29600mts
Percentage of Air Time Given to Treasury benches	= 40%
Total On air Time Given to Opposition Parties	= 44400 mts
Percentage of Air Time Given to Opposition benches	= 60 %

155. ***Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *details of flights of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) which were delayed from Saudi Arabia, particularly from and to Makkah and Madina, since January 1, 2019 alongwith reasons of each delay;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that such delay in flights has caused millions of rupees fine to PIA; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *whether the administration of the PIA has assessed or intend to assess real causes behind such delay; if so, the details thereof and; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *what steps are being taken to implement the schedule time of flights?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) PIA operates flights for Medina and Jeddah, as there is no airport available in Makkah for commercial flights. Details of flights of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) which were delayed from Saudi Arabia, particularly from and to Jeddah and Medina since January, 2019 along with reason are given below:

Flight Operated	Total Delays	PIA Delays	Beyond PIA Controls			
			Weather	CAA	ATC	Immigration
5,150	1889	700	513	180	80	416

- During the period Jan-Dec 2019, PIA operated a total of 5,150 flights between Pakistan and Medina/Jeddah. Out of these total numbers of flights, 700 flights were delayed due to airline's various reasons, including engineering requirements, fleet constraints, shortage of equipment and re-routing etc. Airline related delays are only 14% of the total flights operated for these two destinations. However, efforts are underway to minimize PIA delays by bringing grounded aircraft airworthy.
- It is pertinent to mention here that at KSA (Jeddah and Medina), PIA is facing real problems of congestion at Immigration counters, slots constraints which actually leads to delays in operations and is beyond PIA controls. General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) being an accountable agency has not always given due importance to PIA's real issues. Still, PIA pro-actively coordinates with the Government Agencies in Saudi Arabia for provision of preferred slots from KSA and for revision in ground time to minimize delays.

(b) Till date PIA has not received any fines although Hajj Committee headed by GACA has taken decision to impose fines against the delays during Hajj-2019 as they did not accept justifications given by PIA. However, till now, GACA did not convey the actual amounts for the fines imposed on PIA on account of delays of both Hajj and scheduled flights.

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

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

(a) *the details of skill and vocational training projects started by NAVTTAC in the field of horticulture and small scale industry at present; and*

- (b) *the names of institutes that have been imparting the said training indicating also the province-wise details?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) & (b) The National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) in coordination with Provincial Labour & Industries Departments and TEVTAs has launched the Hunarmand Pakistan Program under the Kamyab Jawan initiative in which 170,000 youth, both male & female, will be provided technical & vocational trainings and certification in the latest market demanded High-tech/ High-end technologies and conventional trades in reputed Institutes, Universities & Industries. These trainings have been devised in such a way to equip the Human Resource with the latest hands on skills to provide the opportunities of employability at national & international markets. This program would greatly help in maximizing the number of youth and adults having technical and vocational skills for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship. The detail of skill and vocational training started by NAVTTTC in the field of horticulture/ related and small scale industry at present along with the names of institutes that have been imparting the said training indicating the province-wise detail is attached at **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

157. ***Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

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

- (a) *how many admission seats increased for children in the Federal Government schools for the year 2020-21 as last year there were a lot of complaints for non admission of children owing to short number of seats; and*
- (b) *what steps/measures are being taken by the Government to include out of School children for the year 2020-21?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Admissions are granted in each institution as per intake capacity of every institution. No one is denied admission and every possible effort is made to accommodate all applicants, according to distance

from residence and merit prevailing in each institution. However, under the project Up-gradation of ICT High Schools: under PSDP, additional classrooms along with other allied facilities are being provided in 34 educational institutions and construction of the same is in final stages. This addition shall ensure increased number of seats in institutions as mentioned above educational institution.

(b) To include out of school children for the year 2020-21 following measures have been taken by the Government:

- Students of 22 Out of School Children (OOSC) centers using Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) have been assessed to be promoted from package A to package B (ALP).
- Assessment of remaining Package A students in February, 2020.
- Area wise provision of package B and C ALP books along with teacher guides by January 31, 2020.
- Introducing a smart phone App by all teachers, AEOs and concerned officials to enhance effective monitoring and data driven decision making by June 2020.
- Follow up support and mentoring of ALP teachers through Master trainers to enhance quality of education.
- Enrolling all out of school children to mainstream FDE schools in class 6 after completing ALP package C.
- Engaging volunteer participation for school support in provision of missing facilities through First Lady Volunteer School Support Program.

158. ***Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

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

(a) *the circulation of each newspaper in the country at present alongwith their names; and*

- (b) *the detail of the payments for advertisements made by the Government from 25th July to 15th December, 2019 to all newspapers as well as the detail of outstanding amounts towards Government in respect of advertisements?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

159. ***Ms. Nuzhat Pathan:**

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

- (a) *district-wise number of persons appointed in grade-16 and above in Federal Government from Sindh and Punjab Provinces during last five years;*
- (b) *the quota of Sindh Province as compared to Punjab; and*
- (c) *whether Sindh is being ignored and future plan in this regard?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) The Federal Public Service Commission maintains provincial / Regional quota as per policy of the Federal Government, therefore, District-wise data is not available with FPSC. During the last five years vacancies finalized, nominations made and vacancies remained unfilled and re-advertised from Punjab and Sindh quotas have been provided in **(Annex-I)**.

