

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Monday, the 24th May, 2021**

75. **\*Ms. Mehnaz Akber Aziz:**  
*(Deferred during 29th Session)*

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social safety Division be pleased to state the details of Pakistan's Covid fund collected by the Federal Government, break-up of expenditures made thereof?*

**Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social safety Division:** \* As per proposals approved by the ECC in its meeting held on 15-05-2020 and ratified by Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 16-05-2020, it was decided that the funds collected through Prime Minister's Covid-19 Pandemic Relief Assistance Fund-2020 will be used to provide cash grant to the laborers through Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme (EECP). Accordingly, the BISP identified around 1.26 million laborer beneficiaries under Category-IV of EECP and accordingly approximately Rs. 15.5 billion were released by Finance Division as supplementary grant to the BISP. As of 24-03-2021, BISP has disbursed approximately Rs. 14.18 billion to around 1.181 million laborer beneficiaries under Category-IV of EECP.

\* The fund received generous donations from within Pakistan and overseas totaling to Rs. 4.886 billion. The Prime Minister announced two policies with respect to this fund, committing that these funds would be disbursed through Ehsaas Emergency Cash to assist COVID-19 job loss affectees. Secondly, a “matching funds policy” was announced which stipulated that for every rupee donated into the fund, Rs. 4 would be matched by the Government. To fulfill this promise, Rs. 19.55 billion were matched by the Government - in total Rs. 24.43 billion.

\* Category-V of EECF was created to cater the spillover of eligible beneficiaries of Category-II and Category III. Total eligible beneficiaries for Category-V were 2.451 million and Rs. 19.826 billion were disbursed to 1.652 million beneficiaries which includes Rs. 10.25 billion; of PM's Covid-19 Pandemic Relief Assistance Fund-2020 as communicated by Finance Division.

69. **\*Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state whether it is a fact that poverty rate has been increased in the country during the tenure of incumbent Government?*

**Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social safety Division:** Poverty is estimated by using the Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES) data. The latest available poverty headcount is available for the year 2015-16 according to which 24.3% of the population was living below the poverty line. Due to census related activities, HIES data was not collected in 2017-18. The HIES Survey Data for 2018-19 has been released by the PBS. M/o PD&SI has constituted an experts committee for estimating updated poverty numbers. At this point of time, there is no official estimate to verify or deny the claim that the poverty has increased during the tenure of the incumbent government.

37. **\*Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state the year-wise details of profit/loss of PIA during the last three years?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):** Year-wise details of losses during the last three Years 2018-2020 are as under:—

PKR in Million	
Year	Loss
2020	34,643
2019	52,602
2018	67,327

38. **\*Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:*

- (a) *how many tonnes of cigarette butts/filters wind up as toxic trash in Pakistan every year;*
- (b) *how much wood is used annually for tobacco every year; and*
- (c) *what steps taken or being taken by the Government to reduce non-renewable trash?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

39. **\*Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**

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

- (a) *the division-wise number of Public and Private Medical Colleges and Universities each separately in Punjab;*
- (b) *the comparison of part (a) above in the South Punjab and Upper Punjab so far; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to provide equal rights of Medical education in the deprived areas alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) The division-wise detail of Medical Universities in Punjab (public and private sector) is as under:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lahore	3	0	3
Rawalpindi	2	0	2
Faisalabad	1	0	1
Multan	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

The full detail Medical Universities is attached at **Annex-I**. However, information of medical colleges does not come under the purview of HEC. It may be sought from Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC).

(b) As per above detail, two Medical Universities are located in Upper, four in central, and one in Southern Punjab. The detail of Medical Colleges may be sought from PMC.

(c) The Federal Government cannot charter a Federal University in any province. After 18th Constitutional Amendment, only a 'federal degree awarding institute' for 'research and education' can be established by the Federal Government. Establishment of a new university, within the geographical limits of a province, is the prerogative of the respective Provincial Government. Nonetheless, HEC is initiating a strategic development framework to ascertain requirements of new campuses or universities across the country.

The establishment of Medical College doesn't come under the purview of HEC.

