
(i)	Amount in PKR of Federal Government's print media advertisements released by PID:	523,734,394/- (Annex-I)	Out of which 85% amount Rs. 445, 174,234/- would be paid to newspapers while 15% amount Rs. 78.560,159/- would be paid Advertising agencies in terms of their commission.
(ii)	Amount in PKR of Federal Government's print media advertisements verified / recommended by PID and paid by AGPR:	120,540,423/- (Annex-II)	Out of which 85% amount Rs. 102,459,359/- has been paid to newspapers while 15% amount Rs. 18,081.063/- has been paid Advertising agencies in terms of their commission.
(iii)	Amount in PKR outstanding against Federal Government:		On the special instruction of Prime Minister, all out and hectic efforts were made by PID / M/o I&B during the month of May and June, 2020 to clear all outstanding payment against the Federal Government for PTI's tenure. Resultantly, an amount of PKR 520,067,695/- (Annex-III) has been paid to the newspaper publication through advertising agencies till 30th June, 2020. Almost major chunk of outstanding amount during the PTI's Government including period from 25th July to 15th December, 2019 has been cleared while the remaining outstanding amount for advertisement after April are under process.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

162. ***Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**
(Deferred from 19th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the number of those living in poverty has increased rapidly during the present Government;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division: (a)

Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives:

At present, there is no evidence to suggest that poverty has increased in the country. Therefore, it cannot be confirmed if poverty has increased during the present regime.

PAKISTAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION FUND (PPAF):

To establish the fact that poverty has increased in the country at present, latest national level statistics about poverty are essential. But after 2016, no credible national level estimates regarding national poverty level are available. Hence, it is not possible to report that the poverty has increased. However, previous trends with respect to poverty estimates show a significant decrease in the national poverty ratio. The National Poverty Report 2015-16 of National Commission of Pakistan indicates a decrease in the national poverty level over the year. The report states that poverty in Pakistan has declined from 57.9% in 1998 to 24.3% in 2015. Prevalence of multidimensional poverty is **38.4%** (including education, health and living standards). There are stark regional disparities in the prevalence of poverty. Rural multidimensional poverty headcount is as high as **55%** in contrast to urban areas where only 9% of urban population is multi-dimensionally poor. However, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special initiatives would be able to provide more precise information in the matter.

(b) PAKISTAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION FUND (PPAF):

In order to control the increasing ratio of poverty, the present government has initiated the country's largest poverty alleviation program

“Ehsaas”. The program has 134 initiatives which are for the extreme poor, orphans widows, the homeless, the disabled, those who risk medical impoverishment, for the Jobless, for poor farmers, for laborers, for the sick and undernourished, for students from low-income backgrounds and for poor women and elderly citizens. The plan is also about lifting lagging areas where poverty is higher.

Ehsaas is a multi-sectoral coordinated initiative. It is the biggest and boldest pro-poor Programme ever launched in the country with the objective to:

- Address elite capture and make the government system work for equality of opportunity;
- Provide effective and comprehensive safety nets for the marginalized and the vulnerable;
- Create livelihoods and jobs for the poor;
- Invest in people for human capital formation; and
- Lift lagging areas.

The present government has increased in social protection spending. Additional PKR 80 billion has been added to social protection spending in the FY (2019-20) and in the next budget (2020-21) there will be a further increase; hence total incremental increase will be PKR 120 billion. The core intervention under Ehsaas strategy which will directly benefit the poorest class is the National Poverty Graduation Initiative (NPGI).

National Poverty Graduation Initiatives (NPGI):

The NPGI is part of the Ehsaas Strategy. It aims at graduating the ultra and vulnerable poor households out of poverty and set them on the path of economic and social prosperity. Key components of the initiative include (i) Asset Transfers (ii) Vocational and Skills Training and (iii) interest Free Loans (IFL).

The initiative will reduce dependence of segment of the population living at the bottom of the pyramid on government-led social safety nets. It will uplift them by mainstreaming them into economic development and financial inclusion.

The government in addition to its own funding is partnering with the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in this initiative. Overall cost of the initiative is PKR 42.65 billion.

ROLE OF PPAF UNDER NPGI:

Under NPGI, the following two major programmes are being implemented by PPAF:

1. National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP):

NPGI is a GoP and IFAD funded USD 150 million (GoP USD 50 Million on and IFAD USD 100 Million) Programme to be implemented over a period of 6 years with an overarching objective to assist the ultra-poor and very poor including women in graduating out of poverty on sustainable basis. The Programme aims at transferring of livelihood assets and trainings to 176,877 households in 23 districts of 4 provinces of Pakistan.

2. Interest Free Loan (IFL) Program:

IFL is one of the major components of the initiative being implemented by PPAF through its 24 Partner Organizations (POs). The range of interest free loans is PKR 20,000-Rs. 75,000. As many as 3.8 million interest free loans will be provided (80,000 loans a month) for the next 4 years to 2,28 million households.

BANAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME (BISP):

BISP, being an arm of Ehsaas Programme is addressing Poverty and inequality through following interventions:—

Kafaalat

Kafaalat provides subsistence allowance to an adult ever married female possessing a valid CNIC within an eligible household as per Kafaalat eligibility criteria 100% beneficiaries are being paid through the Biometric Verification System (BVS). Kafaalat serves 4.3 million vulnerable and destitute all across the country.

Kafaalat aims at ensuring financial and digital inclusion of around 6 million women through the “one woman one bank account” policy. Kafaalat envisages that BISP’s “cash out only” should be leveraged to financially and digitally educate and harness UCT beneficiaries.

Kafaalat also envisages vertical expansion of cash transfer to adjust it to inflation. Under Kafaalat, Government plans to complete the poverty survey in the country. To capture the households missed out during the survey, sell-registration desks are being established in 15 districts with NADRAs collaboration. These registration desks will gradually be rollout in 54 more districts to identify new beneficiaries / validate the existing ones. The same model will gradually be extended to all district of the country.

Conditional Cash Transfer (Waseela-e-Taleem):

The initiative is currently operational in 50 districts and encourages beneficiary families with children in age group of 4 - 12 years to send their out of school children to schools for primary education in return for cash transfers. The initiative has enrolled 3.616 million children all across the country and a total of about Rs. 12.01 billion have been disbursed under WeT as of 31st December 2019. The CCT involves a cash transfer of Rs. 750 for boys and Rs.1000/- for girls paid quarterly. BISP Board in its 34th Board meeting approved rolling out of CCT education to another 50 districts of the country during 2020.

PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL (PBM):

Pakistan Bait-ul Mal is administering its pro-poor safety nets preferably in the backward areas across the country for poverty eradication and to help in improving the living standards. Brief of Projects/Schemes are as under:

Individual Financial Assistant (IFA) Schemes: PBM is helping in poverty eradication through its IFA schemes (General, Education, Medical and Special friends). Detail of disbursement under the IFA for the Financial Year 2019-19 is as under (**Annex-A**):

IFA Scheme	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. in Millions)
Medical	22320	2884.954
Education	3602	9115551
General	1961	51.87
Special Friends	1109	14.585
Total	28425	2542.576

DAR-UL-EHSAAS: PBM has established (52) Dar-ul-Ehsaas (orphanages) across Pakistan. The total number of orphans aged 4-6 in these Dar-ul-Ehsaas is (5200). Detail is placed at **Annex-B**.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CENTRE (WEC): PBM has established (155) WEC to provide free professional training to women. The total number of trainees in WEC as (13231). Detail is placed at **Annex-C**.

SCHOOLS FOR REHABILITATION OF CHILD LABOR (SBCL): PBM has established (159) SRCL, to provide free education to labor children. Total number students in SRCL are (18375). Detail is placed at **Annex-D**.

GREAT HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: A Great Home has been established in Lahore to house poor senior citizens. Presently, (33) senior citizens are residing in that Great Home.

CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM: PBM is also running CPS program in (05) Districts and the number of beneficiaries are (28462). Detail is placed at **Annex-E**.

PAYMENT OF FINE OF PRISONERS: PBM has also paid the fine of prisoners confined in District Jail Muzaffargarh and in Central Jail, Lahore for non-payment of fine. Details of payment for the financial year 2018-19 is as under (**Annex-F**):

Name of Prison	No. of Prisoners	Amount	Date
District Jail Muzaffargarh	04	Rs. 88,000	18-12-2018
Central Jail Lahore	21	Rs. 1691356	06-08-2019
Total:		Rs. 1774356	

Additional Budget Allocation for Neglected Districts in FY 2018-20:

PBM has allocated additional budget of 308.750 million rupees for disbursement in (28) most neglected districts under the PBM Individual Financial Assistance (IFA) scheme based on the Provisional Census Results-2017. Details of districts and budget allocation under the IFA are placed at **Annex-G**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

63. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state the names of International routes on which PIA flights are running in loss and the routes on which these are earning profit?

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): The names of International routes on which PIA flights are running in losses are placed at **Annex-I**. While names of International routes on which PIA is earning profit are placed at **Annex-II**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

66. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that PIA flights from Hyderabad have been stopped; if so, the reasons therefor; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to start cargo services operational specifically, Hajj and Umrah operation from Hyderabad Airport?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) Yes, due to heavy losses and low market demand the flights were suspended from May, 2013. All routes on PIA network are evaluated on a regular basis to establish operational and economic viability. Initially PIA was operating one

weekly flight on Islamabad - Sukkur - Hyderabad - Sukkur-Islamabad route and twice weekly flights on Islamabad - Lahore - Nawabshah - Hyderabad - Lahore - Islamabad on ATR aircraft.

- Flights to / from Hyderabad can only be operated once there is an adequate potential (passenger and cargo) in the market. Analysis of market presently does not reflect sizeable demand to justify route economics for flights to/from Hyderabad.

(b) Due to limitations of the specifications of the Hyderabad airport, only small aircraft *i.e.* ATR can be operated. Cargo services as well as Hajj and Umrah operations require larger aircraft, therefore, at present it is not possible and there is also no proposal so far.

72. ***Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

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

- (a) *whether any Commission has been established by the Government as envisaged under Section 3 of the National Civic Education Commission Act 2018; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor;*
- (b) *whether any funds have been allocated for the same; if so, the details thereof in not, the reasons therefor; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to implement this Act in letter and spirit?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) The National Civic Education Commission Act 2018 was passed by Parliament of Pakistan on 8th May 2018 and received assent of the President of Pakistan on 18th May 2018 (**Annex-I**).

To implement the Act, a Committee was formed by this Ministry with Joint Educational Adviser, being convener (**Annex-II**). The committee proposed that initially the Commission may be housed at NCC Building (H-9/4) Islamabad and also proposed an Organogram under the position of

DG of the Commission (**Annex-III**). Later, the Commission was constituted and notified on 14th February, 2019 (**Annex-IV**).

Moreover, in line with the vision of the Prime Minister, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the National Curriculum Council (NCC), Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training (M/o FE&PT), in consultation and collaboration with Education Departments of all federating units of the country, is developing Single National Curriculum (SNC) for Pakistan wherein Civic Education has been given due importance in the form of themes, sub-themes and student learning outcomes from class pre I-V (**Annex-V**).

(b) Due to budgetary constraints, funds have not been yet allocated for the Commission.

(c) As mentioned above.

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86. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that PIA has, recently, awarded a contract of millions of rupees for the up-gradation of the "In Flight Entertainment" (IFE) in its Boeing 777 Aircrafts; if so, the details of company, which has been awarded the contract alongwith expertise in the field of up-gradation of IFE of the said company;*
- (b) when was aforesaid company registered in required forums;*
- (c) date upon which, tender was floated;*
- (d) details of other companies, which had participated in the bid alongwith experience of each in the field of IFE; and*
- (e) is there any proposal under consideration of the Government to take corrective measures to fix responsibility on any discrepancy; if found while awarding such contract; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) Yes, the contract between PIACL and Avionics Solution (Pakistan) has been signed. However, bank guarantee (5%) has been submitted by Avionics Solution in advance as per tender document. PIACL has not yet made any payment to Avionics Solution.

(b) M/s Avionics Solution was incorporated on 18th March, 2019.

(c) A tender notice was published in two national newspapers; Daily Jang and Daily Dawn on 4th June, 2019. The complete tender document was also uploaded on PPRA and PIA's websites.

- On June 21, 2019; a corrigendum was published in two national newspapers; Daily Dawn and Daily Jang.
- On July 04, 2019; a second corrigendum was published in two national newspapers; Daily Dawn and Daily Jang.

(d) Open bid tender was published in single stage two envelope fashions. Two parties participated as follows:

- i. M/s AAR Engineering Services (Singapore)
- ii. M/s Avionics Solution (Pakistan)

(e) On the direction of Minister for Aviation, a Fact Finding Inquiry Committee has been constituted to investigate the bidding process of IFE and awarding of contract to M/s Avionics Solution to PIACL.

90. ***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether Higher Education Commission advertized special quota for FATA inspite of merging FATA in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa alongwith the reasons for said un-constitutional act and the detail thereof?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): Yes, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) advertised Scholarships for Postgraduate and Undergraduate Programmes

for the students of Balochistan and erstwhile FATA on July 21, 2019 and August 18, 2019 respectively in PSDP project titled “Provision of Higher Education Opportunities for Students of Balochistan & FATA”. The project was approved in 2015 with an execution period of 08 years. The project explicitly caters for the educational needs of Balochistan and erstwhile FATA areas adversely hit by the terrorism, to enhance education level and encourage youth to contribute in nation building process. It is a special initiative for particular areas and segment of population, and does not fall under the category of Federal Government quota policy.

105. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

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

- (a) *the number of dispensaries established under the people works program-I in NA-9;*
- (b) *the amount spent on establishment thereof; and*
- (c) *the names and addresses with current status of those dispensaries at present?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) No dispensary was established under Peoples Works Programme in NA-9 as per record of the Cabinet Division.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

1. ***Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state as to why the Government has failed to introduce uniform syllabus of education in the country?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): Keeping in view the prevailing disparity in our education system and in line with the vision of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, National Curriculum Council, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional

Training has initiated the coordination in development of Single National Curriculum in the country with active participation of all federating units and other relevant stakeholders.

Procedure of preparation of the Single National Curriculum (SNC)

- The development of SNC is driven by the key considerations like teachings of Quran and Sunnah, Constitutional framework, National Policies, Aspirations and National Standards, Alignment with the SDG-4 goals and targets, vision of Quaid and Iqbal, focus on values, Life Skills Based and Inclusive Education, respect & appreciation for different cultures & religions in local and global context, focus on project, inquiry and activity-based learning, development of 21st century skills including analytical, critical and creative thinking.
- Consultative process with the engagement of stakeholders including public sector education, private sector, the Federal Government Educational Institutions (FGEIs) Cantts & Garrisons and Madaris.
- Under phase-I, first draft of the SNC was developed and shared with all federating units, Cambridge University for their input and feedback. Provincial and Area workshops were subsequently held in all federating units from November 2019 to January 2020.
- In order to ensure value-addition and validation of SNC, services of Aga Khan University Institute of Educational Development (AKU-IED) were hired.
- The inputs and feedback received from all federating units, FGEIs, AKU-IED and CAIE were then collated and consolidated in the second draft of SNC. This formed the basis for discussions and consensus building during the National Conference on Single National Curriculum from February 11-14, 2020.
- Experts in eight subjects from all federating units in subject-based groups thoroughly examined the second draft of SNC and deliberated on the inputs from all federating units to reach consensus on the content and finalized the draft for onward submission to the NCC and IPEMC for approval.

The exercise of development of single national curriculum is planned in three phases:

Phase I: Grade Pre-I to V (By Mar. 2020)

Phase II: Grade VI to VIII (By Mar. 2021)

Phase III: Grade IX-XII (By Mar. 2022)

Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan has approved the first phase and from April 2020 onwards quality textbooks, teacher training modules and assessment frameworks will be developed for grade Pre I-V.

With similar exercise, in the second phase curriculum for Grade VI-VIII and in the third phase curriculum for Grade IX-XII will be developed.

2. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state the number of serviceable and un-serviceable aeroplanes at present with PIA?

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):
Following table shows the current status of PIA fleet:

PIA Fleet Status

Aircraft Type	Total Fleet	Serviceable Aircraft	Unserviceable Aircraft
B777	12	12	0
A3 20	12	12	0
ATR-72	5	4	1
ATR-42	5	3	2
Total	34	31	3

3. ***Malik Sohail Khan:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of persons recruited for New Airport, Islamabad since June, 2018;*
- (b) *the number of persons out of the above said having CNIC or domicile of Tehsil Fateh Jang; and*
- (c) *the basic pay scales of employees recruited from Tehsil Fateh Jang?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):
Reply of CAA (a) Inductions in Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority are made through a pre-defined mechanism as per rules and regulations in place. As per the provision defined in CAA Service Regulations, the candidates are recruited based on merit cum quotas as defined in advertisement on regular basis or contractual; whereas, no positions specific to the locations or Airport are announced.

