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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN ASSEMBLY DEBATES

Thursday, the 16th January, 2025

The National Assembly of Pakistan met in the National Assembly Hall (Parliament House) Islamabad, at 2:00 p.m. with the honourable Deputy Speaker (Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah) in the Chair.

RECITATION FROM THE HOLY QUR`AN

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ - بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ -

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا فَعَلُوا فَاحِشَةً أَوْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ ذَكَرُوا اللَّهَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا لِذُنُوبِهِمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يَغْفِرِ اللَّهُ ۗ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ۗ وَلَمْ يُصِرُّوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلُوا وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣٥﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ جَزَاءُ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَ جَنَّتْ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۗ وَنِعْمَ أَجْرُ الْعَامِلِينَ ﴿١٣٦﴾

(سورۃ آل عمران، آیات: 135 تا 136)

[ترجمہ: پناہ مانگتا ہوں میں اللہ کی شیطان مردود سے۔ اللہ کے نام سے شروع جو بڑا مہربان نہایت رحم فرمانے

والا ہے۔

اور وہ لوگ جب کوئی کھلا گناہ کر بیٹھیں یا اپنے حق میں ظلم کریں تو اللہ کو یاد کرتے ہیں اور اپنے گناہوں سے

بخشش مانگتے ہیں۔ اور سوائے اللہ کے اور کون گناہ بخشنے والا ہے۔ اور اپنے کیے پر وہ اڑتے نہیں اور وہ جانتے ہیں۔ یہ لوگ

ان کا بدلہ ان کے رب کے ہاں سے بخشش ہے۔ اور باغ ہیں جن کے نیچے نہریں بہتی ہوں گی۔ ان باغوں میں ہمیشہ رہنے

والے ہوں گے اور کام کرنے والوں کی کیسی اچھی مزدوری ہے۔]

RECITATION OF HADITH

اَهْلَهُ وَعَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَحَبُّ الْعَرَبِ لِي ثَلَاثٌ رَضِيَ عَرَبِيٌّ
وَالْقُرْآنَ عَرَبِيٌّ وَكَلِمَةَ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ عَرَبِيٌّ -

[ترجمہ: حضرت ابن عباس رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ سے روایت ہے کہ رسول کریم خاتم النبیین صلی اللہ علیہ والہ وسلم نے فرمایا کہ اہل عرب کو تین وجہ سے دوست رکھو۔ ایک یہ کہ میں عربی ہوں، دوسرا یہ کہ قرآن عربی میں اترا ہے، تیسرا اس وجہ سے کہ جنتیوں کا کلام عربی میں ہے۔]

RECITATION OF NAAT

میری حیات محمدؐ کے نام لکھ دینا
میرے کفن پہ درود و سلام لکھ دینا
ہو او شہر نبی سے ہو جتنی بار گزر
ہر ایک ذرے پہ میرا سلام لکھ دینا
مظفر اب نہیں آئے گا اور کوئی نبی
انہیں ہر ایک صدی کا امام لکھ دینا

NATIONAL ANTHEM

STARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: آعوذ باللہ من الشیطان الرجیم۔ بسم اللہ الرحمن الرحیم۔ Question Hour۔ سید رفیع

اللہ صاحب۔

سید رفیع اللہ: بہت شکریہ، حسب معمول ہوگا تو وہی، منسٹر صاحبان نہیں ہیں۔

(مداخلت)

سید رفیع اللہ: جواب آپ دیں گے؟ آپ جواب نہیں دیں گے مجھے پتہ ہے۔ سوال نمبر 209۔

Status of Diامر-Bhasha Dam Project

209. *Syed Rafiullah:

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *what is the current status of the Diامر-Bhasha Dam Project, in terms of construction progress, including details on key milestones achieved, phases completed, any delays encountered and updated timeliness for upcoming stages;*
- (b) *whether the cost of the Diامر-Bhasha Dam Project increased significantly;*
- (c) *if so, the details on the cost increase, including the reasons for these changes;*
- (d) *what steps are being taken to manage and control costs effectively which includes measures for cost control, efficiency improvements and performance monitoring; and*
- (e) *how is cost evaluation and management conducted to prevent waste and ensure that funds are contributing effectively to the project's goals?*

Minister for Water Resources (Senator Musadik Masood Malik):

(a) ➤ The Overall Progress of Contract MW-I is 16.09%.

➤ Key Milestones achieved are as under:

Sr. No.	Milestone	Completion Date
1	Mighty Indus River successfully diverted	Nov, 2023
2	U/S Cofferdam	July, 2024
3	Diversion Tunnel-2	Nov, 2023
4	Diversion Canal	May, 2024
5	Permanent Bridge	June, 2024
6	Diversion Tunnel Intake	July, 2024
7	D/S Cofferdam	July, 2024

➤ **Ongoing Major Work Fronts:**

Work commenced from 07-08-2020 and currently following activities are under progress:

Activities	Progress % age
Diversion Tunnel-1	27
Batching Plant	45
Aggregate Plant	85
Crushing Plant	75
HFO Plant	90
Conveyor Belt Tunnel — 3 Km	35
Dam Pit	29
Left and Right Abutments	65
Power Intakes	30
Left Bank Flushing Tunnel	02
Access Tunnels to left bank grouting gallery	05
Right Bank Access Tunnel to DTI flushing gate chamber	Preparatory works in progress
Permanent access roads	65

➤ **Phase: Completed / In progress**

Diversion of Indus River Completed	May, 2024
Permanent Bridge	June, 2024
Facilities for RCC Placement	Nov, 2025
RCC Dam Pit Excavation	Oct, 2025
RCC Placement Commencement	Dec, 2025

➤ **Delays encountered:**

- Covid-19
- Security threats/incidents
- Relocation of KKH Delay

- Design Revisions due to ICOLD/Panel of Experts/ Climate Change
- Insufficient PSDP Releases
- Restriction on Forex Releases
- Logistics hindrance due to floods

➤ **Upcoming Timelines**

MW-1 (Dam, Tangir Hydropower Project)	Completion Dec, 2030
HM-1 (Hydro mechanical Equipment / Machinery and Hydraulic Steel Structures for Main Dam)	Tentative Award Date May, 2025
MW-2 (Civil works for both the power houses)	Tentative Award Date June, 2025
EM-1 (Hydro-mechanical equipment and hydraulic steel structure for both the power houses)	Tentative Award Date Sep, 2025
EM-2 (Electrical high voltage equipment including Main Transformer, Switchyard etc.)	Tentative Award Date Nov, 2025
HM-2 (Hydro-mechanical equipment and hydraulic steel structure, both power house)	Tentative Award Date Sep, 2025

(b) & (c) Project cost has been increased due to several external and internal factors, mainly due to following:

Sr. No.	Description	Impact (Rs.)
i.	<u>Dollar Exchange Rate</u> Exchange rate from 1 US\$ = 105.3 PKR (approved PC-I in 2018) to 1 US\$ = 278.3 PKR. 2024	178 Billion approx. (31.22%)
ii.	<u>Parity in Contract MW-I Award</u> Difference of Award with respect to PC-I cost.	133 Billion approx. (23.34%)
iii.	<u>Design Chances</u> Design changes due to ICOLD / POE / Climate Change).	85 Billion Approx. (14.95%)
iv.	<u>Interest During Construction (IDC) for Foreign Component</u> No provision of IDC in the approved PC-I but due to Foreign Loan IDC has been made part of the PC-I.	7.5% per annum 82 Billion approx. (14.44%)
v.	<u>Cost of External Security</u> Additional Security Deployment	17 Billion Approx. (2.96%)
vi.	<u>Procurement of Helicopter</u>	9 Billion (1.60%)
vii.	<u>Safe City Project</u>	7 Billion (1.24%)

➤ **Reasons for Changes:**

- Revised design of main dam on the basis of revised seismic parameters by International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD).
- Redesign of diversion scheme, flushing tunnel due to additional site geological investigations.
- Provision off mid-level outlets in the body of dam for flood control, sediment management
- Re-design of hydro-mechanical works due to revised seismic parameters, revised Safety Check Floods (SCF) & Probable Maximum Floods (PMF) etc.
- Security incidents of Chinese Contractors and expatriates has necessitated to enhance / strengthen the security measures.
- Due to security reasons the frequent movement of expatriates from Islamabad to site has been restricted to by air only.
- Inclusion of Safe City Project for security reasons.
- Increase in Dollar rate, IDC, Duties & Taxes

(d) **Measures for Cost Control:** Major reason for cost overrun is time overrun. Diamer Basha Dam Company (DBDC) has deployed international best practices for monitoring overall project progress and taking rectification measures as follows:

- i. International competitive bidding is processed for inviting bids on BOQ rates assessed by the Engineer's estimate
- ii. Weekly Triparty Meetings ate (Employer/Consultant/Contr.)
- iii. Frequent In-house Discussions chaired by Chairman BOD to overcome/resolve hindrances in progress for timely strategic decisions to accelerate the progress.