**Annex-I**

**LIST OF MEDICAL UNIVERSITIES IN PUNJAB**

S. No.	Name of University	City
1	King Edward Medical University, Lahore	Lahore
2	University of Health Sciences, Lahore	Lahore
3	Fatima Jinnah Medical University, Lahore	Lahore
4	Rawalpindi Medical University, Rawalpindi	Rawalpindi
5	National University of Medical Sciences, Rawalpindi	Rawalpindi
6	Nishtar Medical University, Multan	Multan
7	Faisalabad Medical University, Faisalabad	Faisalabad

40. **\*Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that three private airlines are to start their domestic flight operations;*
- (b) *if so, the details with number, names and types of the aeroplanes which the said airlines possess?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):** (a) Yes. Three companies have approached Civil Aviation Authority to start domestic flight operations.

- (b) (i) M/s North Air has been issued Tourism Promotion and Regional Integration (Passenger & Cargo) licence. The company has plans to induct ATR-42. Presently, the company is in process to acquire Air Operating Certificate (AOC) from CAA.
- (ii) M/s Fly Jinnah Services Regular Public Transport (RPT) License case has been submitted to the Federal Cabinet for approval. The company will induct A-320 airbus and will start operations after obtaining AOC from CAA.
- (iii) M/s Q Airways has also applied for RPT license. The case has been referred to Ministry of Interior for security clearance.

41. **\*Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.65 replied on 29-01-2021 and to state:*

- (a) *what steps are being taken by the Government to pursue vigorously all the pending cases of alleged corrupt practices with regard to construction of the new Islamabad International Airport, at respective legal forums;*
- (b) *whether the relevant authorities have replied in response to the observations of the Prime Minister's Office;*

- (c) *whether, the Ministry or any other authority comes under the administrative control of the Ministry, which contacted the parent departments of those retired officers of armed forces, who have not responded to their allegations;*
- (d) *if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (e) *what corrective steps/measures are being taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):** (a) The alleged corrupt practices with regard to construction and make of New Islamabad Airport are currently under investigation with NAB and FIA. The outcome of inquiries is pending. The details of different Contract Packages being investigated by NAB and FIA is enclosed as **Annex-A**.

(b) The consolidated response to the observations raised by the honorable Prime Minister has been shared with DGCAA for comments. Response will be submitted to the Prime Minister in due course of time.

(c) & (d) CAA has contacted the retired armed forces officers by posting letters to their home addresses however, no formal letter has yet been sent to their parent departments.

(e) The alleged corrupt practices with regard to construction and make of New Islamabad Airport are currently under investigation with NAB and FIA.

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

42. **\*Syed Mehmood Shah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Internet signals of 3G and 4G have been closed in District Kalat and District Shaheed Sikendarabad from last three years;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which 3G and 4G signals will be restored in the said area?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Cellular data services are closed in Kalat and Shaheed Sikandarabad (Surab) in respectful compliance of GoP directions in the context of national security.

(b) No definite timeline can be provided for restoration of services as the same will depend upon reappraisal from the quarters concerned which have been requested through MoI time and again.

43. **\*Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division be pleased to state the number of residents of District Faisalabad, to whom benefits of poverty alleviation were given during 2020-21, under different schemes alongwith the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

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

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:*

(a) *the details of objectives of Green Clean Pakistan/GCP launched by the incumbent Government at present; and*

(b) *steps being taken by the Government under this programme?*

**Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul):** (a) The Prime Minister of Pakistan launched Clean Green Pakistan Movement (CGPM) in October, 2018. The national campaign underpins behavioral change and institutional strengthening while addressing the five components relating to tree plantation, solid waste management, liquid waste management, total sanitation / hygiene, and safe drinking water. The key objectives of the CGPM are:

- **Knowledge and Practice:** Strengthen the knowledge and practices among the communities about cleanliness and climate change;
- **Voice and Accountability:** Ensure the voices and participation of the people as an integral part of Clean Green Pakistan;

- **Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation:** Empower the local councils to monitor and review their cities on set performance indicators;
- **Healthy Competition:** Create a competitive environment among the neighborhoods and cities for sustainable clean green Pakistan.

(b) In order to achieve above objectives, the approach developed by the government is as under:

- Launching of Clean Green Pakistan Index (CGPI), by using 35 indicators.
- Establishment of a Dashboard.
- Training and Orientation of City Government Officials.
- Raw data analysis, review and validation by provincial committees along with MoCC.
- Monitoring Support — Feedback and draft report.
- Final ranking of cities.