It is pertinent to mention that prior to the inauguration of IIAP Islamabad, the previous Government had advised PCAA to arrange operations of IIAP Islamabad through an external Airport Operator, and the then Prime Minister of Pakistan directed Secretary Aviation to place ban on induction for IIAP Islamabad. Later, IIAP Islamabad could not be outsourced to a single Airport Operator; and the operational needs were catered through deployment of skilled resources from other Airports and outsourcing of manpower through third party contractors. Subsequently, it was decided that as an interim arrangement the resources for unskilled/semi-skilled assignments be engaged on retainer-ship basis to strengthen the control over performance evaluation and to enhance service standards. The details of resources engaged since June-2018 on retainer-ship basis are at **Annex-A**. 942 resources have been engaged on retainer-ship basis since June-2018.

(b) The details of candidates engaged from Tehsil Fateh Jang are attached as **Annexure-B**.

(c) The resources are engaged on retainer-ship basis against fixed fee. The details for the engagement fee are mentioned with **Annexure-B**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

4. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that smoking is prohibited in the Ministry, Attached Departments and Educational Institutions and action is taken on violation;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof during the last two years?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) & (b)

Main Ministry

- a. Smoking is strictly prohibited in the premises of Ministries/ Departments and Publicity of the same has been made at prominent places.
- b. Nil report in respect of Main Ministry.

National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC).

- a. National Vocational and Technical Training Commission has declared its premises a “Smoke-Free Area” in terms of its ambience and environment. The Commission has taken strict and stern measures to reduce prevalence of smoking. Significant successful efforts have been made in this regard, such as displaying the warnings in the Corridors and banning the sale of cigarettes in the Commission’s Cafeteria etc. The measures taken to enhance awareness level of its employees will play a vital role in prevention of deadly tobacco-induced diseases like cancer. In its endeavor to curb tobacco use, this Commission has always tried to sensitize its employees regarding the importance of a healthy and smoke-free environment.
- b. So far, no violation has been observed in the premises of this Commission. However, strict action will be taken in case of any violation of the above instructions.

National Education Foundation (NEF).

- a. Smoking is prohibited in the organization and in all the community model schools of National Education Foundation.
- b. There has been no case of violation in last two years.

Higher Education Commission, (HEC).

- a. Yes, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad, and all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) across the country have “Zero Tolerance Policy” against Tobacco Smoke Free Zone.
- b. HEC has taken numerous steps to prevent use of Tobacco Smoke, some of these are as follows:
 - HEC in consultation with ANF has prepared a draft policy in **March 9, 2020** viz. “Anti- II Drug Policy for Higher Education Institution in Pakistan” which has been circulated amongst fifty universities across the country for review and comments. Upon finalization and approval of the Commission, the policy would be shared to all HEIs across the country for Implementation.
 - 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**’ (**Annex-A**) for another three years regarding “Tobacco-Smoke Free Zone”.

Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA)

a. Smoking is prohibited in the office of Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA). On this account, Government instructions are being followed in letter and spirit. In case of reporting of any violation, disciplinary action shall be taken accordingly.

As regards prohibition of smoking in private educational institutions of Islamabad Capital Territory, it is apprised that in pursuance to Rule 23 of Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Fee Determination) Rules, 2016, smoking is prohibited in private schools of Islamabad which fall under the jurisdiction of PEIRA.

b. As stated at serial a above.

Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (FBISE)

Yes, smoking is prohibited in the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE), Islamabad. Furthermore, FBISE has been declared as a smoke free facility. Pamphlet regarding Tobacco Control Laws and Procedures for Strengthening Tobacco-Smoke Free Islamabad initiative has been circulated for information and strict compliance of all concerned. An officer of BPS-18 of FBISE has been nominated as Focal Person for implementation of said laws in true letter and spirit. No case of violation has been reported till date.

National Commission for Human Development (NCHD)

Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training is strictly following the instructions issued regarding “Smoking is prohibited” in Ministry and its attached Departments.

Basic Education Community Schools (BECS).

a. Smoking is strictly prohibited in Directorate General of Basic Education Community School (BECS). His office is complaining with instructions issued in this respect time to time in true letter and spirit.

- b. Nil.

Pakistan Manpower Institute (PMI)

- a. Yes it is a fact that the smoking is prohibited in the Pakistan Manpower Institute M/O FE&PT. PMI was issued a circular No.10(1)2013-Admn dated 21-10-2015.

- b. Nil

Academy of Education Planning & Management (AEPAM)

It is submitted that Academy of Education Planning & Management is strictly obeying the guidelines circulated by the Federal Government regarding prohibition of smoking inside official buildings. For this purpose AEPAM has also displayed smoking prohibition signboards inside main office building.

National Talent Pool (NTP)

- a. Smoking is prohibited in National Talent Pool.
- b. No case of violation has been reported during last two years.

Pakistan National Commission for UNESCO, (PNCU)

Pakistan National Commission for UNESCO, (PNCU) is following all the instructions in letter and Spirit.

National Education Assessment System (NEAS)

- a. As per directives of Federal Government, office premises of National Education Assessment System is a smoke free zone.
- b. Since the implementation of the rule of non-smoking in public offices, no one yet violated the said rule.

National Curriculum Council (NCC)

- a. Yes, smoking is strictly prohibited in National Curriculum Council Secretariat and it is a smoke free zone.

- b. No violation has been reported during the last two years.

Federal Directorate of Education (FDE)

a. Every effort is being made by the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad to create conducive, safe and secure environment to the students in the Educational Institutions. Smoking/use of drugs is completely banned and prohibited in the Educational Institutions and its surroundings. However, in order to stop these kinds of activities, teachers could play a positive role by creating awareness among the students in the educational institutions about the bad effects of drugs on their lives. Following steps have already so far been taken by stopping drugs abuse in the Educational Institutions:—

- Instructions have been passed to all the Head of the Institutions to be vigilant and observe the students during the school/college hours to make sure that students do not indulge themselves in immoral activities especially in smoking. Moreover, the Head of the institutions are directed to ensure that:—
 - i. Discipline should be maintained without the whole premises.
 - ii. Monitoring of students should be maintained by different groups of proctors.
 - iii. The close check on school/college canteen, playground and outside the gates at dismissal and morning hours.
 - iv. Presence of duty staff including Day Master/Mistress, Physical Training Instructor is ensured, who look after the students during break hours, Sports period and during co-curricular activities. In addition awareness among the students is created by conducting different seminars, workshops, in morning assembly highlighting the hazard of smoking/drugs.
 - v. The law enforcement agencies are also being approached to increase the patrolling around the institutions to put a stop on such frivolous activities.
 - vi. The gate keepers/Chowkidars are being directed not to allow any irrelevant persons in the college premises.

b. In last two years no, such violation has been reported and no action has been taken. Also it is made sure that everyone abides by this ban on smoking.

Pakistan Girl Guides Association

a. Yes, Pakistan Girls Guides Association Premises is Prohibited for smoking.

b. No there are no violations in last two years.

Pakistan Boy Scouts Association

a. Yes, smoking is strictly prohibited in Pakistan Girl Guides Association and it is a smoke free zone.

b. No violation has been reported during the last two years.

Federal College of Education

a. Federal College of Education, Islamabad operates strictly under “No smoking on campus” policy already circulated for strict Compliance in letter & Spirit.

b. Not applicable.

Federal Government Polytechnic Institute of Women

a. Federal Government Polytechnic Institute of Women has declared its premises a “Smoke-Free Area” in terms of its ambience and environment. The Commission has taken strict and stern measures to reduce prevalence of smoking. Significant successful efforts have been made in this regard, such as displaying the warnings in the Corridors and banning the sale of cigarettes in the Commission’s Cafeteria etc. The measures taken to enhance awareness level of its employees will play a vital role in prevention of deadly tobacco-induced diseases like cancer. In its endeavor to curb tobacco use, this Commission has always tried to sensitize its employees regarding the importance of a healthy and smoke-free environment.

b. So far, no violation has been observed in the premises of this Commission. However, strict action will be taken in case of any violation of the above instructions.

Inter Board Committee of Chairman (IBCC)

- a. In IBCC no officer/official is allowed smoking in the limit of office building / premises. Moreover, no any case of violation has been observed in IBCC.
- b. Notice have been hoisted at the prominent places with office buildings for observing non-smoking. Therefore, no case / complaint of any breach has been lodged by any quarters / individual.

Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design (PIFD)

Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design (PIFD), Lahore is a smoke free zone for Faculty / Staff/ Students. No one is allowed to SMOKE in the premises of PIFD, Lahore. Section 12.11 of Students Hand Book provides as follows:

- a. Smoking is an addictive habit, which causes serious and fatal illness and is particularly associated with lung failure and heart diseases and is simply not a matter of individual taste. The Institute has banned smoking to protect non-smokers from passive smoking and safety reasons. Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the campus.

Smoking at the campus is included in the category of gross misconduct and requires strict disciplinary action including heavy fine of PKR 10,000/-.

- b. During the last two years PIFD, Lahore, Lahore charged a Fine of Rs.10,000/- each for 05 students in violation of above policy / regulation.

National Book Foundation

- a. No doubt, smoking is strictly prohibited in the premises of National Book Foundation since March, 2009.
- b. No case of smoking in this office has been reported so far last two years.

Textile University Faisalabad

a. Smoking at National Textile University is strictly prohibited since its establishment at every level *i.e.* students, faculty and staff. Fines are imposed in case of violation.

b. Tobacco Laws (Tobacco Smoke Free Faisalabad) have also been enforced at National Textile University.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

6. ***Ms. Munawara Bibi Baloch:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is only one Women University situated in Quetta City in Balochistan, however, the girls belonging to far flung areas are deprived from higher education;

(b) if so, the arrangements being made so far to establish Women University Campuses at each Division level; if not, why?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Yes, it is a fact that there is only one Women University, *i.e.* **Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University** that have been established in 2004 in Quetta city. The enrollment of female students in SBKWU is around 5000 (statistical data 2017-18). The university offers programs at undergraduate, post graduate and doctoral level.

All female students of the province and residing in far flung areas have equal opportunity to enroll in public sector universities established in different locations of Balochistan.

(b) In year 2017, HEC had already established three (03) female campuses of Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University at the following districts of Balochistan:

- iv. **Pishin**
- v. **Khuzdar**
- vi. **Naushki**

In order to make necessary arrangements to establish more Women universities campuses at each Division level, HEC has approved plan to conduct the feasibility study of overall Balochistan province for the identification of potential districts/divisions for establishment of female higher educational institutes.

7. ***Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

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

- (a) the number of TV Channels across the country at present; and*
- (b) the names of the TV Channels which violated rules from 25th July to 15th December, 2019 alongwith the action taken against them?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Syed Shibli Faraz): (a) Number of Satellite TV Channels issued by Pakistan electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) in different categories is 96. List is attached at **Annex-I**.

Number of Landing Rights Permission awarded to Foreign Satellite TV Channels is 39. List is attached at **Annex-II**.

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

Following statutory regulatory tools regulate private electronic media:

- PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007.
- PEMRA (Rules 2009).
- PEMRA (Television Broadcast Station Operations), 2012.

- PEMRA (Radio Broadcast Station Operation) Regulations, 2012.
- PEMRA (Distribution Service Operations) Regulations, 2011.
- PEMRA (Council of Complaints) Rules, 2010.
- Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements) Code of Conduct, 2015.

All PEMRA licensees are obliged to comply with the PEMRA laws in letter and spirit. All the CEOs / owners of Satellite TV Channels have signed license terms & conditions.

To implement the above laws, PEMRA, under Section 26 of PEMRA (Amendment) Act, 2007, has established Council of Complaints at each provincial headquarters to resolve the grievances of the public about any aspect of the content being aired on private electronic media.

Moreover, a toll free (0800-73672) Complaints and Call Centre has also been established, wherein any member of the society can lodge complaint against any aspect of the private electronic media. General public can also send complaints to PEMRA Regional offices and Headquarters.

In addition to above, PEMRA has also established a state of the art monitoring setup to monitor content being aired by the licenced satellite TV channels.

All PEMRA licenses are obliged to put in place effective time delay mechanism in order to ensure effective monitoring and editorial control and ensuring in conformity with code of conduct.

In case of violation of Code of Conduct and terms and conditions of licence committed by any licensee, PEMRA initiates legal actions which inter-alia includes issuance of advises, warnings, show cause notices which may further lead to revocation / suspension of licences and imposition of fine upto Rs. 1.0 million and closer of programmes under Section 27, 29 and 30 of PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007.

List of actions taken against licenced satellite TV Channels is at **Annex-III**.

However, channel wise summary actions taken for the period from **25-07-2019 to 15-12-2019** is appended below:

Sr. No.	Name of Channel	Actions taken
1	7 News	1 Notice, 1 Complaint
2	8XM	1 Advice
3	92 News	2 SCN, 2 Complaints
4	Aj News	2 SCN, 2 Complaints
5	Aap TV	2 SCN, 1 Warning, 1 Complaint
6	AbbTakk	1 SCN
7	Apna TV	1 Notice, 1 Advice
8	ARY News	2 SCN, 4 Complaints, 1 Court Directive
9	ARY Digital	8 Complaints, 1 Court Directive
10	ATV	1 Complaint
11	Bol Entertainment	1 SCN, 7 Complaints, 1 Advice
12	Bol News	7 SCN, 5 Complaints
13	Capital TV	1 SCN
14	Channel-24	2 SCN, 1 Complaint
15	Channel-5	1 Complaint
16	City-42	1 Complaint
17	Dawn News	1 SCN
18	Din News	1 Notice
19	Dunya TV	3 SCN, 1 Complaint
20	Express News	2 SCN, 2 Complaints, 1 Advice
21	Geo News	5 SCN, 1 Prohibition order, 1 Warning, 2 Complaints
22	GNN	7 SCN, 1 Warning, 1 Complaint, 1 Notice
23	GTV	2 SCN
24	Hum News	3 SCN, 3 Complaint
25	Hum TV	1 Advice, 1 Directive
26	Jalwa TV	1 SCN
27	Khyber News	1 SCN
28	Koh-e-Noor	1 Complaint
29	KTN	1 SCN
30	LTN Family	2 SCN

Sr. No.	Name of Channel	Actions taken
31	Mashriq TV	1 SCN
32	Neo TV	3 SCN
33	News One	3 SCN
34	Public TV	4 SCN
35	Rohi TV	3 Complaints
36	Such TV	2 SCN, 1 Advice, 1 Complaint
37	Roze TV	3 SCN
38	Royal TV	1 Complaint
39	Star Asia	1 Complaint
40	Samaa TV	1 SCN, 5 Complaints
41	TV One	1 Complaint
42	Lahore News	1 Complaint
43	All STVs	7 Prohibition order, 10 Complaints, 3 Advices, 3 Circulars

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

8. ***Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state the steps taken by the present Government to provide better facilities to passengers of PIA alongwith their impact on people?

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):
Following steps have been taken to provide better facilities to passengers of PIA having positive impact on people:

- i. Automated seat booking on first come, first serve basis.
- ii. Web booking with automated exchange and refund facility.
- iii. Mobile app with automated exchange and refund facility.
- iv. Improvement in aircraft appearance.
- v. Punctuality has improved significantly.

- vi. Regularity has gone up remarkably. Delays of flights have been cut down significantly by better planning in engineering, flight operation and ground handling departments.
- vii. Food quality improved.
- viii. Minimum flight delays as compared with last year.
- ix. Improved inventory/equipment retrieval resulting handsome savings.
- x. Effectively rationalized consumption of raw material resulting substantial saving.
- xi. All steps are being taken to ensure safe travel of our valued passengers from COVID. Face masks, gloves and sanitizers are being provided to passengers for their safety.

9. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of aircraft taken on lease by PIA in tenure of the present Government till date; and*
- (b) *the countries from which the said aircrafts have been obtained alongwith the terms and conditions thereof?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) During tenure of the present Government, PIA has acquired one A320 Aircraft on Dry Lease which was inducted in November, 2019.

(b) The aircraft has been acquired from M/s Aviation Lease and Finance Company (ALAFCO) headquartered in Kuwait. It is on a 06 Years Lease Term with a Monthly Rental of US\$ 235,000.

