

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT****“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Wednesday, the 16th September, 2020**

109. **\*Syed Agha Rafiullah:**  
*(Deferred during 20th Session)*

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the number of poor people is fastly increasing during the present Government;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviations 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 ALLIVATION 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 ALLIATION 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:

#### **3. National Poverty Graduation Program (NPGP):**

NPGP 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.

#### **4. 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 PROGRAMM (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, self-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 2019-20 is as under (**Annex-A**):

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

**DARUL-EHSAAS:** PBM has established (52) Darul-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**):

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

**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)*

17. **\*Mir Khan Muhammad Jamali:**  
*(Deferred during 21st Session)*

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that recruitments being made on contingency basis in Federal Ministries;*
- (b) *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;*

- (c) *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?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Yes. However, the contingent appointments are made only for a short period of time in the Federal Government.

(b) No person belonging to other provinces have been appointed against the Balochistan quota. The provincial quota is not applicable for appointment against contingent posts. In any case the contingent appointments are made only for a short period of time, therefore, their services can not be regularized after six months.

The regular appointments are being made strictly in accordance with Provincial and Regional quotas.

(c) The total number of posts under process in Federal Government against the Balochistan quota is around 5464.

(d) It is continuous process. After getting the necessary NOC from the Establishment Division, Ministries / Divisions advertised the vacant posts of Balochistan quota alongwith quota of other Provinces accordingly.

30. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**  
*(Deferred during 21st Session)*

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the progress of national initiative for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under PSDP programme and what is the total allocation for this purpose?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** Federal Government is running a communities based “Sustainable Development Goals Achievement Programme (SAP)” funded from the PSDP. Recently, SAP’s Guidelines, duly revised, have been notified with the approval of the Federal Cabinet **(Annex-I)**.

On recommendations of the Steering Committee (SAP) and with the approval of the Federal Cabinet, the Cabinet Division released / surrendered funds to the tune of Rs. 23.250 Billion during FY 2018-19 to the respective Provincial Governments including Rs.3600 Million for Sindh Province to M/o Housing & Works, M/o Energy (Power & Petroleum Divisions) and Rs. 450 Million for M/o Interior (ICT), which were lapsed and re-allocated during CFY 2019-20.

Further, during CFY 2019-20, with the recommendations of the Steering Committee, the Cabinet Division has released / surrendered lump-sum authorized funds of Rs. 29.20 Billion to the respective Provincial Governments including funds of Rs. 6794.500 Million for execution of schemes in the Sindh Province to M/o Housing & Works, M/o Energy (Power & Petroleum Divisions) and Rs. 450 Million to M/o Interior for ICT. Details of SAP funds distribution to the respective Provincial Governments and Ministries / Divisions, so far is attached (**Annex-II**).

Moreover, It is also submitted that the subject Question on “Progress of national initiatives for sustainable development goals (SDGs) under PSDP” is meant for M/o Planning, Development and Special Initiatives.

The Cabinet Division, through communities based programmes, is striving to achieve some of the SDGs through sectoral / special interventions. It is, otherwise, primarily the responsibility of M/o Planning, Development & Special Initiatives to deal with SDGs. The above position regarding release of funds relates to some of the development schemes under SAP which are carried out through the Cabinet Division.

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

90. **\*Mr. James Iqbal:**  
*(Deferred during 23rd Session)*

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the names of the countries where the Government has not established Educational Institutions?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** After 18th amendment to the Constitution the subject of education has been devolved to provinces and its remaining subjects



at Federal Level were entrusted to different Ministries / Divisions. The subject question was taken up with various quarters. Only Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development has shared that in certain countries there are some educational institutions which are established / operated by the respective Pak — Missions abroad through their Board. However, it is clarified that setting up of educational institutions abroad does not fall under the ambit of Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training.