#### **Development of a Clean Green Index:**

The Ministry of Climate Change developed a Clean Green Pakistan Index (CGPI) (**Annex-I**), initially applicable at city level, in order to rank cities according to their cleanliness and greenery indicators.

#### **Consultation with the provinces:**

National and provincial level consultations with relevant stakeholders to determine the viability and adaptation of the proposed Index along with key indicators.

#### **Development of Mobile Application and Dashboard:**

A mobile/online application has been developed to submit the data on Dashboard managed by the Clean Green Pakistan Unit at MoCC for ranking the cities based on performance indicators.



**Capacity Development of the local authorities:**

After initial face to face training of focal persons, an online training manual has been developed and made available for respective councils with technical support.

**Development of Baseline for Cities:**

A baseline of Household indicators for cities and districts of provinces have been developed by using the available data *i.e.* MICS and PSLM Pakistan. Later on, the Union Council indicators shall be added for the selected cities (**Annex-II**).

**Launching of the programme:**

In consultation with provincial governments, the pilot phase of the programme was launched in August 2019. After scoring on the basis of marks awarded to different performance indicators for comparisons, the best performers were recognized at national level.

**Performance Indicators/Dashboards:**

The Local Councils/Cities Administration were guided to prepare a monthly report on the performance indicators for submission to Provincial Governments. This data is subsequently updated in the Provincial/Federal dashboards.

**City Monitoring & Evaluation Committee:**

A District/City Monitoring & Evaluation Committee has been formed to review the progress against the performance indicators for submission of monthly scores on the prescribed format (**Annex-III**).

**Provincial Inspection & Validation Committee / Unit:**

The Provincial Inspection & Validation Committee inspects the cities included in the pilot phase on the basis of cities report for further endorsement.

### Cities Ranking by WASH Strategic Unit MoCC:

The final ranking and awards will be reviewed and endorsed by WASH Strategic Unit through making final independent assessment/ reports including visits where required. Current Status of phase-II of CGPI:

Province	Cities
Punjab	36 Cities are part of CGPI for trainings and orientation of cities government officials
Sindh	15 Cities are part of CGPI for trainings and orientation of cities government officials
KPK	10 Cities are part of CGPI for trainings and orientation of cities government officials
Balochistan	6 Cities are part of CGPI for trainings and orientation of cities government officials
AJK	10 Cities are part of CGPI for trainings and orientation of cities government officials
GB	6 Cities are part of CGPI for trainings and orientation of cities government officials

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

45. **\*Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**

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

- (a) whether it is possible to introduce a uniform curriculum throughout the country; and*
- (b) what benefit would be occurred to the people of the country by introducing uniform curriculum throughout in the country?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) Yes, it is possible to introduce a uniform curriculum or Single National Curriculum (SNC) throughout the country. All the provinces and Areas have remained an integral part of all the process of

curriculum development. Moreover, private sector institutions and deeni madaris, being important stakeholders, are also part of curriculum development process and consultations.

The process of development of SNC is being carried out in three phases. In the first phase SNC for grade Pre-I to V has been completed. The documents of SNC are available on the Ministry's website.

For the first time in the history of Pakistan, along with curriculum, model textbooks, teacher training modules and assessment framework are also being developed. These four elements make the complete cycle of quality education.

Single National Curriculum (SNC) Phase-I for Grade Pre-I to V, uniform curriculum at primary level will be implemented throughout the country from August 2021. In 2nd phase SNC for Grade 6 to 8 will be implemented throughout Pakistan from Academic Year 2022-23 and for 9 to 12 from academic year 2023-24.

(b) Introduction of uniform curriculum or Single National Curriculum (SNC) will help minimize disparity in our education system where three main education systems are prevailing; Public schools, private schools and Deeni madaris. These systems are poles apart and often result in different mind-sets thus fractured psyche of the nation.

Single National Curriculum is aimed at providing equal learning opportunities to all classes of people. In addition, it will help the students and parents in case of inter-provincial mobility.

Another envisioned benefit of SNC is national harmony and cohesion that will help build one nation.

46. **\*Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**

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

(a) *whether Pakistan Television Corporation (PTV) is not paying the pension to its retired employees;*

- (b) *if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to pay the pension to retired employees on time?*

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

(a) Pakistan Television Corporation Limited is paying monthly pension to its all retired employees on regular basis since their retirement in time. The pension payments to all retired employees are never delayed even for one day. As far as the payment of commutation/retirement dues is concerned, it is stated that due to financial constraints the payments of commutation has not been made to retired employees in time since November 2018.