10. ***Mr. Muhammad Hashim Notezai:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that PIA service from Dalbandin to Karachi via Turbat is not available from last several months;*

(b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(c) *the time by which the said service of PIA will be resumed?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) PIA was operating twice weekly flights on Karachi - Turbat - Dalbandin - Karachi route. However, these flights were contributing huge losses on Direct Operating Cost (which is the minimum bench mark to justify an operation), thus incurring losses to PIA as well as national exchequer. Therefore, PIA had no option left but to suspend this operation in December 2018.

(b) Flights on Karachi-Turbat-Dalbandin-Karachi route can only be operated once there is an adequate potential in the market. Analysis of market presently does not reflect any sizeable demand to justify route economics.

(c) In line with the route restructuring process and in view of prevailing fleet constraints, PIA cannot consider the resumption of flights on Dalbandin-Turbat route at this point in time. However, PIA is keeping a constant eye on market indicators, traffic trends prevalent on this route and will take necessary steps to reinstate these flights based on commercial merit, economic viability and availability of fleet.

12. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that Trillion Tsunami Plantation is in progress across the country;*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that persons have been employed as “Nigehban” on daily wages;*

(c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, whether the salaries of above said employees are paid by Provincial Governments or Federal Government?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme was initiated in the country after approval from ECNEC on 29th August, 2019. The programme will be implemented in

the whole country over the next four years (2019-20 to 2022-23). The total cost of the programme is Rs. 125 billion. All four provinces have provided matching funds for the programme whereas AJK and GB is being completely funded through Federal PSDP.

(b) Nigehbans have been employed for the protection of newly established plantations in natural forests against grazing, fires and diseases. On an average one Nigehban is employed for protection of 40 hectares.

(c) Nigehbans are being paid for their services from the Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme which includes both Provincial and Federal Government funding.

13. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(Defered from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that PIA charged double fare from the Hujjaj as compare to Umrah pilgrims;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) Yes, as per industry practice, Hajj fares have always been higher than the Umrah fares.

- (b) Due to following reasons Hajj Fare are higher than Umrah Fares:
- During Umrah operation passengers are carried on both sides and seat factor trends touches to 90% which makes operation economically viable and does not put extra financial burden on airline.
 - This practice is not possible during Hajj operation. In Hajj, PIA's flight operation comprises on Pre & Post Hajj operation. Pre-Hajj operation consists of flights approximately thirty two days and PIA can only carry Hajj pilgrims to JED/MED, while on return operates ferry flights (with no revenue passengers on board). Same is the case in post Hajj operation where PIA has to fly with empty

aircraft to bring back Hujjaj and for a single Hajj passenger airline have to operate twice/double as compared to Umrah.

- It is also pertinent to mention here that during Umrah season the seat factor remains at approx. 90% as compared to Hajj which is just 48% due to ferry operation.

Above all, PIA being a National carrier, always introduces competitive Hajj and Umrah fares in the market in order to facilitate the general public.

16. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- whether Saidu Sharif Swat, D. I. Khan and Parachinar Airports have been ready for flight operation; and*
- the time by which the same will be functional?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) & (b) The infrastructure required for flight operation at Saidu Sharif, D.I. Khan and Parachianar Airport is available. However, no airline has shown interest to operate to/from the said Airports keeping in view the commercial viability of sector.

17. ***Mir Khan Muhammad Jamali:**

(Deferred from 21st Session)

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

- whether it is a fact that recruitments being made on contingency basis in Federal Ministries;*
- whether it is also a fact that persons belonging to other provinces are appointed on Balochistan quota and these appointees are regularized after six months of their service;*
- if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the number of posts of Balochistan quota lying vacant in Federal Ministries; and*

(d) as to why posts of Balochistan quota are not being advertized alongwith the reasons thereof?

Transferred to Establishment Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

18. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the details of functions, responsibilities and performance of the Ministry and its attached departments during the last two years?

Minister for National Heritage and Culture (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):

NATIONAL HERITAGE & CULTURE DIVISION

After devolution of Ministry of Culture, M/o National Heritage & Integration was created on 26 October 2011. M/o National Heritage & integration merged with M/o information & Broadcasting on 7 June 2013. Ministry of Information Broadcasting and National Heritage was bifurcated into two separate Divisions i.e. National History & Literary Heritage Division & Information & Broadcasting Division on 5 January 2016. Renamed as Ministry of Information, Broadcasting, National History & Literary Heritage on 28 August 2017, Recently, the Federal Cabinet re-organized the Ministry/ Division and placed the National History & Literary Heritage Division under Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training and re-named as Ministry of Federal Education, Professional training, National History & Literary Heritage consisting of (i) Federal Education & Professional Training Division and (ii) National History & Literary Heritage Division on 19th July, 2019. The Federal Government on 10th April 2020 renamed this Division as National Heritage & Culture Division.

Functions:

This Division Executes:

International Agreements and assistance in the field of archaeology, national museums and historical monuments declared to be of national importance.

This Division supervises the administrative matters of officers and officials of following departments:

1. Quaid-e-Azam Papers Wing and Quaid-e-Azam Academy.
2. Pakistan Academy of Letters, Islamabad.
3. National Language Authority, Islamabad, Urdu Dictionary Board, Karachi and Urdu Science Board, Lahore.
4. National and other languages used for official purposes.
5. Quaid-e-Azam Academy, Karachi.
6. Aiwan-i-Iqbal and Iqbal Academy Pakistan, Lahore.
7. Quaid-e-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB), Karachi.
8. Quaid-e-Azam Memorial Fund (Quaid-e-Azam Mazar Management Board).
9. Naming of institutions in the name of Quaid-e-Azam and other high and distinguished personages.
10. National Library of Pakistan, Islamabad.
11. National Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA).
12. National Museum of Pakistan (NMP).

Achievements:

- Appointment of Heads of the Departments of NLPD, USB, UDB, QAA Karachi and NBF.
- Establishment of Endowment Fund of Rs. 500 million for archaeology and literary heritage.
- Constitution of the Board of Governors and Executive Committee of the Endowment Fund.
- Six Projects approved by the Executive Committee.
- Vesak Festival in 2016 & 2017.
- Buddha relics sent to Sri Lanka in 2016 and April 2018.

- National Calligraphy Exhibition in January, 2017 followed by first ever International Calligraphy Exhibition in August, 2017.
- National Calligraphy competition and Exhibition in Serena Hotel Islamabad (February 2018) and Faisalabad (April 2018).
- Establishment of Institute of Calligraphy in NLPD.
- Inscription of two multinational ICH elements on representative List of UNESCO (Nau Rouz & Falconary) 2016 & “Suri Jagek” 2018.
- Publication of Books “Life Story of Buddah” and “Mughal Miniatures”.
- Publication of a book on Calligraphy “Noon Walqalam”.
- Constitution of Coordination Committee for Heritage Sites of Pakistan - June 2018,
- Setting up of Committees for adaptive reuse of public heritage buildings - 2018.
- Advisory committee on heritage of Pakistan - 2018.
- Holding of International Congress on Islamic History, Culture & Heritage of Kashmir April 2019 in collaboration with IRCICA.
- Return of National Museums of Pakistan (NMP), Karachi to this Division on April 2019.
- Setting up of Interim Citizens’ Advisory Committee for NMP– May 2019.
- Mapping of cultural and religious heritage sites across Pakistan - PSDP project 2019-20.

PAKISTAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS, ISLAMABAD.

The functions/responsibilities of Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL), as defined under Section-12 of PAL’s Act-2013 are attached (**Annex-I**).

The performance of PAL for the two years *i.e.* 2017-18 and 2018-19 both in English and Urdu languages is also attached (**Annex-II**).

**NATIONAL LANGUAGE PROMOTION DEPARTMENT,
ISLAMABAD**

National Language Promotion Department was established on 4th October 1979 to promote and prepare the material for the promotion of the national language as per Article 251 of the constitution.

Functions:

The functions of the Department shall be as follows or as may be assigned time to time by the Federal Government:-

1. To consider ways and means for the promotion of Urdu as the national language of Pakistan and to make all necessary arrangements in this regard and to submit recommendations to the Federal Government for expediting the use of the national language.
2. To facilitate introduction of Urdu as the official language throughout the country by arranging to develop dictionaries and other reading materials for the in-service training of personnel working in Government, semi-Government offices, Courts and other institutions.
3. To co-ordinate the work of all Urdu Development Boards.
4. To facilitate the adoption of Urdu as the language of competitive examination in cooperation with the Federal and Provincial Public Service Commissions.
5. To carry out such other responsibilities as the Federal Government may, from time to time, entrust to the Department in regard to the promotion of the national language.

Responsibilities:

The Department shall be responsible to take all such actions as may be necessary for achieving the objects of the Department and in particular:

- (a) To suggest the budget estimates of the Department to the Administrative Division for further processing by the Finance Division.

- (b) To set up Committees in order to secure cooperation and collaboration of all Provincial Governments, other Departments and organizations.
- (c) To frame, with the approval of the Federal government, rules/ regulations for carrying out the purpose of the Department.

Achievements:

The performance of the NLPD as per following sub-headings have been attached at (**Annex-III**).

- Publications
- Collaborative Publication
- Urdu Translation
- Publicity
- Seminars / Programs
- Books Exhibitions
- Non-Tax Revenue
- Trainings
- Library
- Calligraphy

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOLK AND TRADITIONAL HERITAGE (LOK VIRSA), ISLAMABAD

Functions:

1. Strengthening and nurturing the roots of Pakistani culture to project the true identity of Pakistan.
2. Mandated for collection, documentation, preservation and dissemination of Pakistan's tangible and intangible cultural heritage
3. Playing a vital role in creating harmony among the federating units through various national and community bases activities and projects.
4. Serving as a show window on Pakistan's living Cultural heritage at the federal capital.

Achievements:

- Children Summer Camp in Traditional Skills: Truck Art, Papier Mache and Pottery making (July 2018) (June/July 2019)
- Revamping/Redesigning of diorama “Hall of Sufis & Shrines” (October 2019)
- Live Concert “Rang Rung - A Musical Evening” (July 2018)
- Muzakra- a series of seminars held bi-monthly (on-going)
- Milli Nagma contest marking Independence Day celebrations (August 2018).
- Lok Virsa’s Open Mic — Grand Show marking Independence Day celebrations (August 2018)
- Observance of Black Day highlighting atrocities of Indian forces on the innocent Kashmiris in collaboration with Ministry of Kashmir Affairs (October 2018) & (October 2019)
- Annual Folk Festival of Pakistan “Lok Mela” (November 2018) & (December 2019)
- Christmas celebrations in collaboration with local churches December 2018).
- Quaid-e-Azam Day celebrations (25 December 2018 & (December 2019)
- Creation of new display of Ethnic Women Wedding Costumes representing all provinces, Gilgit Baltistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (January 2019)
- Kashmir Cultural Festival coinciding Kashmir Solidarity Day in collaboration with Ministry of Kashmir Affairs (5th February 2019)
- National Women’s Day celebration in collaboration with Federal Ombudsman Secretariat for Protection against Harassment (FOSPAH) and Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy (PODA) (February, 2019)
- International Women’s Day celebration highlighting contribution of women traditional practitioners: artisans and folk artists (March 2019)

- National Exhibition of Dying Crafts of Pakistan representing all provinces, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir (March 2019)
- National Exhibition of Textiles (April 2019)
- Workshop in Textile Conservation coinciding International Museum Day (May 2019)
- Exhibition of Islamic Calligraphy marking holy month of Ramadan (May 2019).
- Rural Women Day organized by Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy (PODA) October 2019

PAKISTAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, ISLAMABAD

Pakistan National Council of the Arts was established under the PNCA Act, 1973 as an apex cultural body for the promotion of Pakistani Art & Culture in and outside Pakistan. Its functions are define in PNCA Act, 1973 *vide* its Sr. No. 7 which states that:

1. Advise the Federal Government on matters of policy on artistic activity and their implementation;
2. Improve knowledge, understanding and practice of the arts and advise the Federal Government in order to increase regional activity through systematic planning and co-ordination at all levels;
3. Co-ordinate, evaluate and supervise activities of cultural organizations, and individuals engaged in cultural activities;
4. Advise and assist the Provincial Governments in Setting up of Provincial Arts Councils to serve as liaison between the local cultural bodies and the Council with regard to their activities and financial assistance;
5. Plan, establish and run art academies, folk museums, exhibition halls, auditoria, art galleries and similar other institutions;

6. organize exhibitions of arts and crafts within Pakistan and in other countries;
7. Organize National and regional ensembles for performance within the country and in other countries;
8. Organize and promote cultural fairs and festivals;
9. Help, establish and organize national unions of artists on the basis of their chosen field of activity;
10. Help in the implementation of cultural pacts and programmes on directions of the Federal Government;
11. Have contacts with similar organizations in other countries, through the Federal Government;
12. Set up panels of experts in specific fields of the arts where necessary; and
13. Perform any other function in the field of arts which the Federal Government may direct or which the Council may consider necessary or desirable.

During the last two years PNCA presented its wonderful performances by conducting 361 different cultural events as per detail at **(Annex-IV)**.

QUAID-I-AZAM ACADEMY, KARACHI.

Functions:

1. The academy was given following major tasks at the time of its inception;
2. Conducting a holistic research on Quaid-i-Azam and his Associates in carving out a separate homeland for the Muslims of Sub-Continent;
3. Publication of books and research papers on Pakistan Movement, Quaid-i-Azam his associates, and other relevant material;

4. To arrange functions/seminars and celebrate the National days for highlighting the cultural, social, political and economic aspects of the history of Pakistan.

Achievements:

- Quaid-i-Azam Academy Karachi celebrated 71st independence day of Pakistan. A seminar was held in Quaid-i-Azam Academy, Karachi on 13-8-2018. The topic of the seminar was “Tehrik-e-Pakistan main Urdu ka hissa”.
- A panel discussion was held by the Quaid-i-Azam Academy, Karachi in its Jinnah Hall on “Life and Time of Quaid-i-Azam” on 10th December 2018. A lecture was arranged on the birth anniversary of Quaid on 25-12-2018 by the Quaid-i-Azam Academy, Karachi in its Jinnah Hall.
- Quaid-i-Azam Academy, Karachi celebrated Pakistan Day and arranged function on 18-3-2019 in its Jinnah Hall, about “Pakistan Resolution” passed in March 1940.
- 07 Books has been published by Quaid-i-Azam Academy, Karachi during the last 2 years.

URDU SCIENCE BOARD, LAHORE

Functions:

1. To remove existing deficiencies in Urdu in the field of science, mathematics and technologies and develop and publish learning materials for primary, secondary and higher secondary schools, literacy and adult literacy institutions as well as technical institutions.
2. To develop and publish instructional materials in Urdu for science, mathematics and technical subjects being taught in the teacher-training institutions of the country.
3. To produce encyclopedia’s of science and technologies for use by individuals, schools, technical and other institutions.

4. To collaborate with National Educational Equipment Centre for producing literature in Urdu for all the educational equipment being produced by the Centre.
5. To work in collaboration with all the organizations engaged in the promotion of science and technical education in Urdu in the country.

Achievements:

New Publications:	18 books on various topics
Reprints:	08
Quarterly Urdu Science Magazine:	08 Issues
News letter:	18

- 10 manuscripts on various science disciplines in process
- Presented Urdu Science Awards on best books
- Organized meetings of authors/writers and editors for consultation to prepare new books
- Organized 02 meetings of Advisory Committee for approval of manuscripts and new topics for publications
- Organized 20 monthly lectures/seminars on different science and social issues
- Participated in book fairs/exhibitions, organized by different educational institutions and organizations throughout the country by head office and provincial offices located at Hyderabad, Peshawar and Quetta.

**QUAID-I-AZAM MAZAR MANAGEMENT BOARD,
KARACHI**

Functions:

The sole purpose and objective of Quaid-i-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB) is maintenance / beautification of Mausoleum Complex in a manner befitting to his stature, whereas the broad functions of the organization include:-

1. Upkeep and maintenance of Quaid's Mazar having An area of 61 acres.

2. Beautification and landscaping of the grilled area (61 acres) and peripheral area (70 acres).
3. Development, care and upkeep of relic room which contains the relics of the father of the nation.
4. Development & Management of peripheral area of Quaid-i-Azam Mazar which extends to 70 acres.
5. Management of ceremonial guards from three services (Army, Air Force & Navy) posted at the Mazar.
6. To take decisions for Quaid's Mausoleum.