For any complex technical Changes/variations are ratified by an IPOE, which has been engaged by DBDC since commencement of the project.

Efficiency Improvements: Following measures are taken as under:

- Before commencement of any project activity, methodology of implementation is evaluated by Experts w.r.t Quality control and resources deployed against timelines.
- Every six months Board Management of the Consultants visit the site to audit the progress/quality/efficiency of the project. All critical issues are brought in the knowledge in joint session comprising of the management of Client, Consultant and Contractor to resolve issues.

Performance Monitoring: Following measures are implemented as under:

- i. The execution/ performance of work is monitored/supervised by
 - a. BOM (Board of Management of Consultants consortium) which in the instant case is led by Mr. Michael F.Rogers (Ex-President ICOLD) from M/s Stantec.
 - b. M/s Diamer Basha Consultants Group a consortium of world's best 12 companies selected on Quality based Selection.
 - c. The client has a 05 No. International Panel of experts (Annex-I)
 - d. Performance, quality and progress is monitored and deliberated in DBDC BOD meetings.
 - e. Client field staff monitors and supervises daily progress/quality of work.
- ii. Daily, Weekly, Monthly & Annual Work plans are planned and strictly monitored to achieve the targets.
- iii. The Project Office has implemented the Earned Value Management System (EVMS), a globally recognized

technique for project monitoring. This system integrates scope, time, and cost parameters to provide a comprehensive, view of project performance. By comparing planned and achieved costs of work monthly, along with analyzing Work Breakdown Structures, Activity Networks, Resource Allocation, and Critical Paths, EVMS delivers precise insights into time and cost performance. Key performance indicators, such as the Cost Performance Index-(CPI) and Schedule Performance Index (SPI), provide precise information regarding the current project performance on time and cost parameter whilst also enabling to forecast future outcomes through the technique, such as final costs and completion timelines. Thus, it enables timely corrective actions to keep the project on track.

(e) DBDC follows the rules and procedures to ensure transparency to optimize the management to prevent waste and most effective funds contribution to project's goals:

Cost Evaluation and Management: It comprises of series of activities as follows:

- i. Preparation of Engineer estimate after prefeasibility, feasibility and detail engineering design before inviting International competitive bids for construction.
- ii. PC-1 is got approved from ECNEC after detailed scrutiny from MoWR and MOPD & SI.
- iii. The contractors work schedule and execution is monitored by the engineer and client to optimize the effective contribution of funds.
- iv. Cost Management four stage strict scrutiny/audit procedures adopted as follows:
 - a. Bill preparation and submission by the Contractor.
 - b. Consultants verily the measurement of works executed in the bill and scrutinize the payment accordingly in line with Contract for payment by the Employer.

- c. The Employer before payment strictly checks the work verified by the Consultant.
- d. Internal Audit of the Employer periodically audits the paid bills.
- e. The External Government audit further audit and verifies the payments made to the Project, in line with the procedures/rules/contract.

Annex-I

PANEL OF EXPERTS ENGAGED FOR DBDP

- I. Mr. Brian Forbes (Australia) - Dam Engineering & RCC Technology
- II. Mr. Carlos Jaramillo (USA) - Geological & Rock Mechanics Expert
- III. Mr. John H. Gummer (Australia.) - Electro-Mechanical Equipment Expert
- IV. Mr. Khalil Tayyab Hassan (Pakistan) - Procurement Expert
- V. Mr. Yusof Ghanaat (USA) - Seismic Design Expert

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Answer be taken as read, supplementary please.

سید رفیع اللہ: شکریہ منسٹر صاحب آپ کا، سر! یہ کوئی 2018 میں جب ہم منتخب ہو کر آئے تھے تو اس دور میں ہماری پلاننگ کمیٹی کے جو چیئرمین تھے جنید اکبر صاحب۔ اُن کی سربراہی میں ہم پوری کمیٹی گئے تھے، اس ڈیم کا visit بھی کیا اور بہت اچھی باتیں سننے کو ملیں کہ انشاء اللہ یہ complete ہونے جا رہا ہے اور بہت بہتر طریقے سے۔ سر! آج اب بھی جب ان کا answer جو انہوں نے دیا ہے وہ پڑھیں گے تو اسی سے ہر پاکستانی کا دل

ڈوب رہا ہوتا ہے، اس طرح کے mega projects کے اوپر کہ ہمارے خون پسینے کی کمائی اور اس غریب ملک کا پیسہ کس طریقے سے ضائع کرتے ہیں یہ لوگ۔

سر! یہ کہتے ہیں کہ design میں changing کی ضرورت آئی اس کی وجہ سے لاگت بڑھ گئی۔ سر! اب بات یہ ہے کہ کیا جب ہم نے نیلم جہلم والا پروجیکٹ کیا، اربوں کھربوں روپے لگائے ہیں۔ جناب سپیکر! وہ کروڑوں پاکستانیوں کا پیسہ صرف اس نظر ہو گیا ہے کہ جی اس میں fault آ گیا ہے تو کیا یہ اب ensure کرتے ہیں کہ یہ جو ہمارا دیامر بھاشا ڈیم ہے اس میں ہم completion کی طرف پہنچیں گے۔ یہ جو 2030 کی date یہ دے رہے ہیں اللہ کرے اس میں یہ complete کر لیں تو پھر دوبارہ اس قسم کی کوئی بات نہ آئے کہ جس طرح انہوں نے نیلم جہلم میں کہا کہ یہ fault آنے کی وجہ سے وہ اربوں روپے اور وہ ساری tunnel ضائع پڑی ہوئی ہے اور وہ ہم قوم کا پیسہ ضائع کر کے بیٹھے ہوں۔ کسی کو accountable نہیں ٹھہرا ہے، کسی کو responsible نہیں ٹھہرا رہے۔ same اسی طریقے سے اس پر بھی میں چاہوں گا کہ منسٹر صاحب یہ بتائیں کہ کیا کسی کو responsible ٹھہرایا جا رہا ہے کہ دیامر بھاشا ڈیم پہ اربوں روپے لگنے کے بعد، نقشہ میں changing آنے کے بعد پھر اب دوبارہ اربوں روپے بڑھ رہے ہیں اور پھر 2030 میں یہ complete ہو گا یا نہیں؟

اور آخری بات یہ ہے کہ سپریم کورٹ میں قاضی فائز عیسیٰ جاتے ہوئے، وہ جو ڈھونگی چیف جسٹس تھے ان کا وہ ڈھونگ expose کر کے گئے ہیں کہ یہ پیسہ یہاں سپریم کورٹ میں غلط پڑا ہے، وہ پیسہ پاکستان کے account میں آنا چاہیے تو کیا وہ پیسہ آ گیا ہے یا نہیں آیا؟ میری دوبارہ request یہی ہے کہ یہ چونکہ اس قوم کے اربوں کھربوں روپے کے ضیاع کی بات ہے، مجھے اس طرح کا جواب دیں کہ قوم کا ہر شخص مطمئن ہو کہ واقعی یہ حکومت ان نالائقوں کی نالائقی کو کس طرح cover کر رہی ہے۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: تارڑ صاحب کا mike کھولیں۔

وزیر برائے اطلاعات و نشریات، قومی ورثہ و ثقافت (جناب عطاء اللہ تارڑ): بہت شکریہ، آغا فریح اللہ صاحب کا بھی شکریہ ہمیشہ public importance کے سوالات اٹھاتے ہیں۔ دیامیر بھاشا ڈیم کے حوالے سے کیونکہ یہ Indus cascade کے اوپر ہے اور یہ دنیا کے بڑے water reservoirs میں سے ہوگا۔ اور جو Indus cascade ہے دیامیر بھاشا کے بننے سے نیچے پتن، تھا کوٹ اور یہ سارے جو areas ہیں ان کو فائدہ یہ ہوگا کہ جو ہر سال flooding ہوتی ہے یا flooding کا خدشہ ہوتا ہے اور 2010 میں mighty Indus river میں جو flood آیا سندھ کے علاقوں میں، ساؤتھ پنجاب کے علاقوں میں، even Central Punjab تک اس کی تباہی پھیلی اور یہ Indus cascade کے اوپر جب اس کی construction complete ہو جائے گی تو پاکستان میں نہ صرف ایک بڑا water reservoir موجود ہوگا بلکہ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ flooding کے خطرات سے جو اربوں ڈالر کا نقصان ہماری املاک کو ہوتا ہے، زمینوں کو ہوتا ہے، livelihoods کو ہوتا ہے، livestock کو ہوتا ہے، agriculture کو ہوتا ہے، گھروں کو ہوتا ہے تو اس میں مدد ملے گی۔

(مداخلت)