18. **\*Shazia Marri:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) the estimated quantum of losses in terms of billion rupees, which had already borne and expected to be borne upon the ban of European Union, UK, USA and others of PIA's flights operation since such ban;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that PIA hired a foreign airline to restart flights to Europe;*
- (c) the details thereof alongwith per-flight income and expenditure thereof;*
- (d) whether before hiring the service of such airline, international tenders were invited as per PPRA rules; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (e) whether it was necessary to make hiring of such airline; if so, what is proof to show such hiring is made as per PPRA rules and make it more profitable; and*
- (f) the corrective steps taken by the Government to get restore the operation of PIA flights in the above band countries?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):** (a) Since actual revenue loss due to EU ban cannot be determined exactly, however, PIA earned a revenue of PKR 1.41 billion on European sectors against the cost of PKR 1.69 billion, hence a loss of PKR 0.28 billion in July-August 2019. Whereas on UK sector, PIA earned a profit of PKR 0.52 billion by earning revenue of PKR 5.81 billion against the cost of PKR 5.31

billion in July-August 2019. We can safely say that same amount of revenue has been lost during July-August, 2020, the period since imposition of EU/UK ban on PIA flight operation. Operation to USA was suspended in October, 2017, hence does not involve period of EU restrictions.

(b) PIA has hired charter services from Hi Fly Ltd. Malta to operate flights between UK and Pakistan.

(c) PIA has operated 4 round trip charter flights for UK so far and following is the break-up of revenue and expenditure:

	PKR in million
Revenue	160.1
Hifly Cost	(93.5)
Misc Cost (Food, Ticketing)	(5.2)
Margin	61.3

(d) & (e) PIA has floated an International tender as per PPRA Rules to pre-qualify charter operators and meet its charter requirements. Since international tender requires minimum of 30 days, therefore, the bids will be opened in the last week of September.

The sudden ban imposed by EU and UK authorities resulted in immediate suspension of PIA's operation to UK and Europe for a minimum of six months. UK market is one of the most important market for national flag carrier and in PIA's absence the competitors were increasing their operation to capture PIA market share.

It was critical for PIA to maintain its continued presence in UK market and capitalize on the market potential. Therefore, due to anticipated lead time required to fulfill the formalities of international tendering, management decided to charter few flights as permissible under Rule 42 -d (iii) of PPRA Rules which states:

*“Quote”: A procuring agency may engage in negotiated tendering with one or more suppliers or contractors with or without prior publication of a procurement notification. This procedure shall only be used when,—*

*(iii) For reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the procuring agency, the time limits laid down for open and limited bidding methods cannot be met. The circumstances invoked to justify extreme urgency must not be attributable to the procuring agency:*

*Provided that any procuring agency desirous of using negotiated tendering as a method of procurement shall record its reasons and justifications in writing for resorting to negotiated tendering and shall place the same on record. “Unquote”*

Hence it can be established that PIA followed relevant provisions of PPRA Rules to charter initial few flights. Going forward, PIA will only charter aircraft from the operators who will be selected through bidding process of PIA's tender as per PPRA Rules.

(f) In order the issue, PIA has constituted an in-house executive committee ESAG (Executive Safety Action Group) to formulate timelines and the strategy to address the last pending open observation of European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). It is ensured that PIA would be able to address the concerns of EASA by Sep. 2020.

PIA has already started preparation for the forthcoming IATA Operators Safety Audit scheduled to start from 7th September, 2020.

PIA departments including Flight Operations. Engineering. Cargo and Flight Services are being strengthened with additional HR from Safety, QA, and Air Worthiness stand points.

A robust reporting, archiving, processing, feedback follow up, controls, and closure mechanism of all safety and quality-related observation is being refreshed and all open observations are being pursued for early closure.

To address the suspension and in the interest of safety, PIA is making structural and systematic changes to have a reliable Safety Management Structure.

Preparation of recovery action plan to enhance the level of safety while restructuring and bringing improvement in overall safety standards and quality in Airline operations.

Flight Data Monitoring and Analysis setup has been strengthened. A dedicated and highly accomplished PIA pilot has been employed to monitor, analyze and suggest flight safety-related observations.

19. **\*Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government in order to provide latest IT training (to develop Online Learning Management System) for teachers during the Covid-19 crisis for teaching effectively to their students through virtual/online lectures; and*
- (b) *the name of authority, if any which is providing such training to our public school teachers in ICT jurisdiction?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) No such steps were taken to provide IT Training to develop online learning management system during Covid-19. However, the Tele-school initiative of Federal Government is put in place as alternative mean for content delivery during the pandemic.