Achievements:

Following activities, achievements were carried out during the preceding year:

- Construction of main mausoleum building.
- Establishment of Aiwan-e-Nawadrat-e-Quaid-i-Azam.
- Construction of Bagh-e-Quaid-i-Azam.
- Restoration of Main Mausoleum Building Marble.
- Construction of Audio Visual Room.
- Installation of Lift/ Ramp for Special Persons.
- Decoration of basement with marble jali.
- Regular maintenance and upkeep of Bagh-e-Quaid-i-Azam having an area of 61 Acres.
- Installation of 05 KW Solar Panel System.
- Installation of New Chandelier gifted by People's Republic of China.
- Installation of CCTV System for Security of Quaid's Mausoleum.
- Increase in Height of RCC Plinth of Grill Boundary Wall of BQA and modification in grill design.
- Dampness protection of main Mausoleum Building.
- Conversion of Conventional Accent Luminaries to LED Lights of Aiwan-e-Nawadrat-e-Quaid-i-Azam (ANQA), Main Chandelier and Basement, which has resulted in saving of 80% of electricity consumption.
- M/s. KESC in collaboration with M/s. LG had provided all technical and financial assistance for the transformation of all existing

conventional accent lights of Basement, Chandelier & Gallery of Main Mausoleum Building and Aiwan-e-Nawadrat-e-Quid-i-Azam into Green Energy Lights *i.e.* LED lights on sustainable basis.

IQBAL ACADEMY PAKISTAN, LAHORE.

Functions:

Aims and objectives of the Academy as given in the Iqbal Academy Ordinance 1962 are as under:-

1. To promote the study and understanding of the works of Iqbal;
2. To institute scholarships and lectureships for furthering the study of the works and teachings of Iqbal;
3. To publish books, pamphlets and periodicals relating to the said study;
4. To award prizes, rewards and donations to authors who, in the opinion of the Academy, have made contributions to the study of the works and teachings of Iqbal, and to enter into contracts with authors in order to carry out the purposes of the Ordinance;
5. To organize lectures, talks, discussions, study groups and conferences on Iqbal and to send delegates to conferences held in foreign countries for the study of Iqbal's works and teachings, or for any matter to which that study is relevant or by which it may be advanced or profited;
6. To confer in the prescribed manner Fellowships on scholars who, in the opinion of the Academy, have made contributions to the study of the works and teachings of Iqbal;
7. To co-operate with, or grant amalgamation or affiliation to, any other association established for a purpose similar to that of the Academy, whether the purpose of that other association is confined to the works and teachings of Iqbal or not; and
8. To do such other acts and things as may further the aims and objects of the Academy.

Achievements:

The details Achievements of IAP is given at (**Annex-V**)

**DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND MUSEUMS
ISLAMABAD.**

Functions:

The main functions and the objectives of the department are as follows:

International Role:

- Implementation of UNESCO conventions; (a) protection of world cultural and natural Heritage; (b) prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property and (c) Protection of cultural property in the event of conflict.
- Implementation of UNESCO Recommendations on Archaeological Excavations.
- Coordination with International Bodies such as World Heritage committee and Inter-Governmental Committee for Restitution of cultural property.
- Cooperation with International like ICOM, ICOMOS, ICCROM, ISESCO, etc.
- Securing International assistance and mobilizing world's opinion for protection of cultural heritage of Pakistan renovating museums, establishment of scientific institution and to organize & mount international exhibitions of' the cultural heritage of Pakistan.

National Rule:

- Preservation and conservation of historical monuments and archaeological sites.
- Pursuance of a uniform national policy of field researches such as archaeological exploration and excavation being carried out by the Federal Department of Archaeology and Pakistan Universities.

- To collaborate with foreign archaeological missions working at various sites in Pakistan and to regulate their activities under a uniform policy adopted by the Federal Government.
- To exercise control over dealing in the export of antiquities and works of art and to regulate chance discoveries and control over movement of cultural property.
- Establishment and maintenance of museums, development of historic house Museums and archaeological gardens.
- Study of Epigraphic and Numismatic records.
- Treatment and Restoration of Antiquities,
- Administration of 'Antiquities Act, 1975.

Performance and Achievements:

Since the inception of Pakistan, the Department of Archaeology & Museums has achieved great success in preserving and promoting Cultural heritage of Pakistan. During the financial year 2018-2019 the Department has performed following operations.

1. In collaboration and active cooperation of Pakistan Customs we have saved 500 Antiquities from illicit export.
2. 512 Antiquities of Pakistan Origin have been handed over by French Government to Embassy of Pakistan in France, which will be handed over to Department very soon.
3. Department of Archaeology & Museums has arranged Exhibition of ' a Colossal Buddha (Gandhara Art) from Peshawar Museum sent to Rietberg Museum Zurich Switzerland for a period of four months.
4. Under a cooperation agreement with Art Exhibition China an exhibition of 19 objects was held at Beijing from 13 May to 12 August, 2019.
5. The Department has issued license to the French Archaeological Mission and collaborated with them. For Archaeological Survey and Excavation in Sindh Province.

6. Department has Documented and digitalized 5000 Antiquities with financial support of UNSECO. QR codes for all Antiquities displayed at Islamabad Museum have been created.
7. Virtual Tour of Islamabad Museum made has been developed which is available on the Web Sites. 3D images of important Antiquities of Islamabad Museum have been made.
8. An Archaeological Conservation laboratory has been established with Technical support of Korean Cultural Heritage Administration.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF PAKISTAN

Functions:

1. To serve as legal depository for all Pakistani publications under copyright ordinance 1962.
2. To preserve national literary heritage for the use of present as well as future generations.
3. To compile and publish Pakistan National Bibliography and other bibliographies in order to maintain national bibliographic control.
4. To serve as national / international book exchange centre.
5. To serve as ISBN agency for Pakistan
6. To represent Pakistan at relevant international forums on behalf of Government of Pakistan.
7. To promote resource sharing and bibliographic standards among libraries of Pakistan
8. To organize trainings, workshops, conferences and seminars for library professionals in the country.
9. To extend advisory services on technical professional issues of libraries in Pakistan.
10. To collect comprehensive literature on Islam and comparative religion.

11. To collect what is significant in other literatures including selected scientific and technical materials.
12. Provision of reference and research services to ministerial libraries.
13. Provision of reference and research services to supplement the resources available to the students and research workers in the universities and other research libraries of Pakistan, without encroachment on the proper responsibility of those libraries.
14. Provision of free library services to the all citizens of Pakistan irrespective of geographical divisions foreigners residing in Islamabad.

Achievement:-

The detail Achievements of NLP is given-at **Annex-VI**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

19. ***Ms. Munawara Bibi Baloch:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether it is essential to appointment Psycho Counselors in Schools not only of Islamabad but whole of Pakistan; if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): It is not essential to appoint specialist psycho counselors in schools of Islamabad and Pakistan, as per prevalent laws and policy. This however is addressed through teachers training and enabling teachers to provide due counselling needs to the students in need.

20. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

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

- (a) the details of the costs to be incurred in replacing the BISP Card with Kafalat Card alongwith number of cards replaced so far; and*

(b) *amount allocated and utilized in the last year and current financial year?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division: (a) & (b) No cost has been incurred on the replacement of BISP Card with Kafalat Card.

It is mentioned here that earlier BISP invited the bids through open competitive process for printing of Kafalat cards and after evaluation the bid of M/s Pakistan Post Foundation was found lowest responsive. According to the bid, the unit cost of printing of Kafalat Cards alongwith welcome/covering letter including stuffing, enveloping and dispatch/delivery services is Rs. 52.24 (per unit inclusive of taxes) as quoted by M/s Pakistan Post Foundation.

21. ***Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**

(Deferred from 21st Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan Information Commission was established on 8th November, 2018;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the required staff has not been provided to the Pakistan Information Commission so far;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the reasons for not providing staff as well as office space?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Syed Shibli Faraz):

(a) Pakistan Information Commission was established on 7th November, 2018, comprising Chief Information Commissioner and two Information Commissioners vide Notification No.9(2)/2012-Council (Vol.VI). dated 7th November, 2018 (**Annex-I**).

(b) & (c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting provided space for office at Information Service Academy (ISA) and required staff from the Ministry. Moreover, the case for creation of 30 posts in Pakistan Information Commission had been sent to Finance Division (**Annex-II**). The Finance Division approved 13 posts at (**Annex-III**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

22. ***Mr. James Iqbal:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that airports in Sargodha and Mianwali were functional during 1985 to 1988; and*
- (b) *as to why said airports were closed?*

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

Sargodha Airport:

- a. The Bhagtanwala Airport in Sargodha was functional during 1985 to 1987. It was closed down in 1987. The airport is currently under use by Pakistan Airport Force (PAF).

Mianwali:

- b. The Mianwali Airport was functional during 1985 to 1988 and it was closed down in 1994. The airport is currently under use by Pakistan Air Force (PAF).
- (b) Both the Sargodha and Mianwali airports were closed due to cease of commercial flight operations by M/s PIACL.

24. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has made it mandatory for students of almost all programs, including M.Ed. to submit their admission forms and assignments online;*
- (b) *if so, administration of AIOU has taken notice of difficulties being faced by students to submit their forms and assignments due to poor Internet connection or non-availability of relevant material including addresses of tutors on the website of the university;*

- (c) *whether it is also a fact that aforesaid features hinder students in large number in pursuit of their education;*
- (d) *if so, what measures are being taken to make things easy for the students and allow them to submit their forms both in manual and online as it suits to them?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): The para-wise reply of the questions is as under:

(a) Digital transformation and Automation is one of the key features in bringing transformation, transparency, and improving of learning process for students. AIOU has evolved a comprehensive Digital Transformation Policy for end to end digitization of all the processes of the University, for which the Digital Transformation at AIOU is being executed at the cost of more than Rs. 200.00 Mn. It is a flagship initiative across the south east Asia region to take Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) to step into the digital Era and extend benefits of these services to the AIOU community including Students, employees and collaborators.

The admissions at AIOU for Semester Autumn 2019 was offered through online portals for the first time for all categories of programs **alongside existing manual process**. This is an integral part of digital transformation and automation. The total enrolment revealed that **more than 50% students opted for online admission** and got their admission process completed even before closure date and subsequently most of them have received their package of books. For the first time in the history of university the admission process was completed before start of study period.

Moreover, to facilitate the students of AIOU an **agreement has been concluded with Pakistan Post** wherein the students will be able to dispatch their admission forms to the University free of cost.

As a pilot project students from 15 Major Cities where adequate bandwidth of internet is available have been asked to submit their assignments through AAGHI Portal of AIOU (**Learning Management System**). This step has been taken to take the students of AIOU in the sphere of technology to keep them at par with the students of general Universities and improve the quality of education.

(b) The statistics have revealed that the state of admissions has improved and during Semester 2019 over 50 % students completed their admission process online which is likely to improve in future. Moreover, the previously practiced system is still in vogue especially in the areas which are devoid of internet facility. The comparison between Semester Spring 2019 and Autumn 2019 is given below for reference:

- a. In Spring 2019, the total admissions were **711,384**.
- b. In Autumn 2019, the figure of admissions rose to **749,000** which is **37616 greater than Spring 2019**.

(c) AIOU is making all out efforts to impart education to the students of far-flung areas. Since, its charter the AIOU has **3522648 graduates** in different disciplines at different levels. AIOU is operating across the length and breadth of Pakistan with its 54 (Fifty Four) Regional Campuses (RC) and Model Study Centres (MSC). In **last one year 07 (seven) new Regional Centres / Model Study Centres** have been established, whereas another is planned in Ziarat.

Newly Established RCs / MSC

Punjab	Sindh	KPK	Bal	GB	AJK
RC Sheikhpura	RC Moro	RC Timergara	MSC Kharan	MSC Nagar	RC Rawalakot
RC Bahawalnagar	MSC Malir				
MSC (Status changed) M.Bahaud Din	MSC Dadu				
RC Jhelum					

- (d) As explained for a, b and c.

25. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

(Deferred from 21st Session)

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

- (a) *how many Universities are there in Pakistan in private and public sector and what fees are being charged by each of these Universities; and*
- (b) *what the HEC is doing to regulate the fee structure?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Currently, **212** (129 Public and 83 Private) Sector Universities and Degree Awarding Institutions are operating in the country. The University-wise fee-breakup of BS/Undergraduate, MS/MPhil, and PhD is at **Annex-I**.

(b) Universities [Public as well as Private] are corporate and self-governing entities in accordance with the provisions of their Act or Ordinance. Universities have a specific stipulated authority to demand and receive such fees and other charges as they may determine as per statutory process. The fees are generally low in case of public sector universities as they receive partial support from the Government. Whereas, the fees of private sector universities (profit and non-profit) varies depending on the quality education. Considering the fact that the quality of faculty labs, infrastructure, learning experience and management process significantly vary across Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), regulating or managing fee level is a difficult proposition. The overwhelming focus may preferably be on improving access, quality of higher education, and research in the country by adequately funding higher education sector and, instituting such scholarship programs that extend support to needy students. The Government has instituted a number of such programs as detailed below:

- v. Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarship Programme.
- vi. HEC Need & Merit Based Scholarships.
- vii. Need Based Scholarships financed by the HEIs.

viii. Provision of Higher Education Opportunities for the students of Balochistan and FATA.

Note: A total of 212 universities/HEIs are in the country. The data from 164 universities/HEIs have been received. The remaining data is being compiled and will be provided shortly.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

71. ***Agha Hassan Baloch:**

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

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to fill and implement the quota of Balochistan in Federal jobs since 2018;*
- (b) *the details thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) The 6% quota in Federal Government Services reserved for Balochistan is strictly being monitored and observed in all Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments etc.

(b) The detail of total identified posts, filled-in and under process posts for Balochistan in the Federal Government is as under:

Quarters	Total Posts Identified	Total Posts Filled-in	Total Posts Under Process	Percentage Share of Filled-in Posts
1st quarter 2018 (January-March)	13,046	8,949	4,097	68.59%
2nd quarter 2018 (April-June)	13,118	9,023	4,095	68.78%
3rd quarter 2018 (July-September)	13,727	9,227	4,500	67.21%
4th quarter 2018 (October-December)	14,032	9,493	4,539	67.65%
1st quarter 2019 (January-March)	14,086	9,521	4,565	67.59%
2nd quarter 2019 (April-June)	14,198	9,543	4,655	67.21%
3rd quarter 2019 (July-September)	15,784	10,527	5,257	66.69%

72. ***Ms. Nusrat Wahid:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that eucalyptus trees have been planted on the sides of most Motorways and National Highways;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the above said trees are sucking the subsoil water to the level of desertification;*
- (c) *if answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) Planting of Eucalyptus trees is not supported in any road construction plan, including motorways / highways. However, this tree species has survived on some motorways and national highways due to its resistance against fire and capability to coppice/regrow after being cut.

(b) Eucalyptus is an evergreen and fast growing tree species which reaches a height of up to 40 meters. It has been reported that young trees can attain height of 0.3 m/month. Accordingly it requires relatively more water as compared to slow growing tree species. This species is most suited for growing on saline, waterlogged and marginal soils. It can adapt to a precipitation zone ranging from 200 to 1250 mm/year or more. However, evidence of desertification due to Eucalyptus alone has not been scientifically reported.

(c) An MoU has been signed between Ministry of Climate Change and Ministry of Communications to implement “Apni Shahrah” Project in the country. Furthermore, NHA has started planting native tree species on different motorways / highways. It is expected that replacement of Eucalyptus shall become more evident once the alternate tree species get well established.

73. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that two schedule flights in a week Islamabad-Chitral and Peshawar-Chitral were planned to be begin from 1st April, 2020;*

- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in affirmative, the time by which the said flights will be started?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) & (b) Flight operation between Islamabad-Chitral-Islamabad was suspended due to Covid-19 and after release of restrictions; flight has been scheduled to operate from 24th July, 2020. If flight shows positive performance, one more flight will be added on the route.

PIA used to operate on Peshawar-Chitral-Peshawar route, however, had suspended its ATR-42 flight in August 2019 due to low demand of passengers resulting losses on the route.