جناب عطاء اللہ تارڑ: یہ پڑھے لکھے لوگوں کا کام ہے۔ دیامیر بھاشا کے حوالے سے land acquisition جو کی گئی کیونکہ جب بھی dam construct ہوتا ہے تو اس سے پہلے اس کی land acquisition کی جاتی ہے۔ تاریخ میں پہلی دفعہ land acquisition complete ہوئی 2013 والے ہمارے tenure میں اور اس میں اربوں روپے گورنمنٹ کا لگے۔ کیونکہ اس وقت ضرورت اس بات کی تھی کہ وہاں کے جو local residents تھے، تمام لوکل لوگ تھے ان کو on board لیا جاتا اور میں تمام political parties کا مشکور ہوں کہ انہوں نے اپنا کردار ادا کیا کہ consensus building کی

جائے اور یہ land acquisition complete ہو اور timely الحمد للہ اس land acquisition کو complete کیا گیا۔

باقی جو construction work ہے اس میں جو 1-phase کے اندر completion ہوئی ہے، جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر! مئی 2024 میں جو diversion تھی river Indus کی وہ complete ہوئی، May 2024 میں۔ اس کے بعد جو permanent bridge بننا تھا وہ جون 2024 میں بنا۔ جو RCC کی replacement کے لیے facilities تھیں، ان کو نومبر 2025 تک schedule کیا گیا ہے۔ جو dam pit excavation ہے وہ اکتوبر 2025 تک scheduled ہے۔ جو RCC placement commencement ہے وہ دسمبر 2025 تک scheduled ہے۔ تو یہ کام جاری ہے اور patching percentage by percentage diversion tunnel plant ہو، aggregate plant ہو یا crushing plant ہو تو اس پر کام جاری ہے۔ مگر میں جو آئریبل ممبر نے بات کی کہ جس طرح نیلم جہلم اتنے سالوں میں complete ہو تو اس کی cost escalation ہوئی اور اس cost escalation کی وجہ سے اس کی لاگت کا شروع میں جو تخمینہ لگایا گیا تھا وہ کئی گنا بڑھ گیا اور قوم نے اس کا load برداشت کیا۔ کوشش کی جائے گی کہ اس کی بروقت completion کی جائے اور یہ جو سارے works ہو رہے ہیں، یہ بڑا ٹیکنیکل کام ہے، تو اس کو مہارت سے کیا جائے، اس پر international technical consultants بھی آئے اور world class کام کیا جا رہا ہے but اس کا جو different stages میں کام ہو رہا ہے، اُن پر تیزی سے کام جاری ہے۔

(مداخلت)

جناب عطاء اللہ تارڑ: انہوں نے جو دوسرا سوال کیا کہ National Crime Agency نے پاکستان کی حکومت کو کچھ پیسے دیئے کیونکہ وہ پاکستان کی عوام کی ملکیت تھے، وہ پاکستان کی عوام کو نہیں دیئے گئے وہ ایک بند لگانے کے ذریعے کابینہ نے فیصلہ کر کے جس سے وہ پیسے لیے گئے تھے اسی کو واپس کر دیئے اور اس کے عوض میاں بیوی نے مل کر ایک shame trust بنایا اور زمان پاک کے اندر ایک گھر بنایا اور پانچ پانچ carat کی انگوٹھیوں کے حوالے سے انہوں نے extortion money لیا۔

(مداخلت)

جناب عطاء اللہ تارڑ: تو یہ بہت اچھی بات ہے، یہ اُو، اُو، اُو کر لیں کیونکہ یہ 9 مئی کو اُو نہیں کر سکے اور 26 نومبر کو اُو نہیں کر سکے، اب ان کو تکلیف اس بات کی ہو رہی ہے کہ 190 ملین پاؤنڈ کے کرپشن کیس میں ان کے ہاتھ رنگے ہوئے ہیں اور ان کے لیڈرز، اُن کی اہلیہ اور فرح گوگی نے 190 ملین پاؤنڈ کی کرپشن کی ہے، غبن کیا ہے اور نہ صرف غبن کیا ہے بلکہ اس غبن کے ذریعے اپنی جیبیں بھری ہیں۔ تو میرے یہ 3 سوال ہیں اُو، اُو کریں، احتجاج کریں لیکن یہ 3 سوال میرے بھی ہیں۔ نمبر 1 کیا وہ پیسہ حکومت پاکستان کو آیا۔ اگر آیا تو وہ پاکستان کی عوام کو ملا۔ جواب ہے نہیں۔ وہ 80 ارب روپے سپریم کورٹ کو جمع کروادے ایک اور جرمانے کے عوض۔ یہ غبن کیا گیا ہے رفیع اللہ صاحب 80 ارب روپے کا اور mega corruption کی گئی ہے بند لگانے کے ذریعے اور جو NCA نے پیسہ confiscate کر کے حکومت پاکستان کو دیا تھا وہ جیبوں میں ڈالا گیا ہے وہ سرکار کو نہیں آیا۔ بہت شکریہ۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: محمد جاوید حنیف۔

جناب محمد جاوید حنیف خان: شکریہ ڈپٹی سپیکر۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: آپ سپلیمنٹری اس پر پوچھ رہے ہیں کیونکہ آپ کا نام سکرین پر ہے۔

جناب محمد جاوید حنیف خان: منسٹر صاحب سے request یہ ہے کہ یہ جو پروجیکٹ تھا دیا مر بھاشا کا اس میں دو component تھے۔ ایک component اس کا تھا water reservoir اور دوسرا تھا hydro electricity۔ ابھی recently report کیا گیا ہے کہ جو اس کی electricity کا generation کا جو ساڑھے چار ہزار میگا واٹ تھا اس کو drop کر دیا گیا ہے۔ منسٹر پاور کی اس پر statement آئی ہے۔ میں منسٹر صاحب سے پوچھنا چاہوں گا کہ اس کی کیا وجوہات ہیں۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: تارڑ صاحب۔ انہوں نے supplementary پوچھا ہے آپ سے۔

جناب عطاء اللہ تارڑ: میں سوال نہیں سن سکا۔ اگر repeat کر دیں۔

جناب محمد جاوید حنیف خان: میں منسٹر صاحب سے یہ جاننا چاہ رہا ہوں کہ یہ جو projects ہیں دیا مر بھاشا کے اس کے دو component ہیں ایک water reservoir کا دوسرا electricity generation تھی ساڑھے چار ہزار میگا واٹ۔ ابھی recently report کیا گیا ہے میڈیا میں بھی اور منسٹر پاور کی statement ہے کہ جو electricity generation کا پروجیکٹ ہے اس کو drop کر دیا گیا ہے۔ میں یہ جاننا چاہ رہا ہوں منسٹر صاحب کچھ بتائیں کہ اس کی کیا وجوہات ہیں اور اس کی implications کیا ہوں گی، electricity generation کے اوپر؟ بہت شکریہ۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: تارڑ صاحب۔

جناب عطاء اللہ تارڑ: بہت شکریہ جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر! اس میں Power Ministry مختلف aspects کو دیکھ رہی ہے فی الحال پاکستان کے اندر جو electricity generation ہے وہ surplus کے اندر تو ہے obviously لیکن ہمیں مزید ضرورت ہے بجلی کی تو اس پر Ministry of Power جو ہے وہ different proposals کو consider کر رہی ہے اور اس حوالے سے ہم honourable Member کو پھر آگاہ کر دیں گے۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: اگلا سوال سید رفیع اللہ۔ نمبر پڑھیں۔

سید رفیع اللہ: سوال نمبر 78۔

Framing of service regulations of the Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council

78. *Syed Rafiullah:

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.20 replied on 09-08-2024 and to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the expression of interest and related matters for inviting bids were intended solely for framing of Service Regulations of the Pakistan Nursing (PN) and Midwifery Council (MC);*
- (b) *if so, why was the selected firm assigned tasks beyond drafting other regulations, contrary to the relevant advertisement;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the selected firm was the second-highest bidder and was later allowed to reduce its bid price in isolation, while other bidders were not permitted to do so; if so, why were such actions allowed;*
- (d) *the total amount paid to the firm, including any payments to individuals associated with it; and*
- (e) *whether the firm or any associated person appeared in any court of law regarding cases related to the PN and MC, at present?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) No. A careful reading of the Expression of Interest (EOI) published in newspapers clarifies that the successful bidder was not limited to framing The Service, Regulations of the Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council (PN&MC) alone. The EOI explicitly outlined that the successful bidder would also be responsible framing other regulations. Furthermore, the Council approved the engagement of the successful bidder for the development of these additional regulations.

(b) As stated above, the Expression of Interest (EOI) expressly provided that the selected firm could be assigned additional tasks. Accordingly, the assignment of tasks beyond drafting other regulations is fully consistent with the terms and conditions of the EOI, and no deviation or violation of the advertisement has occurred.