- (b) Not applicable.

20. **\*Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**

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

- (a) *whether authorities concerned of the BISP has taken notice of alleged malpractice of the responsible of the programme in District Muzaffargarh in recent times; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *the constituency-wise break-up of number of persons, who were part of the programme at the time of its inception, persons who were removed and added at later stages;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that numerous persons were removed from the programme in recent times on different reasons;*

- (d) *whether it is further a fact that peoples were removed from the programme on the belief that they have enough financial resources for lives; if so, the details and justification thereof?*

**Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division:** (a) In the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, Federal Government has launched Ehsaas Emergency Cash Assistance Program to facilitate affected families with effect from 9th April 2020. 16.935 million families including BISP regular families have been identified under this programme.

In order to ensure efficient and transparent payment to eligible beneficiaries under control environment, campsites in Government buildings and town halls have been established in coordination with Provincial Governments and Partner Banks.

Since, inception of this programme, BISP has received 17 written complaints of the beneficiaries of District Muzaffargarh allocated to Habib Bank Limited for payment disbursement.

As per contractual obligations, these complaints have been taken up with HBL for investigation, early recovery, blacklisting of branchless banking agents and compensation to affected beneficiaries (copies of letter sent to HBL are placed at **Annex-I**).

Similarly, these cases have also been brought in the notice of FIA for necessary investigation and to book the culprits under the law **Annex-II**. In this regard FIA Cyber Crime Wing has constituted a committee to investigate the matter and to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future.

(b) At the start of the Program in July 2008, no reliable data were available for the identification of the underprivileged and vulnerable persons in the country. The task of identification of the potential beneficiaries of BISP was, therefore, entrusted to the Parliamentarians in what was the Phase-1 of Targeting. Resultantly, around 2.2 million families were found eligible for cash transfers. As BISP does not maintain constituency wise data, Province/ District wise summary of eligible beneficiaries under Phase-1 is attached as **Annex-III**.

Later, the Government introduced a more sophisticated and objective based approach of Poverty Scorecard Survey (PSC) based on Proxy Means

Test (PMT) as a Phase-2 of targeting. The survey was carried out in 2010-11 and resultantly around 7.8 million families were identified as potential beneficiaries. However, only around 5.6 million families were made beneficiaries who fulfill all eligibility criterion. Province / District wise summary of eligible beneficiaries under Phase-2 is attached as **Annex-IV**. It is pertinent to mention that around 1.6 million beneficiaries of Phase-1 were excluded from the programme who didn't fulfill the eligibility criterion under Phase-2 of targeting. Province/District wise summary of such beneficiaries is attached as **(Annex-V)**.

Keeping in view the transient nature of population around the poverty line and the internationally accepted phenomenon of change in Households demographic profile over time, BISP has initiated a new National Socioeconomic Registration (NSER) survey based as phase-3 of targeting. New NSER Survey in 15 pilot Districts has been completed and around 70375 new beneficiaries have been included in the programme. Province/District wise summary of such beneficiaries is attached as **(Annex-VI)**.

In pursuance of a policy decision taken by BISP Board in its 36th meeting held on 19th December, 2019, as well as approved by the Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 24th December, 2019, 820,165 beneficiaries were exited from the programme who were falling in various categories as verified by NADRA.

Province/District wise summary of such beneficiaries is attached as **(Annex-VII)**.

Currently, the number of active beneficiaries is 4,554,011. Province/District wise summary of such beneficiaries is attached as **(Annex-VIII)**.