(b) Management of PTVC is working on different plans to arrange funds for the outstanding payment of commutation and hopefully the issue will be resolved.

47. **\*Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that hackers have started hacking mobile phones through various methods;*
- (b) *if so, the steps are being taken by the Government to tackle with this issue?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) & (b) It is a global phenomenon that hackers are adopting various techniques to hack users' mobile handsets to access their personal data for various malicious purposes. There are many known incidences where mobile phones of renowned government officials of many advanced countries have been compromised, *e.g.* handset of Whitehouse COS - was found compromised despite extraordinary security measures taken by USA administration. The security of personal handset lies with the owner, which is normally compromised by downloading/ installing unauthorized apps, or phishing attacks spread through spam emails.

The best defence to such threats is the users' awareness. Keeping in view the criticality of this issue, PTA keeps publishing Security Awareness Messages, both in English and Urdu, via PTA website or through broadcast SMS for the information of general public. Some of the published contents are attached as **Annex-A** for reference please.

For the security of telecom networks, PTA has already introduced Critical Telecom Data and Infrastructure Security Regulations (CTDISR) for making all telecom operators responsible for safeguarding their critical IT and Telecom infrastructure (including computing HW/ SW) and data against any cyber threats. PTA has also established National Telecom Computer Emergency Response Team (nTCERT) to share regular technical advisories and to check compliance by Telecom Operators. nTCERT provides the opportunity to the telecom operators for sharing threat intelligence with each other.

In addition to the above, PTA is also in a process of establishing National Telecom Security Operations Center (nTSOC) to generate a synergized national level response to any cyber-attack on telecom sector. We are also introducing a Cyber Security governance mechanism by issuing policies, guidelines, and carrying out Cyber Security audits to ensure compliance to these regulations / guidelines. PTA is already taking all stakeholders on board during these efforts.

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

48. **\*Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Hyderabad, Nawabshah and Sindhri airports are still non-functional;*
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which above airports will be made functional?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):** (a) a. Hyderabad airport is operational.

b. Nawabshah airport is operational.

c. Sindhri airport is serving as a satellite airbase for PAF.

(b) The two airports *i.e.* Hyderabad and Nawabshah are already operational for non-scheduled flights, however if scheduled flights are commenced by the carriers, the said Airports are fully equipped and ready to handle.

49. **\*Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**

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

- (a) *whether Information Technology Sector has the potential to increase the exports of the country up to 10 billion;*
- (b) *if so, what practical steps have been taken or taken by the Government in this regard?*

Reply not received.

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

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

- (a) *the year and head-wise income earned by Pakistan Television (PTV) during the last three years 2018, 2019 and 2020; and*
- (b) *the details of the proposals under consideration of the Government to further make the PTV according to the public aspirations?*

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

(a) The year and head wise income earned by PTV during the last three years 2018, 2019 and 2020 is given hereunder;

<b>Particulars</b>	<b><u>Rs. in Million</u></b>		
	<b>2020 Provisional</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Advertising income	1,466,893	2,760,311	1,373,837
TV License fee	8,540,928	7,961,068	7,398,358
Income from PTV prog. Sales I.R div.	34,046	22,512	3,446
Income from commercial production	900	12,367	13,891
Income from tech. facility to AJK TV	155,000	140,940	145,000

Particulars	2020 Provisional	2019	2018
Income from Global TV	15,161	22,102	30,735
Income from GOP for World, Multan	250,000	225,000	242,072
Miscellaneous income	421,289	809,200	32,140
<b>Total income</b>	<b>10,884,216</b>	<b>11,953,500</b>	<b>9,175,198</b>

(b) Here are some reforms in consideration rather in execution and will reach fruition in near future:

- Conversion of broadcast from SD to HD in June. Which means a visible change in screen quality for PTV News in the first phase.
- Changes in Programming Mix/ Content for PTV News and PTV Home is underway in accordance with public feedback and aspirations, in compliance with PTV's responsibilities as a state broadcaster.
- Up-gradation of equipment and a clear direction towards becoming 'Voice of the State' with a modern look & feel.

Restructuring of PTV in line with modern HR practices.