(c) No, the selected firm was the lowest bidder.

Furthermore, no bidder, including the successful bidder, was provided with an opportunity to revise or reduce their bid amount after submission. All bids were evaluated strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bidding process.

(d) The total amount paid to the firm is Rs. 9,350,000/- for framing of eleven (11) regulations @ Rs.8.50,000/- per regulation.

(e) The Pakistan and Midwifery Council (PN&MC), being an autonomous body, has maintained a panel of lawyers to represent and defend its cases in various courts. The firm in question or its associated persons are not authorized to represent PN&MC in legal matters before any court.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Answer be taken as read, supplementary please.

سید رفیع اللہ: دیکھیں میں آپ کو یہ نہیں کہہ رہا کہ House in order کریں۔ میں آپ سے یہ کہہ رہا ہوں Leader of the Opposition کو کیا مسئلہ ہے کہ جو ممبران سوالات کرتے ہیں گورنمنٹ کو accountable کرتے ہیں گورنمنٹ سے ہم پوچھتے ہیں کہ لوگوں کے مسائل حل کیوں نہیں ہو رہے ہیں۔ ہم لوگوں کے عوامی issues کی بات کرتے ہیں۔ یہ Question Hour میں سارا گند کرتے ہیں اور اس کے بعد lobby میں جا کر بیٹھ جاتے ہیں گپیں لگا رہے ہوتے ہیں اور یہاں گورنمنٹ اپنی speech کر رہی ہوتی ہے اپنی باتیں کر رہی ہوتی ہیں۔ عوامی issues کے اوپر ان کو کیا problem ہے۔ یہ کس ایجنڈے پر ہیں۔ میں Leader of the Opposition عمر ایوب سے یہ پوچھتا ہوں کہ وہ چاہتا کیا ہے، وہ کیا کرنا چاہ رہا ہے۔ یہ سارے سوالات سارے ممبران گورنمنٹ کو accountable کرنے کے لیے پوچھ رہے ہوتے ہیں۔ ان کے کسی ممبر نے کوئی question نہیں کرنا۔ انہوں نے صرف اور صرف یہاں آکر شور شرابا اور ویڈیو بنا کر اور وہاں پر اپنے social media account میں ڈالنا ہوتا ہے۔ اگر انہوں نے اس ہاؤس کو اسی طریقے سے رکھنا ہے تو یہ پاکستان کے عوام کے ساتھ زیادتی ہے۔ میری آپ سے request ہے کہ اس Question Hour کو کسی اچھے ماحول میں کروائیں۔ House in order کروائیں۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: رفیع اللہ صاحب آپ سوال کریں please۔

سید رفیع اللہ: سر! یہ ایسے ہی چلے گا۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: اگر آپ سوال کرتے ہیں تو ٹھیک ہے۔

سید رفیع اللہ: میں سوال کیوں نہیں کروں گا۔ سر! House in order نہیں کرانیں گے؟ سر!

question No.78 کہا میں نے۔ سوال یہ ہے کہ کیا regulation بنانے کے لیے انہوں نے اشتہار دیا تھا

Pakistan Medical and Dental Council میں جناب چیئر مین صاحب یہ جواب دیں۔ تھوڑا سا

تو ماحول بنائیں۔ ہمارے اہم question کو یہ ضائع کر دیتے ہیں۔ اگر آپ کی responsibility بنتی ہے جو

میں نے محنت کی ہے اور جو میں question کر رہا ہوں گورنمنٹ کی خامیوں کو اجاگر کر رہا ہوں اس کے اوپر انہیں

کہیں کہ ایک گھنٹے کا ٹائم لیں۔ Question Hour کے بعد یہ سارے کام کریں۔ انہوں نے ویڈیو بنانی ہوتی ہے

۔ ان کے ہی workers انہیں گالیاں دے رہیں۔ ان کے workers ان کو کہہ رہے ہیں کہ تم وہاں جا کر

عیشیاں کر رہے ہیں روڈز پر یہ اپنے workers کو چھوڑ کر بھاگ جاتے ہیں۔ یہاں پر آکر یہ ٹوپی ڈرامہ کریں گے تو

اس سے کام نہیں چلے گا۔

جناب سپیکر! میں دوبارہ اپنے question کی طرف آتا ہوں۔ سر! میرا جو سوال ہے کہ انہوں نے اشتہار

دیا تھا rules بنانے کے لیے کہ ہم ایک rule بنائیں گے اور اس کے لیے اس ادارہ کو engage کیا۔ جناب

سپیکر! وہاں پردس rules بنائیں گے نمبر 01۔ کیا یہ possible ہے کیا یہ پیسمر کی خلاف ورزی نہیں ہے۔

Second جو lowest candidate تھا جناب سپیکر! وہ انہیں کا ملازم تھا انہیں کی law firm

PMDC میں وہاں ملازم تھا۔ ایک confront of interest میں نہیں آتا ایک شخص کہ وہ اس کا ملازم بھی

ہو اور وہ bidder بھی ہو، bid بھی دے رہا ہوں۔ اس میں وہ lower bidder بھی تھا۔ خدا کے لیے ان

نالائقوں کو کہیں کہ وہ پاکستان کے عوام کی بات کریں۔ اس کا ظلم پاکستان کے عوام اور پارلیمنٹ۔۔۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: ٹھیک ہے۔ جناب نیلسن عظیم صاحب۔

جناب نیلسن عظیم: شکریہ سپیکر صاحب۔ یہ جو بات میرے بھائی نے ابھی کی ہے Nursing Council کا کوئی regulations بنانے کے لیے مناسب طور پر ٹینڈر دیا گیا اور ٹینڈر اخباروں میں آیا اور ٹینڈر کے حساب سے لوگوں نے apply کیا۔ 5 لوگوں نے ٹینڈر received کیا 4 لوگوں نے جمع کرایا۔ ایک reject ہو گیا اور باقی جو دو بچے ہیں ان میں سے جو lowest price تھی جو اس کمپنی کی lowest price تھی، تیسرا یہ بھی وعدہ کیا تھا کہ آئندہ بھی ہم آپ کو regulation بنا کر دیں گے۔ تو اس کے ساتھ contract ہوا۔ انہوں نے regulations بنا دیا تو اس کے لیے کسی قسم کی کوئی tender میں نہیں ہوئی۔ نہ ہی کسی نے complaint کی جو competitive companies تھی انہوں نے بھی کسی نے شکایت نہیں کی۔ سب نے اسی پر اتفاق کیا۔ یہ tender منظور ہوا۔ کیونکہ یہ سب سے lowest tender تھا جو یہ منظور ہوا۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: شکریہ۔ عظیم ندیم زاہد صاحب۔ حنیف عباسی صاحب on supplementary۔

جناب محمد حنیف عباسی: شکریہ جناب سپیکر۔ میرا ایک question بھی ہے اور ایک چھوٹی سی گزارش ہے کہ یہ قرآنی آیات اور بسم اللہ لکھا ہوا ہے اس کو تو لوگوں نے جلادیا ہے۔ آپ کو پتہ ہے۔ جس طرح بے حرمتی کی جا رہی ہے تو کم از کم یہ تو judgement دیں کہ یہ پھاڑ کر زمین کے اوپر نہ پھینکیں۔ ویڈیو بنا رہے ہیں کیا کر رہے ہیں کہ قرآنی آیات اور بسم اللہ لکھا ہوا ہے اس کو زمین پر پھینک رہے ہیں تمام مسلمانوں کے دلوں کو مجروح کر رہے ہیں۔ یہ جناب سپیکر! سب سے بڑا issue ہے کہ جس وقت ان کو منع کیا جاتا ہے یہ پورے پاکستان کو کیا بتا رہے ہیں کہ ہم قرآن پاک کی بے حرمتی کر رہے ہیں۔ یونیورسٹی سے بچے آئے ہیں کالج سے بچے آئے ہیں وہ کیا ان کے معیار کو دیکھیں گے کہ یہ قرآنی آیات کو جلا رہے ہیں صاحبزادہ صاحب۔ آپ قرآنی آیات اور بسم اللہ کو زمین پر پھینک رہے ہیں۔ بڑا افسوس ہے آپ لوگوں پر وہ بچے کیا کہیں گے آپ کو۔ یا قرآنی آیات کو پھینک رہے ہیں آپ۔ یا آپ بسم اللہ کو پھینک رہے ہیں۔ بچوں پر آپ کیا اثر چھوڑ رہے ہیں۔ آپ قرآن پاک کی بے حرمتی کے مرتکب ہو چکے ہیں۔ آپ ان ویڈیو کے ساتھ پوری دنیا کو بتائیں۔ یہ آپ کو بدعا ہے کہ آپ اسی طرح لگیں رہیں گے۔ قرآنی آیات ہیں، بسم اللہ لکھا ہو