74. ***Mr. Nisar Ahmed Cheema:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Chinese Ambassador visited NAVTTC in 2018 and given assurance in front of all officers that all Chinese companies that will come to Pakistan in respect of CPEC work will contact NAVTTC for required skilled labour and NAVTTC will provide Pakistani skilled labour to these Chinese companies; if so, whether this understanding and set policy is being implemented or not; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether Turkey promised to set up a state of the art institution of culinary skills as a gesture of goodwill and gift it to Pakistan in 2018 and an MOU was also signed after the approval of the Cabinet; if so, the implementation status of setting up the said institute; and*
- (c) *whether this very beneficial project has been shelved due to the lack of interest of the Ministry?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Nothing is available on record to suggest that any such assurance was ever given by the honourable Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, However, NAVTTC has been making all out efforts to equip Pakistani youth with skill sets as per requirements of Chinese Companies in CPEC projects and ensure their maximum employability. Some of the steps taken in this direction are mentioned below:

- CPEC related technical skills are given due preference in all training programmes conducted by NAVTTC in such sectors as construction, services, manufacturing and Hospitality. List of CPEC related technologies and youth trained therein are mentioned in the enclosed **Annex-1**.
- For the first time in the history of the country, training programmes have been initiated in such high-tech fields as robotics, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cyber security, mechatronics, internet of things etc. which are highly relevant to CPEC projects. More than 21,000 students are currently enrolled in such high-tech fields across the country.
- An MoU was signed by NAVTTC with All Pakistan Chinese Employees Association, at the Chinese Embassy in the presence of honourable Chinese Ambassador, in 2019 for employing skilled workforce provided by NAVTTC in CPEC projects.
- A dedicated CPEC-specific job portal (<http://cpec.jobplacement.gov.pk/>) has been developed and shared with Chinese Companies which provides complete details of skilled workforce available at different sites of CPEC projects to facilitate the employment of Pakistani skilled workforce in CPEC projects.
- For the first time, a comprehensive study has been undertaken to know skilled workforce requirement of CPEC projects and prepare skilled workforce in accordance with this demand.

(b) It was not in 2018 but during the tenure of the current government that the current Cabinet approved signing of MoU for establishing state of the art Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Hospitality at Islamabad with the assistance of Turkey through its development cooperation agency, TIKA. The MoU was signed by Federal Minister for Education Mr. Shafqat Mahmood, Chairman TIKA, Mr. Serdar CAM and Executive Director NAVTTC, Dr. Nasir Khan on 27th February 2019 (copy of the signed MoU enclosed as **Annex-II** for reference). As for the implementation status, the Turkish side has completed feasibility studies and architectural plan of the CoE has also been prepared. The actual construction work for establishing the CoE was expected to start in April 2020 but had to be postponed due to the emergence of COVID-19.

(c) Due to the keen interest of the Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Mr. Shafqat Mahmood, the project is very much alive and

actual construction work is expected to start during 2020. The CoE is expected to be completed by June 2021 and will be a monument of Pak-Turk friendship and cooperation.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

75. *Sheikh Rohale Asghar:

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

(a) the names of needy artists to whom financial assistance given by Radio Pakistan during the last five years; and

(b) the detail of amount given thereof separately to needy artists?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Syed Shibli Faraz):

(a) & (b)

The names and detail of amount given separately by Radio Pakistan to its needy artists during the last five years are as under:

Sr No.	Name & Performance	Station	Amount	Year/Date
01	Ms. Noor Anwar, Compere	PBC Rawalpindi-I	Rs.25,000/-	21-05-2015
02	Ms. Naheed Akhtar, Compere	PBC Lahore	Rs.50,000/-	24-06-2015
03	Ms. Musarrat Shaheen, Compere	PBC D.I.Khan	Rs.20,000/-	08-09-2015
04	Mai Dadli, Folk Singer	PBC Bahawalpur	Rs.50,000/-	18-05-2015
05	Mr. Falak Niaz, Announcer	PBC Peshawar	Rs.20,000/-	27-04-2016
06	Mr. Ali Bux Marri, Announcer	PBC Khairpur	Rs.80,000/-	15-06-2016
07	Mr. Adeel Mehmood, Mandolin Player	CPU, PBC Lahore	Rs.30,000/-	03-08-2016
08	Mr. Zaka-Ud-Din Asif, Compere	PBC Faisalabad	Rs.30,000/-	07-03-2016
09	Mr. Daleep Roshan (Late), AMA (for his family)	PBC Multan	Rs.75,000/-	29-07-2016
10	Mr. Ijaz Qaiser, Singer	CPU, PBC Lahore	Rs.30,000/-	27-02-2017

Sr No.	Name & Performance	Station	Amount	Year/Date
11	Mr. John Wilson, Compere	PBC Rawalpindi-I	Rs.50,000/-	17-03-2017
12	Ms. Sakina Mai, Widow of Muhammad Ramzan Shakir Mehrvi (Late), Poet	PBC Multan	Rs.30,000/-	05-05-2017
13	Mr. Muhammad Tariq Alvi, Announcer	PBC Multan	Rs.50,000/-	04-08-2017

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

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the financial assistance is being granted to the needy people by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal; if so, the detail of the receiptants; and*
- (b) *the detail of the same province-wise of each category and in particular district-wise of Sindh, UC-wise of Hyderabad during the last three years?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division: (a) It is fact that the financial assistance is being granted to needy people by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal. Detail is placed at **Annex-A**.

(b) Detail of province-wise of each category is at **Annex-A** and in particular district-wise of Sindh, UC-wise of Hyderabad during the last three years is placed at **Annex-B**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

77. ***Mr. Ali Wazir:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that re-survey has not been conducted of BISP in NA-50;*

- (b) *if so, the non-conducting of re-survey has deprived thousands of deserving person of said constituency thereof could not add in the programme;*
- (c) *the detail of corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety

Division: (a) BISP is implementing a nationwide survey to update National Socio Economic Registry (NSER). The survey is planned to be conducted in a phased out approach. NSER survey is expected to be conducted in Waziristan Agency during September 2020 to December, 2020. Some areas have been covered and remaining will be covered later. The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown has adversely affected the survey resulting in suspension of data collection activities.

(b) All possible measures are being taken to ensure 100 % coverage of households throughout the country. The households targeted through this exercise will be eligible for government assistance under various programmes, if they meet certain criteria. It is expected that survey activities will resume soon.

(c) In this regard, various approaches / strategies have been adopted including door to door survey, desk based registration and teachers based census model to ensure that socio-economic data of all areas of country is updated in BISP database.

78. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

- (a) *whether Government is considering to introduce uniform educational curriculum simultaneously throughout the country at present;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which same will be considered and implemented?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training

(Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Keeping in view the prevailing disparity in our

education system and in line with the vision of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, National Curriculum Council, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training has initiated the process of development of Single National Curriculum in the country with active participation of all experts form all federating units and other relevant stakeholders.

First phase of the Single National Curriculum for Grades Pre I-V has been completed.

(b) After completion of development of the textbooks on the basis of Single National Curriculum for Grade Pre-I to V, uniform curriculum at primary level will be implemented throughout the country from March 2021, Inshallah.

79. ***Mr. Abdul Majeed Khan:**

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

(a) *the reasons for not implementing S.R.O. 1166(1)/2016 dated 14-12-2016 to upgrade the post of Admn Officer from (BPS-16 to 17) in the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government to encounter such violations of recruitment rules?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) i. The S. R.O 1166 (1) 2016 dated 14-12-2016 is only governing the employees of Islamabad Model Colleges under the ambit of Federal Directorate of Education (FDE). Seniorities of employees of Islamabad Model Colleges is also being maintained separately from those of FDE HQ and Islamabad Model Colleges (former F. G. Colleges) and Islamabad Model Schools (**Annex-I**). In 2011-12, seniorities of FDE HQ were merged with that of FG Colleges/Schools, whereas, the seniorities of employees of Model Colleges were maintained separately.

ii. In 1991, these Model Colleges used to be Wing of defunct Ministry of Education, which were subsequently declared Model Colleges Wing of FDE in 1993 and seniority of the employees were maintained separately with separate recruitment rules *i.e.* SRO 1097(I) 93 dated 15-11-1993, SRO 146(I)/2004 dated 06-03-2004 and SRO 958(I)/2009

dated 19-11-2009. In 2016, all the above referred SROs were amended by SRO No. 1166 (I) 2016 dated 14-12-2016 and only applicable to the employees of Model Colleges.

iii. In pursuance of the above referred amended SRO, the following Accountants (BS-16) and Assistant Private Secretaries (BS-16) working in Model Colleges were promoted to the post of Administrative Officer (BS-17) erstwhile CA&DD's Notification No. 1-6/2017(Prom)-DPC dated: 02-01-2018 and thus the said SRO was implemented in letter and spirit:

(b) Since the above referred SRO is only governing the employees of Model Colleges and has been implemented there. Hence, no violation of rules was made.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

80. ***Mr. Nisar Ahmed Cheema:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister initiated Prime Minister Youth Skill Development Programme through NAVTTC during previous regime and youth were provided free training for six months and youths were provided three thousand scholarship monthly and one lac youth including boys and girls were made skilled in 2017-18 under said programme;*
- (b) many youths out of said youth programme started work within the country and abroad as plumber, mason, electrician, driver, cook and beautician on the basis of training;*
- (c) it had been planned to further extend this extremely beneficial and super programme and a programme had been formulated to extend the number of youths from 1 lac to 1.5 lac in January, 2019;*

- (d) *the reasons for closing best un-employment and poverty alleviation programme in the country Ministry for Education or Prime Minister Office are responsible for the closure of said programme; and*
- (e) *whether Government intends to close every good work for public?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Yes it is a fact that during year 2017-18, NAVTTC executed the Prime Minister Minister’s Youth Skill Development Programme by virtue of which youth were provided with free skill development trainings along with rupees three thousand as monthly stipend.

(b) The youth equipped with skill training under the above programme by NAVTTC are serving inside and abroad country on the basis of imparted .training, earning a decent livelihood for their families;

(c) Skill development programmes in the past mainly aimed at increasing the numbers and very scant attention was paid to improving the standards and quality of training and ensuring its national and international recognition.

Feeling the need for a broad based reform of the entire TVET sector in the country, the present government immediately after assuming office, constituted a taskforce under Mbo Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamabad for completely revamping the technical vocational training sector and bringing it at par with requirements of both national and international job markets. The recommendations of the Taskforce were notified by M/o Federal Education and Professional Training as the National “Skills for all Strategy”. In light of the recommendations of contained in skills for all strategy, the current government initiated the largest ever skill development programme in the history of the country by the name of “Hunarmand Pakistan” under Prime Minister’s Kamyab Jawan initiative which was inaugurated by the honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan in January 2020. The programme is based on 14 targeted/ interventions aimed at increasing both the capacity and quality of technical vocational training in the country. A total of 170,000 youth will benefit from the programme in the shape of technical training and , certification.

(d) As stated above, present government hasn’t closed but in fact enlarged the scope of technical and vocational training programme executed by NAVTTC. The “Hunarmand Pakistan” Programme is addressing all identified gaps

and catering more quality based areas of interventions, including directly benefiting 170,000 youth with skill training and certification as mentioned below.

- (i) Skill development Training of 50,000 youth in cross cutting high-tech technologies like Advanced Electronics, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence etc.;
- (ii) Skill development training of 50,000 youth in conventional technologies like Plumber, Mason, Electrician, Welder, Carpenter, Dress making, Beautician etc.;
- (iii) Formal skill testing and certification of 50,000 informally skilled workers under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) regime;
- (iv) Apprenticeship training of 20,000 youth in formal and informal industrial units.

A total number 37,459 youth were enrolled under skill development, programs during month of February, 2020, however, the training of this ‘ cohort was suspended due to COVID-19 lockdown situation. Moreover, under this project qualitative aspects of TVET sector are also being catered like:

- (i) Development of TVET qualifications;
- (ii) Establishing smart tech labs and labs in Madrassas;
- (iii) International Accreditation of 50 Pakistani TVET institutes
- (iv) Establishing Skill Training Facilities in 70 Madrassas across the country.
- (v) Training of TVET trainers
- (vi) National and International accreditation of TVET institutes;
- (vii) Establishing Country of destination specific Centres of Excellence for enhancing export of skilled workforce.

(e) As per provided roadmap to NAVTTC, government has no intentions to close this program.

81. ***Mr. Abdul Majeed Khan:**

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

- (a) *detail of steps taken by the Ministry and Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad to release the hiring payments of the teaching and non-teaching staff working in 423 institutions for the financial year 2019-20 and their previous pending payments; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal and proposition to encounter such pending hiring payments for the next year 2020-21?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) It is highlighted that keeping in view pending and running liabilities of staff working under FDE an amount of Rs.2,064.416 million was demanded for financial year 2019-20 but the Finance Division allocated less amount of Rs.971.555 million which works out deficiency of Rs.1,092.861 million. The case for supplementary grant for the said deficiency was initiated but was not approved by the Finance Division.

(b) In the financial year 2020-21, an amount of RS.1,394.049 million has been allocated under the head of “Rent of Residential Building” which is approximately Rs. 422,494 million more than the previous allocation *i.e.* 2019-20 due to the fact that Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training has granted Rs. 300.000 million for the hiring purpose in addition to the previous allocation and general increase of 3.10% in indicative budget ceiling 2020-21. This increase will cater for all pending liabilities.

82. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the performance with regard to grant of Ex-Office status to Non Secretariat Officers, Career Planning and Administrative Reforms during the last two years?

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: No proposal regarding grant of *ex-officio* status is found/allowed by Establishment Division to Non Secretariat Officers, Career Planning and Administrative Reforms during the last two years.

83. ***Ms. Nusrat Wahid:**

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

- (a) *the set of tools of the Federal Government to eradicate poverty in the country alongwith the mechanism adopted to execute such tools;*
- (b) *the details of year-wise amount allocated, released and utilized during the last two years; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to take special initiatives to extend support to less developed provinces of country in order to reduce poverty in the country?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division: (a)

PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL (PBM):

Set of tools of the Federal Government to eradicate poverty in the country alongwith the mechanism adopted by PBM to execute such tools is placed at **Annex-A**.

(b) BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

Last two years budget allocation , releases and utilization is as tabulated below:

Rs. in billions

Budget Details	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Budget Allocation	124.7	255.6
Budget Releases	116.5	255.6
Budget Utilization	116.3	246.5

PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL (PBM):

Details of year wise amount allocated released and utilized during the last two years is placed as **Annex-B**.

PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL (PBM):

Steps taken by the Government to take special initiatives to extend support to less developed provinces of country in order to reduce poverty is placed at **Annex-C**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

84. ***Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**

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

- (a) *the details of appointments made without the approval of the Federal Cabinet after 18-08-2016 in respect of officers/heads of PSEs and etc which were within the purview of the Federal Government;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the CEOs of Distribution Companies under Power Division, were being appointed on temporary basis from 2015 to date; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said appointments will be nullified and new appointments will be made in accordance with the law and in the light of decisions of Honourable Islamabad High Court in ICA No.36/2020 dated 23-04-2020 and judgment of Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan reported at PLD 2016 SC 808 (Mustafa Impax case)?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a), (b) & (c) No such appointments had been made in the regulatory authorities i.e. PPRA, OGRA, PTA, NEPRA, FAB and NAPHDA after 18-08-2016 without approval of the Federal Cabinet, therefore reply may be treated as 'Nil'

85. ***Mr. Kesoo Mal Kheal Das:**

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the total strength of persons posted at PTV Booster at Taluka Thana Bola Khan Luk, District Jamshoro alongwith their names, designations and place of domicile?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Syed Shibli Fraz): The total strength of persons posted at PTV Booster at Taluka Thana Bola Khan Luk, District Jamshoro alongwith their names, designations and place of domicile is appended below:

Sr. No.	Name of employee	Designation	Domicile District Province
1.	Ghulam Mustafa Memon	Sr. TVE (incharge)	Shikarpur Sindh (R)

Sr. No.	Name of employee	Designation	Domicile District Province	
2.	Saleem Ullah Larik	Sr. TVE	Larkana	-do-
3.	Sahab ud din	Admin Asstt.	Dadu	-do-
4.	Muhammad Ishaque Rind	Sr. Driver	Nawab Shah	-do-
5.	Sajid Ali	Driver	Dadu	-do-
6.	Muzaffar Ahmed	Qasid	Dadu	-do-
7.	Shabir Masih	S/worker (contract)	Hyderabad	-do-

86. ***Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that only locals are appointed on the vacancies of Class-IV;*
- (b) *the city-wise, domiciles of Class-IV employees in the Autonomous and Semi Autonomous Federal Institutions/Departments established, in Sindh at present; and*
- (c) *the total number of persons locally recruited on the vacancies of Class-IV in said Federal Institutions/Departments from Sindh during present Government?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: As per Rule 16 of the Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion & Transfer) rule, 1973 provide that:

- (a) “Vacancies in posts in basic pay scales [1 to 5] and equivalent shall ordinarily be filled on local basis” **(Annex-I)**.
- (b) Most of the autonomous bodies have their own pay scales which are different from basic pay scales. The total strength of employees working in autonomous bodies established in Sindh (BS 1-5 or equivalent) as per Annual Statistical Bulletin (2018-19) is given below **(details at Annex-II)**.