(c) As per policy decision taken by BISP Board in its 36th meeting held on 19th December, 2019, as well as approved by the Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 24th December, 2019, BISP beneficiary profiling exercise was conducted by NADRA in December, 2019. As a result this exercise, 820,165 beneficiaries were exited from the programme falling under following categories:—

- i. Traveled abroad (self) once
- ii. Traveled abroad (spouse) once
- iii. Traveled abroad (self) more than once
- iv. Traveled abroad (spouse) more than once

- v. One or more vehicles registered (self)
- vi. One or more vehicles registered(spouse)
- vii. Average monthly PTCL bill of more than PKR 1,000 (self)
- viii. Average monthly PTCL bill of more than PKR 1,000 (spouse)
- ix. Applied passport via executive centers (self)
- x. Applied passport via executive centers (spouse)
- xi. Beneficiary's three or more family members applied CNIC with executive fee
- xii. Government employee (self)
- xiii. Government employee (spouse)

(d) As per policy decision taken by BISP Board in its 36th meeting held on 19th December, 2019, as well as approved by the Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 24th December, 2019, 820,165 beneficiaries were excluded from the programme through above mentioned profiling exercise considering that they have enough financial resources and do not require cash assistance from BISP.

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

21. **\*Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) the loss suffered by PIA due to accident of unlucky aircraft flying from Lahore to Karachi; and*
- (b) the detail of payment made to legal heirs of persons died in accident?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):** (a) Loss suffered by PIA due to accident of unlucky aircraft flying from Lahore to Karachi are as under:

**Reputation Loss**

The tragic crash incident has caused a lot of negative perception in the public eye and load factor has reduced drastically, however, actual impact may be determined after a period of few months.

### **Insurance Premium Cost**

The tragic crash incident will increase the premium cost which approximately would be USD 5 Million higher as of this year. However, actual increase in premium would be determined at the time of yearly renewal of fleet insurance policy.

### **Other Loss to PIA**

Since the claims/compensation related to aircraft and deceased passengers would be paid by the insurance company, it shall have no further cost/loss impact on PIA.

(b) Heirs of the persons died in the air crash and (02) survivors have been paid PKR 1 Million per passenger by PIA on humanitarian grounds, to facilitate in burial of the deceased. Further, compensation of PKR 10 Million for the family of each of the deceased passenger shall be paid, after fulfillment of requisite legal and documentary formalities by the heirs.

22. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state the reasons due to which the Roosevelt Hotel being sold/leased out to the America?*

Reply not received.

23. **\*Sardar Ayaz Sadiq:**

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

- (a) *steps taken by the Division to prepare subject-wise list of titles of all laws and rules made there under with reference to the business allocated to the said Division and its attached departments under the Rules of Business, 1973;*
- (b) *present status of above and provide subject-wise list of titles of said Laws/Rules;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that steps have been taken by said Division to consolidate and amend said Laws/Rules to keep pace with changes in Society; if so, details; if not, reasons thereof;*



- (d) *whether it is also a fact that steps have been taken by said Division to determine anomalies, inconsistencies and difficulties in the administration and implementation of said Laws and Rules; if so, provide copy of latest post legislative scrutiny made by said Division; and*
- (e) *names of officers/branches appointed/designated thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

24. **\*Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

- (a) *the constituency and year-wise funds, which have been released under any nomenclature for the purpose of carrying out different development work by the Federal Government during the tenure of previous two Government i.e 2008-2013 and 2013-2018;*
- (b) *the party-wise names of MNAs in each of above constituency;*
- (c) *constituency-wise funds released or being released under any nomenclature by the Federal Government since the inception of present Government;*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that such funds are not being distributed equally among the constituencies in the tenure of incumbent Government; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (e) *the corrective measure being taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The statement showing Constituency wise release of funds is placed at **Annex-A** under People's Works Programme whereas Year-wise release of funds under Pak MDGs Community Development Programme & Prime Minister's Global SDGs Achievement Programme is at **Annex-B**.

- (b) As above.

(c) The Cabinet Division is running a community based Sustainable Achievement Development Goals Achievement Programme (SAP) and transfers lump-sum funds to Ministries Divisions and Provincial Governments in terms of para 3(iii) of SAP's Guideline dated 09-03-2020 (**Annex-C**). Moreover, the Cabinet Division does not allocate any funds to any Party / Parliamentarian / Constituency in compliance of Judgement of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, dated 05-12-2013 (**Annex-D**).

(d) As above.