اے۔ صاحبزادہ صاحب خود مرتکب ہو گئے ہیں۔ آپ قرآنی آیات اور بسم اللہ پھینک رہے ہیں۔ میرا سوال یہی ہے کہ اس کے اوپر آپ کیا حد لگائیں گے کہ جو قرآنی آیات اور بسم اللہ پھینک رہے ہیں، اس کے اوپر آپ کی طرف سے verdict آنی چاہیے تاکہ میں اور آپ اس سے مستثنیٰ ہو جائیں۔ میرا سوال یہ ہے کہ اگر آپ یہ کر لیں تو بہتر ہوگا۔
جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: شکر یہ۔ اگلا سوال سید رفیع اللہ۔

سید رفیع اللہ: سر! آپس کی بات ہے کہ ہم یہ کیا ماحول دیکھ رہے ہیں۔ یہ تو حال ہے۔ ہمارے سکول کے بچے کیا سیکھیں گے۔ ان کو کہیں تھوڑی شرم کریں، تھوڑی حیا کریں۔ یہ public interest کی باتیں ہیں۔ جب Question Hour ختم ہو جائے پھر یہ کام کریں۔ میری آپ سے request ہے۔ انہوں نے PMDC کا answer نہیں دیا۔ میں نے سوال کیا، انہوں نے جواب نہیں دیا۔ جو لکھا ہوا ہے وہی دیا ہے۔ میں نے supplementary کیا، اس کا انہوں نے کوئی answer نہیں دیا۔ میری آپ سے request ہے کہ ان سے کہیں کہ مجھے جواب دیں۔ یہ گورنمنٹ کو فائدہ دے رہے ہیں۔ گورنمنٹ کی جتنی نالائقی ہے وہ اس شور شرابے میں چھپ رہی ہے۔ میرے اس سوال کا answer نہیں آرہا۔ جب سوال کا answer نہیں آرہا، یہ اپوزیشن والے فائدہ کس کو دے رہے ہیں؟ یہ ان کو فائدہ دے رہے ہیں۔ ان کی ہنسیاں دیکھیں، ان کے مذاق دیکھیں اور پارلیمنٹ کا حال دیکھیں۔ آپ لوگ advisory کمیٹی کی مینٹنگ کس چیز کی کرتے ہیں؟ ہر اجلاس سے پہلے آپ advisory کمیٹی کی مینٹنگ کرتے ہیں۔ ان کی کمیٹی چل رہی ہے جس میں NRO مانگ رہے ہیں۔ یہاں پر یہ لوگ اپنی عوام، اپنے workers کو شور شرابہ کر کے ٹوپی ڈرامہ کر رہے ہیں۔ سر! میری request ہے کہ 10 منٹ کے لیے House suspend کریں۔ House in order کریں۔ میں چیخ چیخ کے کہہ رہا ہوں اور مجھے جواب نہیں مل رہا ہے۔ آپ 10 منٹ کا وقفہ لیں۔ تاکہ یہ اپنی جگہ پر آئیں۔ آپ سے request ہے۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: جناب نیلسن عظیم صاحب۔

جناب نیلسن عظیم: سپیکر صاحب! کون سا سوال ہے؟

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: سید رفیع اللہ صاحب کا سوال نمبر 98 ہے۔ اس کا جواب دیں۔ رفیع اللہ صاحب دوبارہ

supplementary کریں۔

سید رفیع اللہ: جناب! میں نے اس سے پہلے بھی supplementary کیا ہے اس کا جواب نہیں آیا۔ میں

دوبارہ کر دیتا ہوں۔ اس سوال کا جواب بھی نہیں ملا۔ میں اب دوسرے سوال پر آ گیا ہوں۔ سوال نمبر 98۔

Free medical care for Government employees

98. *Syed Rafiullah:

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *which hospitals offer free medical attendance and treatment to Federal Government employees;*
- (b) *whether Federal Government employees are eligible to receive free medical services at hospitals operated by the armed forces or other organizations;*
- (c) *if so, the details thereof including eligibility criteria and procedures adopted therefor;*
- (d) *whether there is a requirement for prior approval or authorization from any hospital or department before Federal Government employees can access medical attendance and treatment in the hospitals mentioned in part (b) above;*
- (e) *if so, the details thereof including the ancillary processes involved therein; and*
- (f) *what specific measures and initiatives are currently being undertaken to enhance the accessibility and quality of free medical care for Federal Government employees, including to introduce a health care insurance scheme through a third party as an alternative to the meager medical allowance currently paid to employees alongwith their monthly salary?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The Federal Government offers free of cost health facilities at all Federal Govt. Hospitals *i.e.* PIMS, FG Polyclinic, NIRM, FGH, Islamabad and FG TB Center, Rawalpindi to all federal government

employees (retired/serving) and their dependents. Moreover, the Federal Government is also providing free of cost health facilities at Armed Forces Institute of Cardiology/National Institute of Heart Diseases (AFIC/NIHD), Rawalpindi and Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Jhelum road, Rawalpindi to all federal government employees and their dependents.

(b) The Federal Government employees (serving/retired) and their dependents are eligible to receive free medical services only at Armed Forces Institute of Cardiology/National Institute of Heart Diseases (AFIC/NIHD) Rawalpindi and Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Jhelum road, Rawalpindi

(c) Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, Islamabad is providing annual grant to Armed Forces Institute of Cardiology & National Institute of Heart Disease (AFIC-NIHD), Rawalpindi and Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Jhelum road, Rawalpindi for the free treatment of federal government servants and their dependents. The Federal Government Servants (Serving/Retired) are entitled for free medical treatment in the above-Mentioned Institute after obtaining referral letter from M/o NHSR&C against the request from their Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments along with Medical record.

(d) The Federal Government Servants (Serving/ Retired) and their dependents are entitled for free medical treatment in Armed Forces Institute of Cardiology, & National Institute of Heart Disease (AFIC-NIHD), Rawalpindi and Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Jhelum road, Rawalpindi after obtaining referral letter from M/o NHSR&C against the request from their Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments along with medical record.

(e) The consultancy charges, admission charges & other services like surgical procedures and interventions are free of cost at AFIC/NIHD, Rawalpindi. However, the cost of surgical appliances i.e. pacemakers/devices Will be deposited by the concerned Federal Government employee in advance and will claim reimbursement from the concerned Ministry / Division/ Department.

(f) In this context, the Establishment Division, Islamabad has already submitted a summary for approval of the Prime Minister for introducing better health services on account of inpatient/hospitalization services for Federal Government employees through Health Care Insurance Scheme.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Answer be taken as read, supplementary please.

سید رفیع اللہ: سر! مجھے انہوں نے پہلے سوال کا جواب بھی نہیں دیا۔ میں record پر لے کے آ رہا ہوں۔ میں اس پر بات کرتا ہوں۔ سر! کوئی بھی عوامی نوعیت کی summary ہو، PM House جاتی ہے، وہاں سے واپس نہیں آتی۔ میں یہ پوچھنا چاہ رہا ہوں کہ PM House میں ایسے کون لوگ بیٹھے ہیں جو وزیراعظم میاں شہباز شریف صاحب کو ناکام کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔ جو CEC کی میٹنگ ہر تین مہینے میں ہونی چاہیے، وہ اب 9 مہینے ہو گئے ہیں، میٹنگ نہیں بلائی جا رہی۔ وزیراعظم میاں محمد شہباز شریف صاحب کو ناکام کرنے کے لیے ان لوگوں کو دیکھا جائے۔ اس میں بھی وہی کہہ رہے ہیں کہ summary وزیراعظم office میں ہے اور وہ summary کب آئے گی، کب یہ عوامی مفاد کے کام ہوں گے؟ دوبارہ کہہ رہا ہوں کہ Leader of Opposition حکومت کے ساتھ ملا ہوا ہے۔

Question Hour کے time یہ کیوں ایسا کرتے ہیں؟

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: نیلسن عظیم صاحب۔

جناب نیلسن عظیم: جناب! Nursing council کے متعلق رفیع اللہ صاحب نے سوال کیا ہے۔ اس میں انہوں نے کہا ہے کہ second bid والے کو tender ملا ہے۔ یہ کہا گیا ہے کہ اس کو دوبارہ tender جمع کرانے کے لیے، اس میں reduce کرنے کے لیے کہا گیا ہے۔ ایسی کوئی بات نہیں ہے۔ اس کا tender پہلے ہی کم تھا۔ اس کم tender پر ہی اس کو tender award دیا گیا ہے۔ اگر کسی کا lower bid تھا تو وہ complaint کرتا، کسی عدالت میں جاتا یا خود complaint کرتا۔ نہ کسی نے complaint کی ہے۔

POINTING OUT THE LACK OF QUORUM

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: نیلسن عظیم صاحب تشریف رکھیں۔ آفریدی صاحب کا مائیک کھولیں۔

جناب محمد اقبال خان: سپیکر صاحب! ایوان کا یہ حال ہے کہ لوگ آتے نہیں ہیں۔ Quorum پورا نہیں

Mr. Deputy Speaker: OK. Count be made.