(b) The allocation of posts to merit and provincial/ regional quotas is made according to government's policy as per Establishment Division O.M. No. 4/10/2006-R-2 dated 12th February 2007 **(Annex-II)**, which is as under:

- (1) Punjab (Including Federal Area of Islamabad) = 50%
- (2) Sindh (Including Karachi) = 19%

The share of Sindh is further sub allocated in the following ration:

- i. Urban areas namely Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur 40% of 19% or 7.6% of total.

- ii. Rural areas *i.e.* rest of Sindh, 60% of 19% or 11.4% of total.

(c) No. From the figures given in **(Annex-I)**, it may be observed that Sindh has been given its 19% share in recruitment. If, some vacancies falling to its share could not be filled due to unavailability of qualified candidates, the same vacancies were re-advertised for Sindh quota, and filled in subsequent years, as evident from **(Annex-I)**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

160. ***Ms. Uzma Riaz:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state whether any health risk assessment of different heavy metals in drinking water has been conducted by the Ministry or any of its organization during the last five years; if so, its details?

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): After 18th constitutional amendment, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) is mandated with its function under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 for protection, conservation and rehabilitation of environment in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) only.

However, as far as ICT is concerned, Pak-EPA conducted an investigation of the drinking water filtration plants of Islamabad in November 2018 in order to ensure the NEQS of drinking water notified under SRO 1062(1)/2010.

Conductivity and Total Dissolve Solids (TDS): Conductivity and TDS of water are within the permissible limit in all water samples taken from filtration plants in Islamabad if the conductivity and TDS is much greater, it may indicate the presence of contaminants such as sodium (Na), Chlorides (Cl), Nitrates (NO₃), Sulphates (SO₄) and heavy metals like Iron (Fe), cadmium (Cd), Manganese (Mn), Zinc (Zn) etc... which may be human influenced or natural charges. In conductivity and TDS over time may indicate changing water quality. All collected samples from water filtration plants were below in Conductivity and TDS standards.

S.No.	Parameters	National standards
1	TDS	100-500 mg/I
2	Conductivity	1000 US/cm
3	Fe	0.3 mg/I
4	Cd	0.003 mg/I
5	Mn	0.500 mg/I
6	Zn	3 mg/I
7	Cl	250 mg/I
8	SO ₄	400 mg/I
9	As	0.001-0.01mg/I

All contaminants in water, other than dissolve gases, contribute to the solid load (suspended or dissolve) and can be classified by their size, state and chemical characteristics. Dissolve solids in water physically include slit and clay from river bank organic, inorganic matters and microorganisms from natural and human resources.

Bacteriological contamination: Water filtration system installed by CDA in various locations of Islamabad is equipped with UV disinfection system, unfortunately at many filtration plants. This system is not working properly; bacterial contamination was passing through the filtered water and mixing of both supply and sewerage water pipelines. Bacterial contaminates falls under category of pathogen. WHO, USEPA and PSI establish standards for coliform bacterial in drinking water are zero (or no) total coliform per 100ml water. Water samples of contaminated water filtration plants were perform after 4 months of first sampling, the bacteriological contaminates of these plants was not improved through this period. (**Annex-II**).

(Copy of summarized investigation results is enclosed at Annex-I).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

161. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

(a) *the banks in which funds of Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad have been invested/ deposited alongwith the rate of interest thereon; and*

(b) *the income earned therefrom during the last ten years?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Funds of Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad have been invested/deposited in the following banks on the rate of interest mentioned against each, is as under:

S. #.	Date of Investment	Date of maturity	Profit Rate Per Annum	Name of Bank
1.	19/02/2019	19/02/2020	11.06%	The Bank of Punjab, Blue Area, Islamabad
2.	19/02/2019	19/02/2020	11.06%	The Bank of Punjab, Blue Area, Islamabad
3.	28/02/2019	28/02/2020	11.13%	The Bank of Khyber, Blue Area, Islamabad
4.	11/03/2019	11/03/2020	11.00%	HBL FBISE Branch, H-8/4, Islamabad
5.	20/04/2019	20/04/2020	11.76%	The Bank of Punjab, Blue Area, Islamabad
6.	12/06/2019	11/06/2020	12.95%	Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited, Head Office, Islamabad
7.	27/06/2019	27/06/2020	13.25%	HBL FBISE Branch, H-8/4, Islamabad
8.	05/08/2019	05/08/2020	14.10%	The Bank of Khyber, Blue Area, Islamabad
9.	01/11/2019	31/10/2020	13.60%	Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited, Head Office, Islamabad
10.	06/12/2019	06/12/2020	13.30%	The Bank of Punjab, Blue Area, Islamabad
11.	06/12/2019	06/12/2020	13.30%	The Bank of Punjab, Blue Area, Islamabad
12.	30/12/2019	30/12/2024	12.30%	The Bank of Punjab, Blue Area, Islamabad
13.	30/12/2019	30/12/2024	12.30%	The Bank of Punjab, Blue Area, Islamabad