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

25. **\*Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo:**

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

- (a) the total number of Pakistani citizens deposited Rs.250/- in Naya Pakistan Housing Scheme;*
- (b) the profit earned by the Government on the said amount so far;  
and*
- (c) head-wise detail where the said amount has been utilized?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The last date for registration by NADRA for Naya Pakistan Housing Program was 15th January, 2020. Total 2,003,940 applicants were registered in two phases during 295 days. A sum of Rs. 250/- per applicant was charged by NADRA as processing fee/ miscellaneous charges.

(b) The amount received by NADRA was used as service charges, advertisement and publicity of the project by NADRA. No profit, therefore, was earned by the Government on the said amount.

(c) No amount was collected by NAPHDA. The applications were received by NADRA and the amount received was utilized as service charges, advertisements and publicity of the project by NADRA.

26. **\*Sardar Ayaz Sadiq:**

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

- (a) steps taken by the Division to prepare subject-wise list of titles of all laws and rules made there under with reference to the business allocated to the said Division and its attached departments under the Rules of Business, 1973;*
- (b) present status of and provide subject-wise list of titles of said Laws/Rules;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that steps have been taken by said Division to consolidate and amend said Laws/Rules to keep pace with changes in Society; if so, details; if not, reasons thereof;*
- (d) whether it is also a fact that steps have been taken by said Division to determine anomalies, inconsistencies and difficulties in the administration and implementation of said Laws and Rules; if so, provide copy of latest post legislative scrutiny made by said Division; and*
- (e) names of officers/branches appointed/designated thereof?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Following laws / rules are administered by Establishment Division:

**Establishment Division (Main)**

- Civil Servants Act, 1973.
- Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1973.
- Government Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) if Rules, 1973.
- Civil Servants (Seniority) Rules. 1993.
- Initial Appointment to Civil Post (Relaxation of Upper age limit) Rules, 1993.

- Civil Servants (Confirmation) Rules, 1993.
- Civil Servants (Service in International Organization; Rules. 2016.

**Federal Public Service Commission**

- FPSC Ordinance, 1977.

**National School of Public Policy**

- NSPP (Amendment) Act, 2017.
- NSPP Service Regulations, 2014 as amended on 18-09-2017 and 10-01-2019.
- NSPP Rules, 2017.

**Pakistan Academy for Rural Development**

- PARD Rules of Business, 2011.

**Staff Welfare Organization**

- Charter of welfare services.

**Federal Employees Benevolent and Group Insurance Fund**

- FEB&GIF Act, 1969.
- Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Rules, 1972.

(b) List as provided in reply to (a) above.

(c) Yes. The amendment made in rules and laws from time to time through various SROs, the details is at Annex-I.

(d) Yes, the steps have been taken by Establishment Division and its Attached Departments from time to time according to the requirements. Steps taken are mentioned at (c) above.

(e) Regulation Wing of Establishment Division.

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

27. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state the names of countries for which the PIA has been resumed its flights at present?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):** PIA has resumed its flight operation to below mentioned countries:

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Canada                  | 2. UAE         |
| 3. Oman                    | 4. Qatar       |
| 5. Malaysia                | 6. Afghanistan |
| 7. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia |                |

28. **\*Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**

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

- (a) the constituency-wise details of beneficiaries to whom Rs. 12,000/- were distributed in the pandemic of Covid-19;*
- (b) the constituency-wise percentage of such beneficiaries who were already enrolled in BISP;*
- (c) the last month to installment, when such beneficiaries were paid regular monthly installments of the BISP prior to pay them Rs. 12,000/-; and*
- (d) whether beneficiaries, who were already enrolled in BISP have been paid regular monthly installments of the BISP after the payment of Rs. 12,000/-; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division:** (a) BISP does not maintain constituency wise data. Province/District wise summary of disbursements made under Ehsaas Emergency Cash Program is attached as **Annexure-A**.

(b) BISP does not maintain constituency wise data. Province/District wise summary of BISP's regular beneficiaries is attached as **Annexure-B**.

(c) Last monthly installment to regular beneficiaries of BISP prior to payment of Rs.12,000/- was disbursed in the month of February, 2020. Subsequently, such beneficiaries are being paid Rs. 12,000/-under Ehsaas Emergency Cash Program from April, 2020 onwards. It is pertinent to mention that Rs. 12,000/- of regular beneficiaries include monthly installment of Rs. 2,000/- plus Emergency Cash of Rs.1,000/- per month for four months (March, 20 to June, 20).