(The count was made.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House is not in order. We are taking a break till the quorum is made. 15 minutes break.

(The proceedings of the House were suspended for 15 minutes.)

(ایوان کی کارروائی جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر سید غلام مصطفیٰ شاہ کی زیر صدارت بعد از وقفہ دوبارہ شروع ہوئی)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Count be made.

(The count was made.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House is in order.

STARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Question Hour میں ابھی دو منٹ رہتے ہیں تو ایک

question لے لیتے ہیں۔ چنگیز احمد خان۔ موجود نہیں ہیں۔ محترمہ عالیہ کامران۔

محترمہ عالیہ کامران: سوال نمبر 58۔

Incidence of Medication errors in Pakistan

58. *Ms. Aliya Kamran:

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

(a) *are there any available statistics or reports regarding the incidence of medication errors in Pakistan;*

- (b) *if so, the details thereof including the scope and impact of these errors on public health in the country;*
- (c) *what specific regulatory and policy measures is the Ministry introducing to ensure that all pharmacies and healthcare facilities across Pakistan are mandated to employ qualified pharmacists;*
- (d) *what role can healthcare professionals, Government bodies and organizations such as the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, play in strengthening the integration of pharmacists into the healthcare system; and*
- (e) *what steps are being considered to ensure a sustainable, well-regulated workforce of trained pharmacy professionals and how can their contribution be maximized to improve medication safety and patient outcomes?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Medication errors and adverse drug reactions may occur by any healthcare professional. The Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) resulting due to medication errors are reported to the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) as per Pharmacovigilance Rules, 2022.

As of today, 52025 ADRs including medication errors have been reported via the VigiFlow database from registration holders, provincial health departments, patients, healthcare professionals, public health programmes and hospitals.

DRAP is strengthening pharmacovigilance across Pakistan with the help of the World Health Organization.

(b) Details of reported adverse drug reactions (ADRs)/medication errors reported with drugs and vaccines are as under:

- 32,186 from the Federal Directorate of Immunization.
- 790 from Punjab Pharmacovigilance Centre.
- 677 from Islamabad Pharmacovigilance Centre.
- 01 from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pharmacovigilance Centre.

- 0 from AJK and Gilgit-Baltistan Centres.
- 403 through E-Reporting and Mobile App from Patients and Healthcare Professionals 17,968 from Pharma Companies.

These ADR/ Medication errors were minor to major range including the effects on the eye by Avastin injection.

(c) Provincial Drugs (Sale) Rules make it mandatory to have a Qualified Person at each Pharmacy/Medical store.

(d) Government bodies like the Provincial Health Departments and DRAP and professional organizations like the Pakistan Pharmacist Association (PPA) and Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Associations (PPMA) can advocate and ensure the integration of pharmacists in the healthcare system.

DRAP is playing its pivotal role and has issued various directives, guidelines and rules for the provision of an active role of pharmacists in the healthcare system.

(e) With respect to improving medication safety and patient outcomes, entities like Pharmacy Councils, DRAP, Provincial Health Departments and the Pakistan Pharmacist Association (PPA) can play their role under their ambit. However, the DRAP has undertaken the following steps in this regard:

- The DRAP has notified Pharmacovigilance Rules, 2022 which provides for “at least one Pharmacovigilance Officer (Pharmacist or Doctor) must be notified at the level of a two hundred-bedded hospital. The number of POs may be increased based on the size of the hospital i.e. number of beds”.
- The DRAP has also developed guidelines on “minimum standard for the establishment of hospital pharmacies in Pakistan” which emphasizes the complete role of Pharmacists in healthcare facilities.
- DRAP has also signed an MoU with the Pakistan Pharmacist Association (PPA) to uplift the pharmacist role through improving pharmacy services in Pakistan.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Answer be taken as read, supplementary please.

محترمہ عالیہ کامران: سر! میرا supplementary سوال یہ ہے کہ جو مجھے یہاں پر figure بتائے گئے ہیں کہ جن ادویات میں error پایا گیا ہے، ان کی تعداد 52025 ہے۔ میں سوال میں یہ جاننا چاہ رہی تھی کہ حالیہ وقتوں کے دوران، مطلب دو سال کا period یا تین سال کا period، اس دوران جو ادویات میں error آیا ہے، ذرا اگر وہ figure بتادیے جاتے تو اس پر مہربانی ہوتی۔ سر! جنہوں نے violation کی ہے، ان کو کیا سزائیں ہوئی ہیں؟ License منسوخ کر دینا اس کا حل نہیں ہے۔ وہ دوبارہ اپنے گھر والوں کے نام سے license کے ساتھ مارکیٹ میں آجاتے ہیں۔ سر! اتنا جو سسٹم میں error آیا تو اب تک حکومت نے اس error کو دور کرنے کے لیے کیا اقدامات کیے ہیں؟ تاکہ صحیح چیز لوگوں کے پاس پہنچ سکے۔ سر! اس error کو public میں awareness دینے کے لیے کہ یہ ادویات استعمال نہیں کرنی ہیں، یہ ادویات صحیح نہیں ہیں، اس کے لیے حکومت نے کیا اقدامات کیے ہیں؟

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: جناب نیلسن عظیم صاحب۔

جناب نیلسن عظیم: سپیکر صاحب! بہت شکریہ۔ انہوں نے بہت important question raise کیا ہے۔ بات یہ ہے کہ error جب ہوتا ہے تو اس کی ایک کمیٹی سارے institutions نے اپنی اپنی بنائی ہے، وہ رپورٹ کرتے ہیں۔ وہ Health Ministry کو رپورٹ کرتے ہیں اپنے صوبوں میں، اور province سے پھر center میں آتی ہے اور یہاں سے WHO کو بھیجتے ہیں۔ گورنمنٹ نے یہ کیا ہے کہ ہر pharmacy پر ایک pharmacist ہو، ہر ہسپتال میں pharmacist ہو۔ انہوں نے اس کو control کرنے کے لیے pharmacist کو مقرر کیا ہے۔ اس کی complaint کر رہے ہیں، لوگوں کو یہ

بتا رہے ہیں کہ ادویات اتنی دیر کھا سکتے ہیں، اس سے زیادہ نہیں کھا سکتے۔ چونکہ public ہے، ایک دفعہ ڈاکٹر لکھ دیتا ہے تو وہ ساری عمر وہی کھاتے رہتے ہیں اور ان کی immunity کم ہو جاتی ہے۔

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Question Hour is over.

Projects carried out by Universal Service Fund

161. *Mr. Zubair Khan Wazir:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that work on Information Technology Projects carried out by Universal Services Fund (USF), have been kept pending in District South Waziristan (Upper & Lower) for want of security clearance;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *whether the hindrance in security has been cleared as students are suffering due to lack of 3G and 4G internet services?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) & (b) The matter pertaining to implementation of projects carried out by USF fall under the domain of Ministry of Information Technology, there is in no request received in the Ministry of Interior for security clearance.

(c) Nil

Labourers getting less wages in Islamabad

186. *Rai Hassan Nawaz Khan:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that according to a report of Human Rights Watch in January, 2019 labourers working in*

(Question Hour being over, the remaining Starred Questions were treated as Un-starred and placed on the Table of the House.)

factories, companies and firms in Islamabad, have been getting lesser wages as compared to the minimum wages announced by the Government;

- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that labourers in Islamabad are getting the wages officially recently announced by the Government?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) The field staff of Labour Welfare Department regularly visits in their respective arrears. Prompt action will be taken if any violation found under relevant Labour Laws. Progress of the last five years is as under:-

Fine imposed under Labour Laws	Rs. 19, 100, 920/-
Quick response by the Industries and Labour Department to PMDU/written complaints, which included primarily addressing of complaints regarding payment of minimum wages and dues pending on behalf of employers.	Rs. 41, 516, 958/-

(b) The Labour Welfare Department, ICT conducts several meetings with Industrial Association, Trade Unions, and Chamber of Commerce & Industries for awareness of Labour rights and implementation on minimum wage notified by the Federal Government Minimum Wages Board head.

Federal Governments departments working under the Ministry of Defence

1. *Rai Hassan Nawaz Khan:

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Federal Government's Departments, Agencies and Attached Departments working under the Ministry at present in the country;*
- (b) the functions of each of these departments; and*
- (c) the number of employees presently working in all these departments at present along-with department-wise details thereof?*

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a), (b) & (c), Departments, Agencies and attached Departments wise details are annexed.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

National Cadet Corps abolished in Sindh colleges

10. *Khawaja Izhar Ul Hassan:

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether National Cadet Corps (NCC) and girls guide training programme have been abolished in Intermediate Colleges in Sindh;*
- (b) *in which provinces NCC training is still implemented in Intermediate Colleges level; and*
- (c) *Ministry has any proposal under consideration to resume above said training in Sindh; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) & (b)
The NCC training is not being imparted in any college of the country. Besides Girls Guide training is not being dealt by MoD.