BS or equivalent	Number of Employees Working in Autonomous/ Semi-autonomous Bodies/ Corporations in Sindh for 2018-19
1-5	11589

The Autonomous bodies make the recruitment on the basis of their own recruitment rules and it does not fall in the preview of the Establishment Division. However, Establishment Division collects & publishes information on the basis of provincial domiciles as provided by the Ministries / Divisions.

(c) The total number of persons locally recruited on the vacancies of class-IV in Federal Government departments from Sindh since July, 2018 is given below.

Department	Sindh (Rural)	Sindh (Urban)	Total
Division/ Attached Departments	1544	1724	3268
Constitutional Bodies	15	0	15
Total	1559	1724	3283

The Division wise detailed information regarding total number of persons appointed against Class-IV vacancies since July, 2018 in Federal Government from Sindh is placed at (**Annex-III**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

87. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *the total number of disabled persons in the country at present;*
and
 (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for them?*

**Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety
Division: (a)**

BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

The Poverty Score Card (PSC) survey of 2010-11 gathered the data of over 27 million households consisting of over 150 million household members making around 88% population coverage at that time. As per PSC 2010-11 **2,145,744** disable persons of all the ages are present in BISP database. In the said survey various types of disability was captured, details of which are as follows:

DISABILITY	Total Counts
upper limb disability	230,464
lower limb disability	874,576
hearing disability	119,040
speech disability	188,227
visual disability	339,984
mental disability	391,453
Total	2,143,744

PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL:

As per data of Bureau of Statistics, Total number of disabled persons in Pakistan is **(3,286,630) (Annex-A)**.

(b) BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

However, the number of disable persons in 2010-11 survey data may not be the true representative of total number of disable persons in the country. Further, the data is almost ten years old and 40%+ of new NSER survey is already done and expected to be completed by June, 2021.

PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL:

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has benefited **(44792)** disabled persons in the following categories:

Sr.	Category	No. of persons
i.	Financial Assistance	21412
ii.	Hearing Aid	3954
iii.	Artificial Limbs	1834
iv.	Wheel Chair	25000
v.	White Cane	500
vi.	Cochlear Implant	23

(c) **BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME:**

(a) The Poverty Scorecard survey was based on Proxy Means Test (PMT) which generates a poverty score on a scale of 0-100, for surveyed households, based on the information provided in survey. Based on the fiscal space at that time PMT 16.17 was declared as the eligibility cut-off score and all households below the cut off score of 16.17 are considered as “eligible” for cash grants by BISP.

Later on, due to increase in budget, an appeal criteria was introduced according to which the eligibility cut off score was relaxed upto PMT 20 for certain households having senior citizen(s) as its member (65 years and above) or **one disable member** or four or more children under the age of 12 years or household size is three members or less.

The cut off score was further relaxed upto 25 for those households having more than one disable member.

However, the UCT cash benefit is provided to an adult ever married female possessing a valid CNIC within an “eligible” household.

To provide benefits to the families of disable persons either an adult ever married female or otherwise, 181,508 females were declared as beneficiaries and received BISP cash grant in households where there was at least one disabled person in the surveyed households and their PMT score was above 16.17 and upto 20.

An additional 37,238 females were declared as beneficiaries and received BISP cash grant in households where there was more than one disabled persons in the surveyed households and their PMT score was above 20 and upto 25.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

88. ***Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam:**

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

- (a) details of district-wise persons have been or being granted Rs.12,000/- other than persons enrolled in BISP in view of COVID-19;*
- (b) the criteria, which is adopted to include above said persons;*
- (c) does Government deem appropriate that Rs.12,000/- is enough to support a family; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (d) what steps are being taken by the Government to include more deserving persons in BISP?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division: (a) The requisite data attached at **Annex-A**.

(b) The Criteria for Ehsaas Emergency Cash Transfer in response to COVID-19 is attached at **Annex-B**

(c) In view of COVID-19 Pandemic, the Federal Government in March, 2020 decided to provide Rs. 3,000/- per month for four months to around 12 million deserving families. However, in order to minimize crowding and manage logistics, the cash assistance is being provided in one installment of Rs 12,000/- per family. Moreover, the number of targeted beneficiaries has been increased from 12 million to around 16.9 million. The situation of COVID-19 will be reviewed shortly and if required, more cash assistance would be provided to the deserving families.

(d) BISP is adding number of beneficiaries in its regular Ehsaas Kafaalat Programme/UCT through National Socio Economic Registry (NSER). Currently, the cash assistance under Ehsaas-Kafalat/UCT program there are around 5 million regular BISP beneficiaries. The numbers of beneficiaries are expected to be enhanced to around 7 million by end of FY 2020-21 after completion of ongoing update of National Socio Economic Registry (NSER).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

89. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) the year-wise amounts of receipts separately under the heads, namely, Benevolent Fund, Group Insurance and rents, profits markups etc earned from the investments made and/or the assets held with details of each, by the Federal Employees Benevolent and Group Insurance Funds management during the last ten years;*
- (b) the year-wise amounts of expenditure made separately under the said heads alongwith major head-wise and sub-head/grant-wise details for the last ten years; and*
- (c) details of movable and immovable assets held by the said Funds management showing their book-value as well as the current market value, separately and the revenue generated from each during the last ten years?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) The year-wise contribution receipt of Benevolent Fund, Group Insurance Fund, Rent of Building and Investment income of last ten years is given at **Annex-A**.

(b) The year-wise head wise expenditure of Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Fund of last ten years is given at **Annex-B**.

(c) FEB & GIF immoveable assets showing their book value and revenue generated is given at **Annex-C**. Regarding moveable assets showing their purchase value and income generated is also given at **Annex-C**. The detail of vehicles alongwith book value is, however, given at **Annex-D**. Further, current value of immoveable assets is concerned, it is clarified that under Section 7 (f) of FEBF & GI Act, 1969, this office is mandated to generate rental income from Real Estate Investments. Therefore, market value of the immovable assets are not determined being out of scope. As regard to revenue generation of investment is concerned, it is to inform that FEB&GIF make investment of both funds jointly in different investment schemes.

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90. Admissibility is being reconsidered.

@91. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

- (a) as to when “Ehsas Kafalat Programme” is being initiated/ launched expended alongwith the names of cities thereof; and*
- (b) the number of persons are to get benefit in future therefrom?*

Minister In-charge of the Alleviation and Social Safety Division:

(a) Initially the eligible families enrolled under BISP were paid an amount of Rs. 1000/ per month under its Unconditional Cash Transfers (UCT) Program. Over the time the UCT stipend gradually increased up to Rs. 4834/quarter till 2018. The present Government has expressed a strong resolve to reform the social protection mechanism in line with its manifesto, and enhanced the stipend amount to Rs. 6,000/- per quarter as well as changed the frequency of disbursement from quarterly to monthly and named the new stipend as Ehsaas Kafalat. It is pertinent to mention that cash assistance under Ehsaas Kafalat is being provided across the country and in almost all Districts of Pakistan to the beneficiaries identified through National Socio Economic Registry (NSER).

(b) Currently, the cash assistance under Ehsaas - Kafaalat (UCT) program is being provided to around 5 million regular BISP beneficiaries. The number of beneficiaries are expected to be enhanced to around 7 million by end of FY 2020-21 after completion of ongoing update of National Socio Economic Registry (NSER).

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that financial assistance has been provide under the COVID-19 throughout the country;*
- (b) if so, the details of the amount distribution province and district-wise alongwith name, CNIC number of UC-wise of Hyderabad Sindh?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety

Division: (a) Yes, the Emergency Cash Assistance in response to COVID-19 Pandemic is being provided to deserving families across the Country.

(b) Summary of province/district wise details of amount disbursed is attached at **Annex-A** UC wise Data with Name & CNIC number of Hyderabad (Sindh)'s beneficiaries is at placed at **Annex-B**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

93. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the steps taken by the recent Government so far to increase literacy rate throughout the country including Islamabad?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): Mandate of this Ministry is to coordinate policy making which we do through the IPEMC. The issue of Out of School Children (OOSC) & Adult literacy has been raised and discussed in the meetings with provinces for consultation & implementation. The Ministry is implementing non - formal education and adult literacy programmes through NCHD and BECS. They are running 17,516 schools through PSDP, providing education to 767,472 children across the country. Other details are as under:—

- Established 2000 adult literacy centers with the financial support of Pakistan Human Development Fund (PHDF). These centres are imparting literacy skills to 45,741 learners across the country.
- NCHD has completed 30 adult literacy centers in Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral for 650 learners.
- Established 100 schools in Deeni Madaris enrolling 2,578 students.

Under Federal Directorate of Education this Ministry is supporting out of school children (OOSC) & Accelerating Literacy Programme (ALP) and:—

- Established 68 ALP Center in Islamabad to support to OOSC.
- Enrolled 7000 + OOSC in Islamabad.
- Strengthening partnership with all stakeholders to increase access and quality of education to improve general literacy rates.

Finally during the COVID-19 emergency the Ministry has launched Tele School that has a viewership of more than 7 million children across Pakistan.

94. ***Mir Khan Muhammad Jamali:**

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

- (a) *whether Federal Government Departments have either conducted or intend to conduct verification of domicile prior or after person appointing in Government Departments belonging to Balochistan; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *the details of persons appointed against the quota of Balochistan in Federal Government jobs alongwith serving at present; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken to fill the quota of Balochistan in letter and spirit alongwith break-up of department-wise vacant posts of Balochistan quota?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a), (b) & (c)

Main Ministry

- (a) Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training was created in 2011. Against the sanctioned strength, Establishment Division (MS Wing) posted/ transferred the employees of devolved Ministries/ Divisions etc. Ministry has not made any recruitment on regular basis so far.

However, the following employees presently posted/transferred in this Ministry have Balochistan domicile by the MS Wing. Establishment Division

S. No.	Name/father's Name Designation/Job	NICNo.	Domicile	Verification
1.	Mr. Abdul Hanan s/o Abdur Rehman, AEA (BS-18)	5440005014729	Quetta	Response Awaited

S. No.	Name/father's Name Designation/Job	NIC No.	Domicile	Verification
2.	Mr. Tanveer Ahmed Kakar s/o Akhtar Muhammad Section Officer (BS-17)	5630297786139	Loralai	Verified
3.	Mr. Aun Muhammad s/o Asiq Muhammad. Assistant (BS-16)	3210372742821	Dera Bughti	Verified
4.	Mr. Atif Murtaza s/o Mr. Ghulam Murtaza APS (BS-16).	6110118082733	Quetta	Response Awaited

(b) As Explained at serial (a) above.

(c) Ministry has already observed the share of Balochistan province quota. However, due share of Balochistan province quota (6%) will be observed as and when recruitment is made in letter & spirit in future.

National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC).

(a) Verification of domicile of persons belonging to Balochistan serving in NAVVTC as per list at **(Annex-I)** was conducted in the year 2017. On receipt of verification report from concerned District of six (06) officers / officials was shared with Ministry **(Annex-II)**. While verification of remaining officers / official is under process.

(b) As at **(Annex-I)**

(c) All posts including Balochistan quota area being filled in NAVTTC strictly in accordance with rules, criteria and procedure of the Government. At present two posts one each of Director (BS-19) and Deputy Director (BS-18) of Balochistan quota falling under direct recruitment are vacant, recruitment of which is under process.

National Training Bureau (NTB)

(a) It is submitted that the domicile of Mir Muhammad Salman, Assistant Director (BS-17) was verified by the department after his appointment.

- (b) Nil
- (c) It is submitted that no post is vacant against Balochistan Quetta.

National Education Foundation (NEF)

- (a) National Education Foundation (NEF) is small organization working under the administrative control of Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training have its geographical outreach in District GB, AJK and ICT. Being a small organization, the National Education Foundation has total 20 employees and at present non of the employees are from Balochistan, due to which no verification has been conducted by NEF.
- (b) No employee was appointed in NEF against Balochistan quota till date.
- (c) National Education Foundation (NEF) will ensure to observe Balochistan quota while filling vacant posts in future in letter and spirit.

Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA).

- (a) Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (ICT-PEIRA) is a small organization with sanctioned strength of 33 (thirty three) employees. Presently, there is no employee from Balochistan. Therefore, reply to the extent of PEIRA may please be t related as Nil.
- (b) As stated at serial a above
- (c) 6% Balochistan quota against each post of direct recruitment shall be observed on its turn in letter and spirit.

Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (FBISE).

- (a) A copy of Establishment Division's O.M. No. 5/2/2017-Coord-I dated 09-01-2017, conveyed to this office vide Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training's letter F.No. 4(8)/2017-Council dated 11-01-2017 that the following Resolution has been moved by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmad Muhammad Shah:

“The House recommended that the domicile certificates of the persons belonging to Balochistan who are working in various Ministries/Divisions and Federal Government Departments may be sent to the concerned authorities in the Province of the Balochistan for verification of the same”.

In the light of above, Domicile/Local Certificates of the ten (10) persons belonging to Balochistan who are working in Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education have been sent to concerned authorities in the province of the Balochistan for verification of the same. Three (03) Domicile/Local Certificates have been verified whereas verification of Seven (07) Domicile/Local Certificates is under process.

- (b) The details of persons appointed against the quota of Balochistan are as under:

S. #	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Zulfiqar Ali	DPA
2.	Mr. Abdul Khaliq	UDC
3.	Mr. Zafar Mehmood Abbasi	LDC
4.	Mr. Gohar Iqbal	UDC
5.	Mr. Najeeb Ullah	LDC
6.	Mr. Muhammad Akram	LDC
7.	Ms. Um Ul Baneen	LDC
8.	Mr. Muhammad Zahid	Driver
9.	Mr. Ali Afsar	Naib Qasid
10.	Mr. Tahir Afsar	Naib Qasid

- (c) FBISE has implemented Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package (AHBP) by allocating 6% service quota for recruitment of individuals possessing domicile of Balochistan. The following posts have been identified and vacant, the same will be advertised shortly:

S. No.	Detail of Posts Under Balochistan Quota Name of Posts Designation/Nomenclature	BPS	Vacant Posts
1.	Assistant Secretary/Assistant Controller of Examinations	17	01
2.	Accounts	14	01

National Commission for Human Development (NCHD).

- (a) National Commission for Human Development has already collected duly verified domicile of each employees from Balochistan Government Officers, and NCHD intends to get these domiciles re-verified from concerned department of Government of Balochistan.
- (b) Finance Division created/revised 2641 posts *vide* U.O. No.1387 / DFA) FE&PT /2017 dated 21-6-2018 (**Annex-III**) w.e.f. 2013 on the orders of honourable Islamabad Higher Court, Islamabad for employees who were regularized in 2013, which was notified by the Ministry *vide* Notification No.1-16/2011-Admin dated 9-7-2018 wherein more than 17% employees are from Balochistan. The detail of employees is attached (**Annex-IV**).
- (c) Same as above.

Pakistan Manpower Institute (PMI).

- (a) Yes verification of domicile of following employees of PMI of Balochistan was done through letter written to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Civil Line Quetta.
- (i) Mr. Qamar Sajid, UDC (BS-11), PMI, Verification was done *vide* letter No.Admn. 1(48)/90, dated 8th February, 2027. Response to date is awaited.
- (ii) Mr. Muhammad Bux Driver, PMI, F.No.7(4)2013-Admn, dated 20th January 2017 and domicile verified *vide* letter No.635/GB/IC dated 13/2/2017 of Office of the Deputy Commissioner Jaffarabaq Balochistan.

(b)

S. No.	Name	Designation & BS	Joint Date
1.	Mr. Qamar Sajid Khan	UDC (BS-11)	3/2/1990 as LDC and promoted as UDC on 27/7/2010
2.	Mr. Muhammad Bux	Driver (BS-05)	6/5/2013

- (c) One vacant post of Assistant Director (BS-17) of Balochistan quota is vacant in PMI Letter No.F.4(5)2011-Admn, dated 14/5/2020 has been written to Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training to take up case with FPSC for filling up the post. The Ministry has submitted the case to FPSC for further proceedings *vide* letter No. F.7-2/2020-Recruitment, dated 14/5/2020.

Academy of Education Planning & Management (AEPAM).

- (a) Academy of Education Planning & Management (AEPAM) is a subordinate Office of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training with limited posts in each cadre, established in 1982. Presently, there is no post available for observing Balochistan quota. However, the same will be observed as and when it falls vacant in APEAM.
- (b) It is submitted that presently there is no person working against Balochistan quota in AEPAM.
- (c) As in "a" above.