(d) No monthly installment to regular beneficiaries of BISP has been disbursed after the payment of Rs. 12,000/- under Ehsaas Emergency Cash Program. Regular monthly payment of Rs. 2,000/- cannot be disbursed parallel to the ongoing disbursement of Rs. 12,000/- as it could result in confusion and chances of embezzlement / deduction due to difference in disbursed amount. All pending monthly installments will be disbursed to regular beneficiaries after the closure of disbursements under Ehsaas Emergency Cash Program.

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

29. **\*Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) total number of BECSs all over the country at present alongwith province/area-wise details, indicating also the number of those schools which are dysfunctional due to non-availability of teachers at present; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government since last six years in order to solve the issue of ghost teachers in such schools and making them functional; so far?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) Province/Area Wise total Number of Basic Education Community Schools all over the country at present is as under:

<b>Sr #</b>	<b>Region/Province / Area</b>	<b>Number Schools</b>	<b>Closed by BECS Management due to Resignation/ Death of Teachers</b>
1	ICT	248	157
2	Tribal Districts	864	8
3	Gilgit Baltistan	1,425	41
4	Azad Jammu Kashmir	202	75
5	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1,368	15
6	Balochistan	515	11
7	Punjab	5,540	5
8	Sindh	1526	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,688</b>	<b>320</b>

\*318 BECS are closed due to ban on replacement of teachers in 2018, as per Recommendations of CDWP; “**The sponsor will ensure scope of BECS teachers frozen till their adoption by the Provinces/Area Governments & in case of resignation by any BECS teacher, no replacement would be allowed**”. Copy attached at Annex I.

(b) The following steps have been taken during last six years to make sure the functionality of BEC Schools;

- In 2015 Third Party Validation of Basic Education Community Schools was carried out as per provision in PC-I. The purpose of this exercise was to evaluate the functionality & performance of BECS by an independent appraisal.
- Monitoring / field visit of the BECS was carried out in 2017/2018 by Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives and respective provincial education departments with the purpose to examine & evaluate the project keeping in view the duplication as well as redundancy factor and propose the exist strategy / forward for handing over these schools to the respective provinces / areas.
- In 2019 verification of BECS schools has been carried out through **NADRA and District Administration** all over the country as per following details:

Period	Total BECS	Functional	Non-Functional
2015	12204	12163	41*
2019	11908	11746	162**

\*Non Functional due to resignation / Death of teachers.

\*\* In 2019 Non-functional schools reported due to deaths of teachers.

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

30. **\*Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the amount of compensation paid to the heirs of persons deceased in two PIA plane crashes, the first flying from Chitral to Islamabad and the second flying to Karachi; and*
- (b) *the detail of the names of said persons have been paid amount of compensation separately?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):** (a) & (b) Detail of compensation paid to the heirs of deceased passengers in the two flights (PK 661, flying from Chitral to Islamabad) and (PK 8303, flying from Lahore to Karachi) is as under:

Compensation Per Passenger:	Flight PK 661	Flight PK 8303 (PKR)
Humanitarian/Burial Charges	500,000	1,000,000
Compensation to Legal Heirs	5,000,000	10,000,000

- The compensation was paid to legal heirs as per succession certificates submitted to PIA in case of flight PK 661 crash, whilst for PK 8303 crash, succession certificates are awaited from the heirs.

31. **\*Shazia Marri:**

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



- (a) *the Constituency-wise detail of funds, which have been granted under any nomenclature against different development projects by the Federal Government since August, 2018 alongwith name of the party from which such MNA belongs;*
- (b) *the benchmark upon which, such funds are being granted;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that Constituency, which won by the MNAs belong to opposition parties, are being ignored from such funds; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (d) *what corrective measures being taken by the Government to grant such funds to each MNA irrespective of party affiliation?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The Cabinet Division transfers lump-sum funds to the Provincial Governments / Ministries / Divisions on the recommendations of the Steering Committee (SAP) in terms of the provision 3(iii) of the SAP's Guidelines and break-up of funds is enclosed at **Annex-I**.