51. **\*Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government and Prime Minister in particular, to reform the PTV and Radio Pakistan on the pattern of BBC news channel?*

Reply not received.

52. **\*Syed Mehmood Shah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 3G and 4G service is suspended in Districts Kalat and Sorab for the last three years;*

- (b) *if so, whether the concerned departments have examined over all circumstances now suitable to reinstate 3G and 4G service over there;*
- (c) *if so, the time by which 3G and 4G service will be reinstated or restored; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Ministry, so far in this regard?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Cellular data services are closed in Kalat and Surab in respectful compliance of GoP directions in the context of national security.

(b) Matter has always been followed up with the quarters concerned for reappraisal, however, decision for restoration of cellular data services has not been taken yet therefore, status quo is being maintained.

(c) & (d) No definite timeline can be provided for restoration of services as the same will depend upon reappraisal from the quarters concerned which have been requested through MoI time and again.

53. **\*Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad (BISE) advertised the number of posts for recruitment in the January, 2021;*
- (b) *the said posts were allocated, a per provincial quota policy, to the Federating units including Sindh and Balochistan;*
- (c) *a number of employees, mostly ex-Chairman's relatives/ favourites, have already been working on contract/contingent/ temporary against the said posts for some period or time;*
- (d) *a number of local employees have also been recruited in BISE against Sindh and Balochistan quota on the basis of fake domicile certificates;*



- (e) *whether the advertisement as mentioned in part (a) has been cancelled or is likely to be cancelled under the pressure/influence of the above two categories of employees, as per part (c) and (d) as above;*
- (f) *if the answers to part (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above are in affirmative, the reasons thereof;*
- (g) *if it is No, then what is present status of the recruitment process so far?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) Yes, Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE), Islamabad advertised sixty four (64) posts ranging from BPS-01 to BPS-17 as per advertisement enclosed (**Annexure-I**) in January, 2021 to fill its vacant posts.

(b) Yes, the said posts were allocated, as per provincial quota policy, to the Federating units including Sindh and Balochistan.

(c) It is clarified here that FBISE engages daily wage employees against different posts on need basis from time to time. These engagements are made for 89 days with subsequent renewal for further 89 days after giving service break for a day or two.

(d) FBISE is strictly observing the regional/provincial quota for recruitments against its posts. It is added here that as per instructions of Federal Government, the verification of domiciles of employees who have been appointed against Balochistan quota is under process.

(e) Denied, the advertisement as mentioned in part (a) has not been cancelled under the pressure/influence of the above two categories of employees, as per part (c) and (d) as above. In fact, the said advertisement was cancelled only with the growing realization that we are living in the era of Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence. Incessantly enhanced IT interventions gradually decrease the Human Resource requirements of the public sector organizations. FBISE is no exception in this regard and it is swiftly resorting to maximum dependence on IT based solutions *vis-a-vis* its services and day to day activities. The IT solutions and interventions introduced by FBISE (**Annexure-II**) have reduced dependence even on the existing

HR of FBISE and it will be further reduced with the passage of time when more and more IT based solutions will be made functional in the Board. It was, therefore, felt to rationalize the FBISE existing staff and if the advertised sixty-four (64) posts were filled, it would make an additional impact of Rs. 31.183 million per annum on the exchequer of FBISE which may affect certain other useful projects of FBISE. Keeping in view the fast-tracked resorting to IT solutions and rationalization of staff, there was no room for recruitment of additional staff in the FBISE.

(f) As already stated at part (e).

(g) The present status is:

The advertisement has been cancelled.

Clear vacant extra posts have been abolished with the approval of Board of Governors (BoG) (**Annexure-III**).

A case has been taken up with the Establishment Division for O&M Study of FBISE to identify the actual requirement of H.R in FBISE *vis-a-vis* its functions and responsibilities.

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

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

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

(a) *the total deficit of Pakistan International Airlines till January, 2019; and*

(b) *the details of increase/decrease in deficit from January 2019 till date?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):** (a) Total deficit of Pakistan International Airlines till January, 2019 was PKR (435,475 million).

(b) Details of deficit from January 2019 till date is as under:

<b>Loss Statement</b>	<b>PKR in Million</b>
Deficit January - December 31, 2019	(47,397)
Deficit January - December 31, 2020	(33,724)
Deficit January - March 31, 2021	(7,497)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(88,618)</b>

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

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Ministry has recently launched three projects of Technology Integration in education which is signed between Federal Directorate Education and Technology Organizations; if so, its details thereof?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) FDE under the ambit of M/o FE&PT has initiated to execute the following two projects with a vision to integrate technology in Public Sector Education.