(c) It is apprised that there is no such proposal (NCC Training) is under consideration of authorizes concerned at this stage.

Internal and Regional Security situation in the country

144. *Mr. Muhammad Jawed Hanif Khan:

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *what is the current internal and regional security situation in the country;*
- (b) *how regional geopolitical imperatives are affecting our internal and regional security situation; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to enhance the internal and regional security situation in the country, especially in regions badly affected by terrorism and militancy with specific reference to cross border terrorism?*

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Pakistan remains the bulwark against terror emanating from Afghanistan: currently, we are the only country fighting the onslaught of terrorist organizations based in Afghanistan such as Fitna Al Khawarij and Daesh. No other country has been as affected due to Afghan predicament as Pakistan (approx. over 90,000 casualties, \$ 152 Billion direct losses, \$ 450 Bn indirect financial impact). Interim Afghan Government is taking selective actions against some terrorist organization like Islamic state and East Turkistan Islamic Movement to assuage the security concerns of major powers, while allowing others such as Fitna Al Khawarij to operate with impunity and, in cases, actively abetting them.

(b) Situation in Afghanistan has substantially enhanced liberty of action for terrorists to strike trans-frontier coupled with access to sophisticated United States military equipment left behind in Afghanistan.

(c) Major response measures are as under:-

- (1) **Security Domain.** To secure Pak-Afghan Border, over 2200 Kilometers of the border has been fenced. Around 1300 x border forts and posts are constructed along Pak-Afghan Border to complement the fence. Besides security borders, operations in the Rear Areas are also being conducted to root out menace of terrorism. Main focus remains on intelligence based operations to neutralize / apprehend terrorists and their facilitators.
- (2) **Socio-Economic Domain.** To address issues of locals, especially in the Newly Merger Districts, lot of effort and resources have been invested. Over last 10 years, other than infrastructure development, focus has remained on education and health project. Efforts are also being made to provide jobs to the locals in their native areas to prevent them from falling prey to Al Khawarij's nefarious propaganda.

Rules and Regulations for commercial advertisements

147. *Syeda Shehla Raza:

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

- (a) *whether Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has made the rules and regulations for commercial advertisements on TV Channels in the country;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Attaullah Tarar): (a) All PEMRA licenses including satellite TV channel licensees are obliged to comply with the provisions of prevailing PEMRA laws in letter and spirit.

(b) Specific provisions of PEMRA laws related to commercial advertisement on satellite TV channels are given as under:

- i. Section 20 (c), (d), (f), (g), (k) of PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2023.
- ii. Rule 15(1),(2) of PEMRA Rules 2009.
- iii. Regulation 18(1) (c), (h), (k) of PEMRA (Television Broadcast Station Operations) Regulations, 2012 as amended upto 2022.
- iv. Clause 12, 14, 15, 16 of Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements) Code of Conduct 2015.

Excerpt of these laws are attached at **Annex-A**. Moreover, content being aired on TV channels is not pre-censored by PEMRA. However, it is prime responsibility of all licensee to ensure compliance regarding any content being aired including advertisement on respective TV channels to be in conformity with PEMRA laws and Electronic Media (Programmes, and Advertisements) Code of Conduct 2015 in particular.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly)

152. *Disallowed on Re-consideration.

Radiation effects of Karachi Nuclear Power Plant

153. *Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Government has taken notice of the fact that the radiation effects of Karachi Nuclear Power Plant (KANUPP),*

are having a negative impact on the lives of residents of the area; if so, the details thereof;

- (b) whether it is a fact that local residents are not being given preference for employment, at least for Class-IV positions in KANUPP, as per common norms and few locals who have been employed either are being sacked or in the process of being sacked;*
- (c) if so, the reasons for the sacking of such local employees and not giving preference for employment to local; and*
- (d) what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure job opportunities in the plant for locals?*

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) KANUPP is under IAEA Safeguards/ constant watch of IAEA, PNRA and Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA). Environmental samples to assess any negative effect on local residents, animals and habitat are collected by mobile labs every six months from the surrounding areas in line with the parameters defined by IAEA, PNRA and SEPA for testing by SUPARCO. The test reports are shared with regulators regularly. It may be noted that no radiation effects have been reported so far.

(b) Locals are accorded priority in enrollment for Class-IV employees in particular and others in general. However, owing to remote location of KANUPP, nature of job and low wages as compared to corporate sector in Karachi City, very bleak response to enrollment efforts/low turnout of candidates have been witnessed every time/ even recently.

(c) Evaluation based rationalization of HR is a continuous process in every organization. No employees have been / is planned to be sacked being a local.

(d) KANUPP spends sizeable amount on welfare of local residents as CSR every year and endeavor to employee local youth on preferential basis.

Protector office start work in Hazara Division.

154. *Shahzada Muhammad Gushtasap Khan:

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the people of Hazara Division, District Mansehra have to go to Peshawar, other cities and provinces with regard to their work visas due to which their time and money is wasted;*
- (b) the work regarding establishment of Protector Office, Mansehra has been carried out as well as the work remaining thereof; and*
- (c) the time by which said office will start work in this regard?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Chaudhry Salik Hussain): (a) Manshera, currently falls within the jurisdiction of PE Peshawar and the emigrants this area are protected at Peshawar, In fast years, total 39021 Emigrants from Hazara Division have been registered at P.E Peshawar. In order to facilitate the intending emigrants of Hazara division at their doorstep, Bureau has taken two steps. Firstly, e-protector facility has been started to facilitate the intending emigrants without visiting protectorate Office and in this regard, total 149 registrations have been made. Secondly, P.E, Abbottabad is going to be operational within this years which is only 24km away from Manshera and will take to whole of Hazara Division. M/o OP&HRD has issued notification dated 28th August 2024 for its establishment after completing all codal formalities. Once the PE Office Abbottabad becomes functional emigrants from Manshera will have an easy access for visiting PE Office for their registration (Hazara Division).

(b) P.E Abbottabad has been notified and will soon be functional and easily accessible for the public of Manshera (Hazara Division).

(c) P.E Abbottabad has been notified and will soon be functional and easily accessible for the public of Manshera (Hazara Division).

Law and Order condition in the country

25. *Mr. Hameed Hussain:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for worsening law and order condition in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) i. Law & Order

ICT Police is preoccupied with special duties, including frequent visits from foreign dignitaries and delegations, as well as the security of foreign diplomats residing in the capital. Despite these responsibilities, the ICT Police has implemented foolproof security arrangements round the clock, enabling them to maintain law and order in the Islamabad Capital Territory.

The law and order situation is fully under control. During the current year, from 01-01-2024 to 10-12-2024, more than 4079 events, protests and law & order situations have successfully been managed by ICT police.

ii. Heinous Crime Report - 15 Calls

From September 1, 2023, to December 10, 2023, a total of 7907 cases of Heinous crimes were reported within Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). In contrast, during the current year, September 1, 2024, to December 10, 2024, a total of 5428 cases have been reported for the same period, indicating a reduction in crime rate. During current year Sep-December 2024, the heinous crime rate has decreased by 31% as compared to the previous year Sep-Dec 2023.

(b) The Islamabad Capital Territory Police is committed to fulfilling its duties round the clock to apprehend criminals and foster a sense of security among the citizens of Islamabad. Special attention is being focused on minimizing crime rate through effective preventive measures and enhanced patrolling strategies.

Steps taken by ICT Police:-

- Crime cluster Analysis
- Data Base (survey of Kachi Abadies)
- Intelligence Based Policing
- Combing/Search Operations
- Nakajat for checking of suspicious elements
- Random checking of Guest Houses /Hotels/Motels
- Survey of rented accommodations, illegal settlements & Deeni Madaris
- Surveillance of suspected elements
- Data proofing of released prisoners
- Dolphin duties round the clock
- Special duties through Ababeel force within ICT Round the clock
- Police emergency Response Unit (PERU), 13 vehicles and Smart Mobiles (Smart Cars) 14 vehicles for patrolling & Surprise checking
- City Watchers
- Installation of iron gates for safety & security of Red Zone and important Govt. installations
- Trail Patrolling Unit
- Mounted Police Unit
- Patrolling in F-9 Park
- Deployment of beat officers round the clock
- Provision of e-Police Post to enhance the checking mechanism of suspicious persons/vehicles

- Minority Protection Unit (MPU) for Protection of minorities and their worship places
- Night Patrolling officers (NPO) for prevention and detection of crime
- Surveillance through Safe City Cameras
- Security enhancement through CSDS.