- (b) As above.
- (c) Development funds are transferred for the schemes identified by the residents and only on the recommendations of the Steering Committee in pursuance of para 3(iii) of the SAP's Guidelines.
- (d) N.A.

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
CABINET SECRETARIAT  
CABINET DIVISION  
(DEVELOPMENT WING)**

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**STATEMENT OF FUNDS RELEASED UNDER  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ACHIEVEMENT  
PROGRAMME (SAP)**

Rs. in Million

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
1 <b>Punjab</b>	12,150.000	12,155.500
2 <b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>	5,400.000	6,050.000
3 <b>Balochistan</b>	1,650.000	3,350.000
4 <b>M/o Interior for ICT</b>	450.000	1,300.000
5 <b>M/o Housing &amp; Works for Sindh Province</b>	3,400.000	9,786.760
6 <b>Power Division for Sindh Province</b>	100.000	369.206
7 <b>Petroleum Division for Sindh Province</b>	100.000	238.534
8 <b>Finance Division as Saving</b>	750.000	2,000.000
Total:-	24,000.000	35,250.000

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 15th September, 2020*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
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## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

## “UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Wednesday, the 16th September, 2020

22. **Mr. Jai Parkash:**  
(Deferred during 23rd Session)

*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?*

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

The details of members of Board of Directors Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority are as under:-

S#	Name	Designation	Domicile
i.	Mr. Hassan Nasir Jamy	Secretary Aviation/ Chairman CAA Board.	Punjab
ii.	Air Marshal Ahmer Shehzad	Vice Chief of Air Staff/ Member CAA Board.	Punjab
iii	Mr. Mohsin Mushtaq Chandna	Special Secretary Finance/Member of CAA Board	Sindh(U).
iv	Syed Muhammad Tariq Huda	Member Customs (Ops) FBR/Member CAA Board.	Sindh(U)

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v.	Mr. Mathar Niaz Rana	Secretary Planning Division/ Member CAA Board.	Balochistan
vi	Mr. Hassan Nasir Jamy	Director General CAA/ Member CAA Board. (Additional Charge)	Punjab

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(b) As per Section-7 (2) of Pakistan Civil Aviation Ordinance 1982, the Federal Government is empowered to appoint Ex-officio members of CAA Board as mentioned above. Furthermore, in accordance with Section-7 (4), of PCAA Ordinance 1982 the Federal Government may appoint not more than 03 additional members on such terms and conditions and for such period as it may determine. As such there is no province wise quota fixed and appointment of Ex-officio and additional members falls within domain of the Federal Government.

4. **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Ministry has promoted students of the Class-VIIIth Science, in the Class IXth Science Group particularly of IMCG Schools;*
- (b) *the details of the policy of the Ministry in this regard;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that IMCG Schools of Islamabad have refused to register/promote the students of the Class VIIIth (to be promoted) in Class IXth Science Group, against the promotion policy or declaration of the Ministry;*
- (d) *if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the details of the students who are not promoted in the Class IXth of Science Group in the Girls Schools (IMCG, Islamabad)?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) Fact is that promotion of students from Class-VIII to Class-IX is made by the respective institutions as per policy. M/o Federal Education and Professional Training does not have any role in the process.

(b) The Ministry of FE&PT has not issued any policy in this regard. However, Federal Directorate of Education issues the Promotion Policy every year for educational institutions of ICT.(Annex-I) It is further added that annual examination (I-VIII) in all educational institutions of Federal Directorate of Education were completed in February-1st week of March, 2020, before the closure of institution after Federal Government announcement to counteract COVID-19 spread. Hence the promotion policy is valid and applied for promotion of students.

(c) Fact is that, as per Promotion Policy Para-5 clause (f) students obtaining overall 55% aggregate marks with 55% marks in English, General Science and Mathematics in Middle Standard Examination shall have unrestricted choice to opt for either Science Group or humanities group provided that the criterion of minimum pass percentage (40%) is fulfilled in the rest of subject.

(d) As above.