1. **“Pilot Project for Blended E-Learning in 200 Classrooms of Federal Capital: (Grade I-X)”**. The total allocated capital cost of the project is Rs. 176.663 million with an execution period of two years (24 months). There are 03 components of the project *i.e.* Primary Components (Grade I-V), Middle Component (Grade VI-VIII) and Secondary Component (Grade IX & X). Contracts are separately awarded to the Solution Providers for each components *i.e.* Knowledge Platform executing Middle Components at the cost of Rs. 63.440 million. Tele-Taleem executing Secondary Component at the cost Rs. 33.880 million and PTCL & Mera Sabaq Executing Primary Component at the cost of Rs. 62.796 million. The total contract value collectively for all the three components stands at Rs. 160.116 million.

**Programme Objectives are as under:**

- \* To provide blended learning education solutions across 200 classrooms of grade I-X in around 60 government schools of ICT.

- To test the concept of BLE using digital solution and its impact on learning outcomes of students.
  - To improve learning and conceptual understanding of around 20,000 students and build digital records of their learning performance at class level and consolidated level for all schools.
  - Train classroom teachers at Primary and Middle level in blended learning approached.
  - To develop digital profile of each student.
2. “Pilot project for STEM Teaching Grade (VI- VIII) in 30 schools of FDE (Knowledge Economy Initiatives)”. The total allocated capital cost of the project is Rs. 99.126 million with an execution period of two years (24 months) *w.e.f.* 2021-2023. Contract to a 3rd party solution providers is awarded through a competitive process at the total cost of Rs. 78.187 million. The intent of this investment is to pilot ways in which the services’ delivery mechanism is evolved from typical classroom setting to include interesting and exciting ways to:
- Promote scientific inquiry.
  - Develop problem solving skills.
  - Focus on students’ analytical abilities.
  - Fulfill student’s appetite for students’ hands-on learning.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 23rd May, 2021*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

## “UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Monday, the 24th May, 2021

13. **Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division be pleased to state that how much quota/funds have been allocated in the Ehsaas Program for the destitute, disables, widows and students belonging to Minority of Pakistan?*

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

**BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME:**

Beneficiaries of BISP are identified/ selected on the basis of poverty level, irrespective of their religion, sect or geographical status. However, cash grant is only provided to the ever married (married or divorced or widowed) female heads of the eligible families with valid CNIC. Moreover, the families with one or more disable persons are given relaxation in the approved poverty level while determining the eligibility.

BISP doesn't maintain religion wise information of its beneficiaries and the funds were also allocated to BISP without any religion wise quota.

**PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL:**

The mandate of PBM is to provide financial assistance to the poorest of the poor *i.e.* rehabilitation, institutional care, shelter and medical treatment to destitute and needy widows, orphan, invalid and infirm irrespective of their gender, caste, creed and religion.

However, an amount of Rs. 82,875 million has been disbursed all over the Pakistan for the destitute, disabled, widows and students belonging to Minority of Pakistan against the budgetary allocation of Rs. 1.794.500 million for the poorest of the poor *i.e.* widows, orphans, invalids, infirm and students including minorities.

### **PAKISTAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION FUND:**

PPAF follows core values which guides the way we work and ensure outreach to the most excluded regions, communities, and households, Inclusion is one of the core values of PPAF which ensures that all segments of society including the destitute, persons with disabilities, women, children, youths, students, elderly, indigenous groups and religious minorities to participate and equally benefit from the programmes. However, our current programme monitoring systems do not specifically set and track targets for quotas/ funding allocation for these groups belonging to minorities.

14. **Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**  
(*Deferred during 31st Session*)

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether Honourable Prime Minister has announced to setup/ establish fifteen National Parks throughout the country;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which such parks will be established/setup alongwith the location of each thereof?*

**Minister of State for climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul):** (a) The 'Protected Areas Initiative' (PAI) was launched by the Prime Minister with the objective to strengthen Protected Areas across the country. Initially, the Initiative aimed at improving management of 15 Protected Areas/ National Parks on international standards under the "Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme, Phase-I, Up-scaling of Green Pakistan Programme (TBTTP)". However, the number of Protected Areas/ National Parks were increased to 23. An allocation of Rs. 3895.000 million has been made for this initiative under (TBTTP).