Pakistan National Commission for UNESCO, (PNCU).

- (a) Pakistan National Commission for UNESCO, (PNCU). Has no such employee who is working on Balochistan domicile. Further, it is also informed that there is no vacant post fall for Balochistan quota therefore, reply may be treated as Nil.
- (b) Nil.

(c) Nil

National Education Assessment System (NEAS).

National Education Assessment System (NEAS) has total strength of 19 positions. Most of the post(s) are isolated by nature however, 6% quota of Balohistan for employment has been observed while submission of the requisition for filling of post through FPSC but yet the prescribed percentage cannot be attained due to the limited numbers of positions in NEAS. As the said % would be achieved this office will expedite the case for recruitment against 6% of Balochistan quota.

National Curriculum Council (NCC).

- (a) At National Curriculum Council, the documents verification of all the newly appointed officers is done after their joining. Similarly, the domiciles of the officers will also be sent for verification.
- (b) At present, Ms. Sanam Ali, Assistant Educational Advisor, has been appointed against Balochistan quota.
- (c) The post has been filled after due process i.e. advertisement in the newspaper, testing through a firm and then interview by a committee comprising Federal Minister, Secretary, Additional Secretary and Joint Educational Advisor, Ministry of Federal education and Professional Training. At present, there is no post of officers is lying vacant at NCC.

Federal Directorate of Education (FIDE).

- (a) In the past, as such no exercise regarding verification of domicile of persons appointed in Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) and its allied 423 educational institutions, belonging to Balochistan is carried out. However, testimonials and domicile, in original, are seen at the time of selection of a candidate and attested photocopies thereof are obtained and retained in record.

However, since the matter is being highlighted at various forums, therefore FDE, in the first instance, intends to verify the domiciles of the candidates (appointed against the posts falling under the quota

already reserved for Balochistan) from the respective District Administrations of Balochistan and report thereof will be furnished in due course of time.

- (b) 197 persons appointed under Balochistan Quota are presently working in FDE HQ and Educational Institutions working under ambit of FDE, who's details may be perused at **Annex-V**.
- (c) At the moment, **144** posts BS-19 & below (both the teaching and non-teaching) under the quota for Balochistan are lying vacant in FDE HQ & its Educational Institutions. Grade-wise break-down is as follows:

Sr. #	Basic Scale	Vacant posts Balochistan quota
01	BS-19	3
02	BS-18	2
03	BS-17	56
04	BS-16	37
05	BS-15	1
06	BS-14	21
07	BS-12	1
08	BS-11	1
09	BS-09	4
10	BS-07	5
11	BS-06	0
12	BS-05	1
13	BS-04	7
14	BS-03	5
Total		144

In order to fill the vacant posts falling under the purview of the Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC), including the posts reserved for Balochistan Quota, FDE has already placed requisitions with the FPSC; whereas, the nominees are still awaited.

So far as appointment against the posts carrying BS-15 & below is concerned, FDE advertised 514 posts the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court, Islamabad has granted stay order to fill these posts in W. P. No. 3535/2016 filed by Saleemullah and other vs Ministry of CA&DD. The stay order is still in field. As soon as, the stay orders are vacated, FDE will start filling in the posts including the posts reserved under quota of Balochistan (**Annex-VI**).

In Addition, the Hon'ble High Court has restrained FDE from making appointment of teaching staff pursuant to revised recruitment rules notified *vide* SRO No. 373(I)/2019 dated 15-03-2019. (**Annex-VII & VIII**)

Inter-Board Committee of Chairman (IBCC)

- (a) The Inter-Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) intends to conduct verification of domicile of existing employees of IBCC belonging to Balochistan.
- (b) There are seven (7) person appointed against domicile of Balochistan. The list is enclosed (**Annex-IX**).
- (c) The policies of Federal Governments regarding filling the quota of Balochistan will be strictly followed at the time of any fresh appointments / recruitments.

Federal College of Education

- (a) No action regarding conduct of verification of domicile of the only employee appointed against Balochistan quota has been taken till date as no direction received from the administrative Ministry/ Establishment Division.
- (b) Prior to this there was only one person i.e. Ms.Saeeda Jabeen, of Balochistan Quota (Quetta District Domicile was appointed in Federal College of Education, Islamabad, initially as Lecturer (BS-17) through Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) on 25-09-2001 and was promoted as Assistant Professor (BS-18) on 03-05- 2018. She is presently working as Assistant Professor (BS-18) in FCE.
- (c) There are 02 posts of Balochistan Quota are lying vacant in FCE and requisition for filling up the same have already been forwarded to FPSC through Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training.

Federal Government Polytechnic Institute

- (a) Verification of domicile of an employee belonging to Balochistan serving in Polytechnic Institute for Women (GPIW) is under process.
- (b) Only Ms. Tabnak Qureshi D/o Muhammad Saleem Qureshi is serving as Instructor in Government Polytechnic Institute for Women Islamabad on Balochistan Domicile.
- (c) N.A

Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design (PIFD)

- (a) Yes currently three (03) employees having domicile of Balochistan are working at PIFD. Two (02) are verified and one (01) is under process.
- (b) As per PIFD Service Statutes 2012, there is no specific allocation of Balochistan quota for recruitment at PIFD, Currently, three (03) employees domicile holder of Balochistan are working at PIFD, the details are as under:
 1. Mr. Qaiser Khan Shinwari, Assistant Professor.
 2. Mr. Khalid Mehmood, Lecturer.
 3. Ms. Kulsoom Mehmood, Teaching Associate.
- (c) PIFD always published advertisement against the available posts / jobs nationwide. Persons Citizens of Pakistan from all over the Pakistan are eligible to apply on open merit basis. Since, PIFD is a Design Institution having unique area of study so, it was observed that less number of people from Balochistan apply for the advertised posts. However, a due consideration has always been given to the candidates who belongs to Balochistan.

National College of Arts.

- (a) National College of Arts always conduct verification of domiciles of the persons belong to Balochistan after appointment. Details are given here under:—
 - Verification Done = 2- Cases.
 - Verification under process = 2- cases.

- (b) Following 4 faculty members are working at NCA, Lahore against total 95 faculty members:
1. Mr. Jamil Baloch Ahmed s/o Mir Nauroz Khan Assistant Professors (BPS 19) Fine Arts NCA-Lahore (**Verification Done**).
 2. Mr. Muhammad Hussain s/o Ramzan Ali Lecturer (BPS-18) Product design NCA-Lahore (**Verification Done**).
 3. Mr. Mehina Reki d/o Abid Hussain Baloch Lecturer (BPS-18) Architecture, NCA-Lahore (**Verification Done**).
 4. Mr. Suleman Aqeel s/o Muhammad Ibrahim Khan, Lecturer (BS-18) Fine Art, NCA, Lahore (**Verification under Proess**).
- (c) As National College of Arts is a specialized institution. All Appointments in the National College of Arts are made purely “merit based”.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

95. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *the total number of Langar Khanas opened throughout the country including Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the total cost incurred thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division: (a) Total Number of Langar Khanas

ICT	2
Lodhran	1
Swat, Peshawar	2
Quetta	1
Tharparkar	1
Total	7

(b) There are no expenditure incurred on establishment or operation of Langar Khanas. Government role is only to facilitate in opening of Langar Khanas. The expenditure is done entirely by The Saylani Welfare International Trust who have entered into Ehsaas Agreement of Action with Federal Government for this purpose. The Ehsaas Agreement of Action is attached for reference as **Annex**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

96. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of losses sustained due to corona pandemic and subsequent lock down since March to June, 2020; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to bring PIA out of losses; and*
- (c) whether any mechanism has been formulated in this regard?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarar Khan): (a) It is apprised that PIA is facing heavy losses due to Corona pandemic situation *i.e.* from April to June, 2020 loss of revenue by Rs. 10-11 billion per month, Net loss by Rs. 5-6 billion per month.

(b) Following steps have been taken to reduce / curtail losses:—

- (i) Rescheduling of local and foreign loans.
- (ii) Voluntary salary cuts of up to 25% - impact of Rs. 150 million/month.
- (iii) Negotiations with lessors in process.
- (iv) Return of leases engines as much as possible - impact of Rs. 85 million / month.
- (v) Cost cutting and restructuring of business process / functions.

(c) All efforts are underway to bring PIA out of losses. New commercial opportunities are being explored by identifying new routes to earn more revenue and reduce losses.

97. ***Mr. Ali Wazir:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Universal Services Fund (USF) is being spent on development of backward areas;
- (b) if so, the details of the fund spent in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa district-wise and in merged districts during the last five years?

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication (Syed Amin-ul-Haque): (a) Yes.

Sub-Section 2 of Section 33(8) of Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996 (as Amended, 2006) provides that ***USF shall be utilized exclusively for providing access to telecommunication services to people in the un-served, under-served, rural and remote areas.***

- (b) Detail of Projects is at **Annexure-I.**

Annexure-I

Program	Project	Target Districts	Current Status	Subsidy (PKR) in Last 5 Fiscal Year	
				Allocated	Spent
Broadband for Sustainable Development (BSD)	Shangia Lot*	Shangia, Swat and Buner	Completed	10.69 billion	8.31 billion
	Kohistan Lot	Kohistan, Batagram, Mansehra, Haripur and Abbottabad	completed		
	Khyber Lot	Khyber Agency, Kohat, Kark, Hangu, FR, Peshawar & FR Kohat	Completed		
	Mohmand Lot	Mohmand Agency, Bajaur Agency and Malakand	Work in progress		
	DI Khan Lot	DI Khan, and FR DI Khan	Completed		
	North Waziristan Lot	North Waziristan Agency FR Bannu & FR Lakki	Work in progress		
	South Waziristan	South Waziristan Agency and FR Tank	Work in progress		
Next Generation-BSD (NG-BSD)	Kurram Lot	Kurram	Work in progress		

Optic Fiber Cable(OFC)	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Package	Lower Dir, Chitral, Shangla, DI Khan, Batagram, Malakand, Mansehra, Swat	Completed		
	FATA Package-1	FR Bannu, FR Lakki Marwat, FR Tank, North Waziristan, South Waziristan	completed		

**BSD Shangla project was initiated prior to FY 2015-16 and implemented in subsequent years.*

98. ***Mr. James Iqbal:**

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

- (a) *the model-wise total number of vehicles available in Federal Educational Board, Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the details of persons using said vehicles?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) & (b) The model-wise total number of vehicles available in Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE), Islamabad and the details of persons using said vehicles are enclosed at **Annexure-I.**

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

ISLAMABAD:
The 22nd July, 2020

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Thursday, the 23rd July, 2020

39. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the post of Director General, Federal Education is lying vacant since year 2016; if so, why the said post has not been filled for the last several years by promoting any one of the senior most Directors;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that no name has been sent for the recent CSB; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *whether the Government intends to fill the said post in accordance with the law by taking education seriously in the Naya Pakistan; if so, the time by which?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Upon retirement of Dr. Shahnaz A. Riaz the post of Director General (FDE) is lying vacant with effect from 10-12-2016. However, the post of Director General (FDE) is filled by posting of officer from different departments (as stopgap arrangement till joining of regular incumbent of the post DG, FDE) for transaction of official business of FDE.

(b) FDE has so far sent a panel of Director (BS-19) to the Establishment Division three time i.e. twice through defunct CA&DD for consideration of the Central Selection Board (SCB) in its meeting held in the

year 2017 and 2018 (Annex-I) and lastly, Ministry of FE&PT sent promotion case of Director (BS-19), FDE to Establishment Division for placing before CSB meeting held in December, 2019 (Annex-II), but outcome of the meeting of the SCB meeting has not been conveyed to FDE as yet.

(c) Government of Pakistan intends to fill said post in accordance with law.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

40. **Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Sugar Mills in District Muzaffargarh are not fulfilling environmental rules and practices binding on them;*
- (b) if so, details of action taken against them; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that a letter sent by MNA from Muzaffargarh regarding to Federal Minister of State of Climate Change in December and Chairman Climate Change Division to solve the environmental problem caused by said Sugar Mills in said district?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) The subject falls under the Government of Punjab. The question was therefore forwarded to EPD Punjab for appropriate reply. District Environment Officer, Muzaffargarh has communicated and shared monitoring reports which depicts that environmental violations have not been observed by the sugar mills in district Muzaffargarh.

(b) In order to report environmental violations and status of compliance, District Officer Environment Muzaffthgarh, EPD Punjab undertaken monitoring visits. The details are as follow:-

Name of Sugar Mill	Monitoring report by District Environment Officer Muzaffargarh
PARCO (Pak-Arab Oil Refinery)	The unit was visited including ETP. It is reported that no such violations have been observed as detailed in the complaint letter. The monitoring reports are regularly been received in the District Environment Office and parameters are well within the PEQS limits hence no action was required at this stage as District Environment Office has been vigilant and carrying out continuous monitoring of environmental violations and initiating actions as per law. (Monitoring reports are enclosed as annexure- A)
KAPCO (KotAddu Power Plant).	The unit was visited on 19-02-2020 and no environmental violations have been observed. The management of said unit has submitted monitoring reports carried out by PCSIR Laboratory Lahore and reports are well within the PEQS limits (Annexure-B). Under taking regarding establishment of waste water treatment plant has also been received.
Fatima Sugar Mills	The Unit was served with EPO regarding waste water and air emissions. The unit has challenged the EPO, vide appeal No. 125/2019 in PET Lahore and court has granted status-quo with direction that “Respondents are restrained from taking coercive measures against appellant till date of next hearing now which has been fixed for 18-08-2020 (Court order is at Annexure-C). A private party has also submitted a case against the Unit and the same is under process with the Green Court and District and District and

Name of Sugar Mill	Monitoring report by District Environment Officer Muzaffargarh
Sheikhoo Sugar Mills	<p data-bbox="808 401 1294 510">Session Judge Muzaffargarh. The case has been kept pending in the wake of virus threats in the area.</p> <p data-bbox="808 541 1294 888">The EPO was served on the Unit a regarding enviornmhretal violations. However, the unit has complied with the EPO and waste water treatment plant along with air emssion control technology have been installed and opearational. The same has resulted in masisve pollution control in the area. (copy enclosed as Annexure-D).</p>
Rehman Hajra Sugar Mills	<p data-bbox="808 919 1294 1188">A private party has also submitted a case against the Unit and the same is under process with the Green Court and District Session Judge Muzaffargarh. Under taking have been received regarding establishment of waste water treatment plant.</p> <p data-bbox="808 1203 1294 1272">However, the case has been kept pending in the wake of virus threats in the area.</p> <p data-bbox="808 1297 1294 1528">EPD Lahore had issued a hearing notice to the unit regarding a compliant on waste water ponds and sand dunes land pollution. The matter is under process at EPA Head Office Lahore. (Copy enclosed as Anexure-E)</p>

(c) Yes, a letter from MNA from Muzzafargarh has been received in the Ministry. The same was forwarded to Deputy Commissioner Office Muzzafargarh and EPD-Punjab for compliance reporting. The above response has been received from District Government Muzaffargarh.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

42. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

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

- (a) *the number of teachers who were promoted under the relevant rules and law from Grade 19 to 20 or grade 20 to 21 since 25th July, 2009; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the above said teachers were demoted against the relevant laws; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Total number of 53 teachers were promoted under the relevant rules and law from grade 19 to 20 since 2009 to-date. However no post of BPS-21 exists in Federal Directorate of Education and its allied Educational Institutions.

(b) Fact is that 01 female teacher has been demoted from BS-19 to BS-18 due misconduct under rule 3(b) of Government Servants (efficiency and discipline) Rules 1973 with the approval of Secretary, M/o FE&PT, Islamabad.

56. **Syed Hussain Tariq:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

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

- (a) *whether pre and post evaluation of the policy of monetization of transport facility for civil servants BS-20 to BS-22 since its inceptions; if so, the detail thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that each Ministry/Division/Department has to prepare and submit to the Cabinet Division and Finance Division every month a report on the expenditure relating to the CNG, POL and the repair/maintenance of the operational/general duty vehicles, so that the resultant financial impact/savings of the policy could be addressed;*

- (c) *whether it is a fact Ministries/Divisions/Departments have failed to act in accordance with aforesaid instructions;*
- (d) *if so, what steps are being taken to hold accountable ministries/divisions/departments; and*
- (e) *the details of any proposal under consideration of Government to revisit the policy?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) In this context, it is submitted that after the approval of Federal Government, the Monetization Policy was introduced w.e.f. 01-01-2012 for the Civil Servants in BS-20-22 who were entitled for use of official transport for official and private purposes. The amount of monetization allowance was calculated on the basis of expenditure incurred by the Government on the provision and maintenance of official transport allocated to the Civil Servants from BS-20-22, as per their entitlement laid down in Staff Cars Rules, 1980. As per defined parameters overall implementation / compliance of the policy is responsibility of the PAO concerned.