S. #.	Date of Investment	Date of maturity	Profit Rate Per Annum	Name of Bank
14.	30/12/2019	30/12/2024	12.30%	The Bank of Punjab, Blue Area, Islamabad
15.	13/01/2020	13/01/2025	12.30%	The Bank of Punjab, Blue Area, Islamabad
16.	31/01/2020	31/01/2021	12.30%	The Bank of Punjab, Blue Area Islamabad
17.	10/08/2004	10/06/2024	10.00%	NBP,PIB Karachi

(b) The income earned there from during the last ten years is as under:

S. #.	Years	Profit on Investments (Rs. in millions)
11.	2018 -19	348.353
12.	2017 - 18	340.868
13.	2016 - 17	362.447
14.	2015 - 16	370.868
15.	2014 - 15	357.580
16.	2013 - 14	272.250
17.	2012 - 13	267.150
18.	2011 -12	277.610
19.	2010 - 11	59.467
20.	2009 - 10	67.666

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alongwith other faculty appointments that are Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor”.

Considering that the UoB has processed appointment of Lecturer Archeology (BSP-18) on the obsolete/superseded criteria, HEC has advised the university to initiate a fresh hiring process in accordance with the applicable faculty appointment criteria (**Annex-II**).

(c) Yes, UoB has conducted the test for the post of Lecturer Archelogy (BPS-18) through NTS on 09-11-2019. Consolidated list of candidates with all relevant data is at **Annex-III**. However, no recruitment in this regard has been made.

(d) As per HEC criteria for appoint of Lecturer (BPS-18), 3rd Division shall not be applicable in the qualification of appointment as lecturer in universities or degree awarding institutions provided that the candidate holds higher degree *i.e.* PhD or equivalent with not more than one 3rd division in entire career.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

53. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the salaries of National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC) employees have not yet been increased as per announced increased in salaries of Government employees in budget 2019-20; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication (Dr. Khalid Maqbool Saddiqui): Provision for grant of Adhoc Relief Allowance-2019, revision in Special Conveyance Allowance for disabled employees and revision in Special Pay / has been kept in Budget 2019-20. The case regarding grant of Adhoc Relief Allowance-2019 and in Special Conveyance Allowance for disabled employees/Special Pay has been also taken up with NTC Management Board. On receipt of approval from NTC Management Board and subsequent approval of Finance Division, Adhoc Relief Allowance-2019, Special Conveyance Allowance-2019 for Disabled employees and Special Pay @ the specified rates shall be allowed to NTC’s employees from the date of their admissibility *i.e.* 01-07- 2019.

54. **Mr. Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) the number of persons who have studied abroad on Government expenses during 2018-19;*
- (b) the number of Ph.D's Engineers and Doctors amongst the above said; and*
- (c) whether such educated/skilled persons were successful to find an appropriate job after returning the country?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) During 2018-19, a total numbers of **2,707** (two thousand seven hundred and seven) persons were studying abroad as HEC scholars on Government expenses.

(b) A total numbers of **1,368** (1,108 Engineering & Technology and 260 Biological & Meidcal Sciences) professionals are amongst the above **2,707** persons.

(c) Since 2018-19, out of above, a total numbers of 251 have completed PhD and were successful to find appropriate job after returning country. A total 119 were already employed and 57 have joined universities/ R&D organizations. 50 persons have been absorbed under HEC special initiative titled "**Interim Placement of Fresh PhD**" (IPFP) and the remaning 25 persons are under process of placement at universities under IPFP.

55. **Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) annual financial deficit of PIA alongwith the details of previous ten years in this regard;*
- (b) the number of employees recruited in PIA during the previous ten years; and*
- (c) the number of permanent and temporary employees in PIA?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) Financial deficit of previous years are as under:

Profit & Loss before Tax		PKR in “000”
S#	Years	Amount
1.	2019*	*(53,107,097)
2.	2018	(67,417,815)
3.	2017	(51,057,129)
4.	2016	(44,795,723)
5.	2015	(29,953,338)
6.	2014	(29,311,438)
7.	2013	(44,710,877)
8.	2012	(29,776,108)
9.	2011	(28,025,801)
10.	2010	(8,579,742)
11.	2009	(12,434,316)

*2019 Accounts are un-audited.

(b) The number of employees recruited in PIA during the previous ten years.

Years	Total	Years	Total
2010	1297	2015	409
2011	661	2016	365
2012	278	2017	80
2013	256	2018	113
2014	10	2019	23
Grand Total		3492	

(c) The number of permanent and temporary employees in PIA.

TOTAL NO OF EMPLOYEES	PERMANENT	CONTRACTUAL	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES
15,052	11,284	458	3310

ISLAMABAD:
The 12th February, 2020.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.