(b) The initiative will be completed by June, 2023. The location of 23 Protected Areas/ National Parks is as under;

<b>Province</b>	<b>Name of Protected Areas/ National Parks</b>
ICT	Margalla Hills National Park
Punjab	Kheri Murat National Park Salt Range National Park Rakh Choti Dalana National Park
KPK	Lulusar-Dudipat Sar National Park Saif-ul-Maluk National Park Broghil National Park Chitral Gol National Park Ayubia National Park Sheikh Badin National Park
Sindh	Takar National Park Karunjar National Park
Balochistan	Astola Marine Protected Area Takatu State Forest Area Hingol National Park Chiltan-Hazarganji National Park
Gilgit-Baltistan	Deosai National Park Khunjerab National Park Himalaya National Park Nanga Parbat National Park
AJ&K	Machiara National Park Toli Pir National Park Deva Vatala National Park

7. **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**

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

- (a) *the number of vacant posts in Federal Public Service Commission as per provincial quota in detail;*

- (b) *the reasons for not promoting the employees working in Federal Public Service Commission in detail;*
- (c) *the number of vacancies lying vacant for promotion in Federal Public Service Commission in detail; and*
- (d) *the list of employees who are to promote in upcoming days?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Quota wise detail of vacant positions is placed herewith (**Annex-I**).

(b) The cases of eligible employees are placed before the respective Selection Boards / Promotion Committees for consideration in terms of “Civil Servants Promotion (BS-18 to BS-21) Rules, 2019” and “FPSC Recruitments Rules”. On the recommendations of the Selection Boards / Promotion Committees, the promotions are notified with approval of the competent authority. Detail of the Boards / Committees and candidates promoted is as per break up (**Annex-II**).

(c) 25 posts from BS-2 to BS-21 in various cadres in Federal Public Service Commission are lying vacant for promotion quota (**Annex-III**).

(d) The panel of eligible employees are placed before respective Central Selection Board (CSB), Departmental Selection Board (DSB) and Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) as the case be may be, in accordance with seniority lists in order to fill the posts as and when the vacancy occurs. Moreover, it is stated that employees are considered for promotion by respective fora as per prescribed rules and regulations.

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

8. **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to refer to the Un-Starred Question No.19 replied on 02-04-2021 and to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any alternative/substitute programme by Higher Education Commission (HEC) to accommodate particularly those jobless foreign Ph.D degrees holders/candidates, whose*



*ages are exceeding above the 40 years in terms of IPFP programme, and, could not be registered on portal so far;*

- (b) whether is there any proposal under consideration of the Government to recommend the jobless above 40 years foreign Ph.D degree holders, temporarily to provincial Universities;*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to conduct separate IPFP programme for the Ph.D degree holders, who have 40-45 years;*
- (d) if so, the time by which same will be conducted; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) Presently there is no such policy in place.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Higher Education Commission.

(c) Presently there is no such policy in place.

(d) A policy needs to be in place before a timeframe can be given.

9. **Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Mohenjo-Daro airport is non-functional since many years; and*
- (b) the time by which the said airport will be made functional?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan):** (a) & (b) Mohenjo-Daro airport is operational, however no regular flights are being operated by any airline. Besides, non-scheduled flights are being operated to Mohenjo-Daro.

10. **Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Lower Division Clerks (LDCs) and Upper Division Clerks (UDCs) are working in BPS-9 and BPS-11 in the Federal Government institutions at present;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the cadres of LDCs and UDCs BPS-11 and BPS-14 have been given in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the Punjab respectively such long; and*
- (c) *whether the Federal Government have promised recently to upgrade the posts of LDCs and UDCs as Junior and Senior Clerk in BPS-11 and BPS-14 respectively; if so, the time by which the above said posts will be upgraded in true spirit?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** (a). Yes

(b) Yes. However, it is relates to Provincial Governments.

(c) The Ministerial Committee constituted on the direction of the Prime Minister agreed *inter-alia* for up-gradation of posts in BPS-01 to BPS-16 on the analogy of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Presently under process between Establishment Division & Finance Division. .

ISLAMABAD:  
The 23rd May, 2021

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
Secretary.