The policy was reviewed by Institution Reforms Cell headed by Dr. Ishrat Hussain, Advisor to Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms & Austerity in the month of March, 2019. Recommendations made by the Institutional Reforms Cell were accordingly placed before the Federal Cabinet and two more paragraphs were inserted in the policy to ensure the transparency and to keep the check on misuse of official vehicles, authorized to the Ministries/ Divisions & Departments for protocol / operational & general duties. The same is reproduced below:—

- (i) Vigilance Committees, headed by a Joint Secretary to be constituted by every Ministry / Division to check the misuse of vehicles for operational and general protocol duties. The Vigilance Committees should, *inter alia*, ensure that all the general duty vehicles are parked in the premises of their respective Ministries/Divisions, as and when they are not being used for official purposes.
- (ii) Finance Division to complete the exercise for determining the per month expenditure of different categories of vehicles (on the basis of engine size) on priority basis and ensure that the annual budget given

to the various Ministries/Division is adjusted accordingly to correspond to the number of vehicles authorized to them and the repair/maintenance cost worked out as a result of the aforesaid exercise.

The above paragraph were forwarded to the all Ministries / Divisions & Attached Departments for insertion in the Monetization Policy (**Annex-I**).

(b) As per para (xxiii) of the Monetization Policy, Ministries / Division / Departments have to prepare and submit to the Cabinet Division and Finance Division every month a report on the expenditure relating to the CNG, POL and the repair / maintenance of the operational / general duty vehicles. Most of the Ministries / Divisions & Departments are complying with the instructions and are forwarding the monthly reports in this regard to the Cabinet Division as well as to Finance Division.

(c) Few Ministries / Divisions & Departments which are not forwarding the monthly reports about the expenditures on POL and repair / maintenance have been reminded for the submission of reports on monthly basis, as is required under para (xxiii) of the Policy.

(d) Finance Division, the other stakeholder of this Monetization Policy may ensure the submission of monthly reports as required vide para-xxiii of the Monetization Policy.

(e) Committee headed by Dr. Ishrat Hussain, Adviser on Institutional Reforms and Austerity has reviewed the Policy and two more paragraphs have been added in the policy with the approval of Federal Cabinet for ensuring effective implementation by the Principal Accounting Officers. All Ministries / Divisions have been instructed to constitute a Vigilance Committee headed by as BS-20 officer to check the misuse of official vehicles. In case there is any report, the Committee may suggest the corrective measures and made recommendations to the PAO for action against the officers / officials found misusing the official vehicles.

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1. **Mr. James Iqbal:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of ART aircraft owned by PIA at present; and*
(b) *whether all of them are functional?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan): (a) & (b) Following table shows the current status of ATR owned by PIA:-

Aircraft Type	Total Fleet	Functional Aircraft
ATR-42	3	3

2. **Mr. James Iqbal:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Ministry is working on the project of rehabilitation of forest in Kundian, District Mianwali;*
(b) *the number of saplings which are planned to be planted in it alongwith the time by which it would be planted; and*
(c) *the similar projects which have been initiated in the country?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) Rehabilitation of Kundian Plantation has been initiated under Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme. A total of 4,659 Acre will be planted.

(b) It is estimated that a total of about 5.23 million saplings will be planted during the next four years (2019-20 to 2022-23).

(c) The Government of Punjab has also initiated a similar project to plant 1,400 Ac with about 1.164 million saplings in Kundian Plantation.

4. **Sardar Nasrullah Khan Dreshak:**

(Deferred from 21st Session)

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

- (a) what is the total sanctioned strength of PAS (DMG) of Civil Service;*
- (b) number of officers of PAS Group promoted in BS-20 and BS-21 during last three DSBs;*
- (c) number of officers of Secretariat Group promoted in BS-20 and BS-21 during last three DSBs;*
- (d) whether it is not a sheer discrimination with Secretariat Group that almost having same strength but less promotion prospects than PAS group; and*
- (e) is there any plan to revisit the disputed SROs No.88/2014 & 89/2014 which had adversely affected the promotion prospects of Secretariat Group; if not, reasons thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) Total sanctioned strength of PAS is 1721.

(b) During the last three meetings of Central Selection Boards, 40 PAS officers of BS-19 and 54 officers of BS-20 have been promoted to BS-20 and 21 respectively.

(c) During the last three meetings of Central Selection Boards, 12 Secretariat Group officers of BS-19 and 6 officers of BS-20 have been promoted to BS-20 and 21 respectively.

(d) It is clarified that no discrimination of any kind has been meted out against Secretariat Group. It is pertinent to mention here that the secretariat group was formed with a view to have a variety of officers at supervisory and senior management levels for a better policy making and good governance. Further, the modes of appointment in secretariat group in BS-19, 20 and BS-21 are:

- o By promotion of officers hailing from Office Management Group.
- o By horizontal movement from other occupational groups.
- o By direct appointment of professionals on recommendations of FPSC.

This implies that Secretariat group is to be composed of officers from all 13 occupational groups and professionals; Office Management Group is only one stakeholder in Secretariat group.

The promotion prospects of Secretariat Group have not been decreased at any stage. Rather, the positions are being largely occupied by officers from office management group and affecting horizontal movement from other occupational groups and direct appointments. Further, promotion of any group to next grades is always made as per the reserved quota of each service group under the law / rules.

(e) SRO Nos. 88 (I)/2014 and 89 (I)/2014, both dated 10-02-2014 have been issued strictly in accordance with the provisions contained in the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the Civil Servants Act, 1973 and Rules made thereunder. It is a rule based mechanism for sharing of vacancies and the same have been made after detailed deliberations of all the stakeholders. Hence, these rules have in no way affected the promotion prospects of officers of Secretariat Group. It is reiterated that Federal Secretariat has to be represented by the officers of all occupational groups and officers appointed through OMG were never entitled to avail all the positions in Federal Secretariat. In principle, the positions in federal secretariat were required to be apportioned between the three modes mentioned above. Therefore, to balance out the positions and maintaining the essence of Secretariat group, this rectification through SROs was necessary. Further, the SROs have also been challenged in higher Courts and currently pending decision in Federal Service Tribunal. Therefore, the matter stands subjudice.

6. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(Deferred from 21st Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the responsibility to promote Islamic values on mass media lies with the Ministry as per Section 9 of Shariah Act, 1991;*

(b) *if so, the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard during the previous three years alongwith the separate detail of programmes and steps of the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Syed Shibli Faraz): (a) & (b) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and its departments take following steps to promote the Islamic values on mass media:-

Press Information Department

PID takes into consideration the Islamic values while promoting the policies of the government. Anything contrary to the Islamic values is forbidden/discouraged from being published in the press.

Pakistan Television Corporation Limited

PTV being a State Broadcaster always ensures Promotion of Islamic values and teachings. Besides, Strict censor policy is in place to stop airing of any programmes against or in derogation to the Shariah including obscene material. PTV also strictly follows the same policy as per the constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and section 9 of Shariah Act 1991 .

PTV always gives immense importance to promotion of Islamic values and principle for masses and produces different Islamic Programmes in its quarters and also produces special programmes for religious events *i.e.* Ramzan, Shab-e-Miraj, Eids, Moharram, Rabi-ul-Awal and Hajj transmission etc.

Following religious programmes are permanent features of our transmission.

- ◆ Al Quran-ul Hakeem *(Tilawat & Tarjuma daily)*
- ◆ Al Quran *(Quranic learning for Children / youth daily)*
- ◆ Roshni ka safer *(Lectures weekly)*
- ◆ Tazkia *(Lectures weekly)*
- ◆ Visualised Surah & Naat daily

PTV News is also televising two programmes daily 30 minutes duration each, with the title *“Irfan ul Quran”* & *“Tafseer Ul Quran”* wherein Quranic teachings and Islamic values are explained in detail while message of Islam is also dilated in plain words for viewers to comprehend.

In addition every Friday, a programme title “*Nida E Haq*” is telecast that also discusses Islam in its true perspective as religion of humanity.

Shalimar Recording & Broadcasting Company Limited

Shalimar Recording & Broadcasting Company Limited broadcasted following programmes through its TV Channel A-TV during last three years in the light of Section 9 of Shariah Act, 1991 for the awareness of general public:

- (i) Deen Aasan
- (ii) Fahm-e-Deen
- (iii) Shahr-e-Ramzan (Ramzan Transmission) every year
- (iv) Special Programmes in Muharram-ul-Haram with different topics regarding life of Imam Hussain (AS).

Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC)

- a) As per PBC Act 1973 it is one of the major function of the Corporation to Broadcast programmes which may promote Islamic ideology, national unity and principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice as enunciated by Islam. PBC is therefore doing its function and broadcasting such programmes through its stations/channels. Comments and views of religious clerics and scholars are also being included on all issues of social and cultural importance in the programmes.
- b) During the last three years, PBC has taken several steps to promote Islamic values on mass media. Detail of Programmes may be seen at **(Annex-‘A’)**.

Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority

PEMRA is established under an ordinance in 2002 which was subsequently enacted as Amendment (Act) in 2007. The authority is working as per mandate and scope enshrined thereof. For the purposed provisions available for presentation of Islamic values /teaching in PEMRA laws are mentioned below:-

All media laws, PEMRA Laws and Code of Conduct for media programs and advertisements have been chalked out in consonance with the Article 19 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which is reproduced as under;

“19. Freedom of Speech etc.- Every citizen shall have the right to freedom of speech and expression, and there shall be freedom of press, subject to any reasonable restrictions imposed by law in the interest of the glory of Islam or the integrity, security or defence of Pakistan or any part thereof, friendly relations with foreign states, public order, decency or morality, or in relation to contempt of court, commission of incitement 10 an offence”.

No media in Pakistan, whatsoever, is allowed to telecast programs or advertisements against the given parameters of the Constitution, laws and Code of Conduct.

Section 20 of PEMRA Act, 2007 provides that:

Terms and conditions of licence.- A person who is issued a license under this Ordinance shall:

- (a) ensure preservation of the sovereignty, security and integrity of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
- (b) ensure preservation of the national, cultural, social and religious values and the principles of the public policy as enshrined under the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
- (c) ensure that programmes and advertisements do not contain or encourage violence, terrorism, racial, ethnic or religious discrimination, sectarianism, extremism, militancy, hatred, pornography, obscenity, vulgarity or other material offensive to commonly accepted standards of decency;
- (d) comply with rules made under this Ordinance;
- (e) comply with the codes of programmes and advertisements approved by the Authority and appoint an in-house monitoring committee, under intimation to the Authority, to ensure compliance of the Code.

Section 27 of the PEMRA Act, 2007 provides that:

27. Prohibition of broadcast media or distribution service operation:—

The Authority shall by order in writing, giving reasons therefore, prohibit any broadcast media or distribution service operator from —

- (a) broadcasting or re-broadcasting or distributing any programme or advertisement if it is of the opinion that such particular programme or advertisement is against the ideology of Pakistan or is likely to create hatred among the people or is prejudicial to the maintenance of law and order or is likely to disturb public peace and tranquility or endangers national security or is pornographic, obscene or vulgar or is offensive to the commonly accepted standards of decency;

Fundamental Principles defined in the Clause 3 of Code of Conduct for Media- 2015 says that: The Licensee shall ensure that;

- (1) **No content is aired which (a) is against the Islamic Values, Ideology of Pakistan or founding fathers of the nation including Quaid-e-Azam and Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal.**

Similarly, no program is allowed which is against the socio-cultural and religious values. Thus media laws and Code of Conduct is blend of Islamic Jurisprudence which nevertheless grants freedom of media but under certain restrictions.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

20. **Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

- (a) *the names and designations of employees of PTV who proceeded abroad during the last ten years; and*
- (b) *the amount incurred on each said visit?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Syed Shibli Faraz): (a) & (b) Statement showing the names & designations of PTV employees, who proceeded abroad during the last ten years alongwith the amount incurred in each case is attached at **Annex-‘A’**.

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21. **Mr. Jai Parkash:**

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

- (a) the total property owned by Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation alongwith the province-wise detail thereof; and*
- (b) the property out of above said property is useable alongwith the purposes for which same is used and the province-wise detail thereof separately?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation owns total 60 properties in various provinces which include motels, lands, tourist information centers and restaurants. Out of 60 properties, 19 properties have been taken on lease from other governments and 41 owned by PTDC. Details are **Annexed**.

(b) Out of total 60 properties, 32 properties are being used as motels/ restaurants. While, remaining 28 properties are defunct, i.e. either under construction / maintenance. Details are **Annexed**.

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22. **Mr. Jai Parkash:**

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of persons included in Board of Directors of Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority alongwith their names, designations and domicile place; and*
- (b) the procedure regarding appointment in said Board of Directors alongwith province-wise quota?*

Reply not received.

23. **Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

- (a) *the names and designations of those employees of the Ministry and its attached departments alongwith detail of visits within Pakistan;*
- (b) *the purpose of each said visit; and*
- (c) *the amount incurred on each above said visit of each employee?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a), (b) & (c) Main Ministry.

The detail of visit within the Pakistan in respect of employees of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (Main) may be seen at **Annex-I**. There are three attached Departments working under the purview of this Ministry and details regarding employees of the Departments is appended/ attached below:-

National Training Bureau (NTB)

For the period 2019-20

a

S. No.	Name & Designation
i.	Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Asim, Deputy Director.
ii.	Mr. Zaheer Ahmed, Assistant Director.
iii.	Mr. M. Zafar Ali Anwar, Chief Instructor.
iv.	Mr. Arshad Hassan Khan, Ex-Chief Instructor.
v.	Mr. Ghulam Rabbani, Admn Officer.
vi.	Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed, Instructor.
vii.	Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Assistant
viii.	Mr. Muhammad Sharif, Stenotypist.

- b. Affiliation/Registration of Institutes & conducting papers of trainees and hearing of Courts Cases.
- c. Payment of TA/DA claims are pending because of non-availability of fund.

Pakistan Manpower Institute (PMI).

- a. No employees of Pakistan Manpower Institute (MPI) had visited within Pakistan.
- b. NA
- c. Nil

Federal Directorate of Education (FDE).

- a. According to available record total number 16 officers/officials of Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad visited within Pakistan. The detail of their names and designations is placed at **Annex-A**
- b. As above
- c. As above

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24. **Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division be pleased to state whether Pakistan Bait ul Mal provides financial assistance for education to minority students?

Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division: Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal provides financial assistance up to Rs. 100,000/ per annum per student to the deserving/eligible students studying in government educational institutes for payment of following components of prescribed fee structure:

- i. Admission Fee
- ii. Tuition Fee
- iii. Examination Fee
- iv. Registration Fee
- v. Library Fee
- vi. Transportation Charges
- vii. Hostel Charges

The students belonging to the families having monthly income equal to or less than the minimum wage amounting to Rs.17,500/- introduced by the Federal Government is considered eligible for grant of financial assistance without any religious discrimination. The minorities' students are equally entertained without discrimination.

25. Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to refer to the Un-Starred Question No.50 replied on 13-12-2019 and to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the competent authority is Chairman HEC for the regular employees regarding premature increment of BS-01 and above grade employees of the HEC;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that matter is yet not examined by the Commission regarding implementation on notification dated 21-01-2013 pending with HEC authorities;*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that the premature increment of such employees has yet not been taken up by the HEC authorities or commission in its meeting as per commitment in previous reply by HEC;*
- (d) if so, the time by which premature increment will be granted to HEC employees and what action is taken against the responsible who caused continuous delay?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) The competent authority in Higher Education Commission (HEC) regarding grant of premature increment to employees of HEC is the Executive Director, HEC, who is the Principal Accounting Officer (PAO) of HEC.

(b) The notification dated 21-03-2013 could not be implemented as it has to be adopted/approved by the Commission (the governing body of HEC). The Commission has yet not approved/adopted the notification. Since last meeting of the Commission held on November 29 - 30, 2019, only one

online meeting has been organized on June 12 – 13, 2020 amid Covid-19/ lock-down for considering the emergent higher education policy issues.

(c) Responded in para (b).

(d) The matter will be placed before the Commission in its next regular (in person) meeting for consideration.

ISLAMABAD:
The 22nd July, 2020.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.