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

5. **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that AIOU has made it mandatory for students of almost all programmes, including M.Ed to submit their admission forms and assignments online; if so;*
- (b) *whether administration of AIOU has taken notice of difficulties being faced by students to submit their forms and assignments due to poor internet connection or completely non-availability of internet in different part of the country;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that un-availability of online facilitation desk in AIOU and non-availability of relevant material, including addresses of tutors, on the website of the University has created more difficulties; if so, the details thereof;*

- (d) *whether it is also further a fact that aforesaid features hinder students in large number to pursuit their education;*
- (e) *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; and*
- (f) *the time by which the forms both in manual and online will be allowed to submit such forms?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training**

**(Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (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 packages 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 steps 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 area 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 of **749,000** which is **37616 greater than spring 2019**.

(c) The relevant material including address of the tutors is available on AIOU web. It is not out of place to mention that Call Centre at Main Campus as well as at Regions and Complaint Management System has been established to receive the calls/ queries / complaints of the students throughout the country and every possible efforts are made by the AIOU to respond, guide, issue and redress the complaints of the students.

(d) 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.

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Newly Established RCs/MSC

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Punjab	Sindh	KP	Balochistan	Gilgit/ Baltistan	AJK
RC Sheikhupura	RE Moro	RC Timergara	MSC Kharan	MSC Nagar	RC Rawalakot
RC Bahawalnagar	MSC Malir				
MSC (Status Changed)	MSC				

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(e) As explained for d.

(f) In addition to the position explained in preceding paras, the project of digitalization has been rolled out and the facility of submitting the admission forms both in manual and online will be extended upto that stage where the acceptability of the system will be actualized by the students. The University will move to online system gradually from Ph.D to lower level of programs. At present both the systems are in progress whereas after the COVID-19 scenario, the activities will be redrafted in accordance with the instructions / guidelines of the Government of Pakistan.

**6. Mr. Saad Waseem:**

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to refer to the Un-starred Question No.25 replied on 23-07-2020 and to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that since the competent authorities for grant/ approval of the increments and for other related financial matters or benefits, the Executive Officer for Accounts and Chairman HEC are designated as per clause 20(2) (ii) (h) (i) of HEC Recruitment Rules-2009 as notified in the Gazette of Pakistan;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that delay is caused due to act of the Executive Officer for Accounts and Chairman HEC , for not placing the matter in the board meeting minutes/agenda conducted various times to approve the increment benefits of the regular employees (BS-1 to 17);*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that since 2013 the matter of benefit of said employees is pending in the HEC on account of placing to next higher scales;*
- (d) *whether it is further a fact that despite of commitment in written*



*reply to Member of the National Assembly, for placing the matter in board meeting more than six years have been lapsed but yet HEC Management (Executive Director and Chairman HEC) did not place matter in the board meeting to implement the above and grant approval with all financial benefits of such increment respectively to the employees/beneficiaries of grade-1 to 17;*

- (e) if so, reasons thereof and what action is taken against the responsible that made this undue delay inspite of commitments for placing matter in HEC Board Meetings; and*
- (f) the time by which increments/allowance is to be given/granted to beneficiaries or employees of the HEC?*

**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) As per provisions of Higher Education Commission Employees (Recruitment) Rules 2009, the HEC employees serving in BPS-1 to BPS-16 were placed in next higher scale in the year 2013. However, the notification could not materialize as the then Executive Director desired to first seek vetting/ approval of the Commission, the governing body of the HEC, in this regard. The Commission, in its meeting held on 29th April 2013, directed that the notification, issued earlier regarding placement, **may be held in abeyance till final decision by the Commission.**

(c) Replied in the para b)

(d) The Commission, in its meeting held on 29th April 2013, constituted a Sub-Committee to thoroughly review the matter. The Committee met on 10th Dec. 2014 and deliberated on the matter, however it couldn't reach a final decision with consensus. Therefore, the matter got delayed.

(e) Since last meeting of the Commission held on November 29-30, 2019, only one online meeting was organized on June 12-13, 2020 amid Covid-19/lock-down for considering the emergent higher education policy issues.

(f) The matter will be placed before the Commission in its next regular (in person) meeting for consideration. As soon the matter is decided by the Commission, the same will be implemented accordingly.

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