Challenges faced by Overseas Pakistani workers

26. *Ms. Sharmila Sahiba Faruqui Hashaam:

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Ministry to address the challenges faced by Overseas Pakistani Workers, particularly in terms of contractual violations and lack of support mechanisms for their families, as highlighted in the National Emigration and Welfare Policy for Overseas Pakistanis?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Chaudhry Salik Hussain): (a) It is pertinent to highlight that the National Emigration and Welfare Policy for Overseas Pakistanis is in the process of approval by relevant stakeholders for implementation. However, the Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment (BE&OE) is taking all necessary steps for the welfare and protection of Overseas Pakistanis as per the Emigration Ordinance, 1979 and rules made thereunder.

Following are the details of steps being taken by the Bureau/OPHRD to address the challenges being faced by the Pakistani workers in terms of contractual violations and lack of support mechanisms for the families:

- BE&OE ensures at the time of registration that the intending emigrants understand the terms and conditions of their contract to avoid any exploitation in countries of destinations.
- Moreover, if the emigrants face any issue related to their salary, accommodation, benefits, or associated matters, Community Welfare Attaches' (CWAs) or concerned

Overseas Employment Promoters (OEPs) are involved depending on how the emigrant gets employment (Direct or through Overseas Employment Promoter).

- If the issue relates to Overseas Employment Promoters (OEPs) and OEPs fail to address the grievances of emigrants, actions are being taken against them.
- BE&OE received 430 complaints against OEPs in 2023 and resolved 339 of them.
- Approximately, 36.2 Million Rupees were forfeited to the state. Moreover, 138 licenses were cancelled and 03 were suspended as well as 20 complaints were referred to FIA for further action.
- The Community Welfare Attaches' (CWAs) contact the Employer and try to resolve the issues related to salaries, accommodation, and other terms of the contract. In case of any violation by the Employer and his refusal to cooperate, the case is being taken to labour courts against the employer. The Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment also blacklists the employer on the recommendations of CWAs.
- The Embassy/CWAs also help Pakistani workers for the final exit at their request.
- BE&OE insures every Pakistani worker proceeding abroad against the amount of 2500 Rupees. If any Pakistani worker dies or gets injured during the validity period of the insurance claim, BE&OE pays 01 Million as a death claim to the family of the deceased worker while the injured ones are paid depending upon the severity of their injury. BE&OE paid approximately Rs. 641.2 Million Rupees on account of death claims while Rs. 70.3 Million Rupees were paid on account of disability claims in 2023.
- As far as other welfare activities are concerned, it is pointed out that as per rule 26 of Emigration Rules, 1979, it is the primary responsibility of OPF to do the welfare activities for the families of Overseas workers. The OPF is undertaking

various developed housing and educational projects in various cities for the welfare of families of overseas Pakistanis.

Waste Management challenges in Islamabad

27. *Ms. Nuzhat Sadiq:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Capital Development Authority has not successfully addressed the waste management challenges in Islamabad;*
- (b) what specific strategies need to be adopted to address these challenges and improve waste management practices to meet international standards; and*
- (c) what is the proposed time line of the Ministry for implementing these strategies, and what measures are being taken to implement them, including monitoring and evaluation progress, to ensure that waste management and disposal practices comply with global best practices?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a)

SANITATION DIRECTORATE:

Sanitation Directorate, CDA is providing sanitation services in the municipal limits of Islamabad, consisting of residential sectors, commercial areas. Sanitation Directorate has also extended its services for cleaning and secondary collection of garbage from Rural Areas of Islamabad.

The volume of solid waste generated within the municipal limits of Islamabad Urban & Rural Area is approximately 500 metric tons per day. Most of the areas are swept manually and highways / avenues are swept mechanically. Solid waste is collected, from door steps by the sanitary workers, which is then shifted to temporary intermediate storage points, established in the sectoral areas, in Skips (large garbage container) & Garbage Trolleys.

The waste is then transported to the temporary Waste Transfer Station I-11 by using special purpose vehicles like Refuse packers, Skip Lifters and Dump Trucks etc.

From Waste Transfer Station I-11, waste is transported to Rawalpindi Waste Management Company's (RWMC) disposal site located in Losar, Chak Bailly Khan Road Rawalpindi.

(b) Due to the challenges faced in Solid Waste Management for the capital city, the Federal Cabinet and the CDA Board has approved a Sustainable Solid Waste Management Plan for Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). Necessary studies have been carried out through M/S Urban Unit, Lahore. The plan outlines the following:-

M/S NESPAK has been engaged for proper designing of entire project including consultations for transitions / advisory and establishment of facilities i.e. Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling composting and engineered sanitary landfill etc.

(c) implementation of these strategies will take minimum one year. A dedicated Project Director (P.D) has been engaged.

Mulberry trees population in Islamabad

28. *Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *what is the current status of the mulberry trees population in Islamabad and the details of documented negative impacts associated with its presence particularly concerning human health;*
- (b) *what research has been conducted to assess the ecological consequences of mulberry trees on local biodiversity soil health and any potential allergens or health issues for residents;*
- (c) *whether there are alternative trees species being considered for planting in Islamabad, to enhance urban greening and biodiversity while minimizing negative impacts on human health;*
- (d) *what initiatives are being implemented to make Islamabad, greener, including community engagement in trees planting and maintenance; and*

(e) how is the Government planning to address any public concerns regarding the removal of Mulberry trees while ensuring environmental sustainability and protecting community health?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) The present population of sizable Mulberry trees in Islamabad is approximately between 70,000 to 1,00,000 Numbers.

(b) The CDA is not a research organization such studies may be conducted by the Ministry of Climate Change and Ministry of National Health Regulations.

(c) Indigenous species of Environment friendly trees are being planted to replace the paper Mulberry trees.

(d) The CDA conducts trees plantation drive twice during the year which also has massive public participation through students, traders and other organizations.

(e) Before starting the 1st phase of removal of paper Mulberry trees & their replacement with indigenous Environment friendly trees, a public hearing was conducted in F-9 Park where the experts convinced the public about the indigenous effect of paper Mulberry trees. There was a complete conscience on this issue.

Notification of the Letters of Administration and Succession Certificates Act, 2020

29. *Ms. Sehar Kamran:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the date or dates notified by the Government in the official Gazette for the commencement of each section of the Letters of Administration and Succession Certificates Act, 2020, in Islamabad as required under sub-section (3) of section 1 of the said Act;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that any part of the said Act is yet to be notified;*
- (c) if so, the details of specific sections that remain un-notified along-with the reasons for the delay in their notification?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) The said Act received the assent of the President on 11th Feb, 2020 and was published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extraordinary.

(b) N.A

(c) N.A

Process for Appointing of Attaches

30. *Ms. Shagufta Jumani:

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of all Attache's appointed along-with relevant expertise of each during the last three years;*
- (b) what is the process of appointments and selection criteria thereof;*
- (c) the targets set for these attaches and their recorded achievements, both positive and negative;*
- (d) whether the Government is satisfied with their performance of the said Attaches;*
- (e) any individuals appointed for more than one tenure;*
- (f) whether any appointees or their immediate family members have obtained citizenship in the host countries and how this may impact their roles; and*
- (g) what steps are being taken to enhance the overall process of appointing all Attaches including community attaches to better serve the needs of Overseas Pakistanis?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Chaudhary Salik Hussain): (a) The details of all CWAS along-with their expertise and experience are at **Annex-I**.

- (b) The process of appointment/selection criteria of Community

Welfare Attaches are placed at **Annex-II**.

(c) The requisite details are placed at **Annex-III**.

(d) Yes, the Government is satisfied with performance of all the said Attaches.

(e) No individuals have been appointed for more than one tenure.

(f) No appointees or their immediate family members, have obtained citizenship in the host countries.

(g) To enhance the overall process of appointing all attaches, including Community Welfare Attaches (CWAs), several steps are being taken to improve their effectiveness and better service the needs of Overseas Pakistanis:

1. **Strengthening Recruitment and Training:** The process for selecting and appointing attaches has been streamlined, ensuring that they are high qualified and capable of understanding the unique challenge; faced by Overseas Pakistanis. Comprehensive training programs are being implemented to equip attaches with the skills needed to address legal, cultural, and welfare-related issues effectively.
2. **Clearer Role Definitions and Responsibilities:** There is an ongoing effort to define the roles and responsibilities of each attaché more clearly, ensuring a focused approach to community welfare. This includes aligning their duties with the needs of Overseas Pakistanis, such as providing consular services, legal aid, and welfare support.
3. **Increased Communications and Coordination:** The attaches are now encouraged to maintains regular communication with local authorities, Pakistani diasopora communities, and relevant government departments. This fosters collaboration and ensures that issues are resolved more efficiently. Enhanced digital communication tools are also being utilized to facilitate prompt responses.

4. **Enhanced Performance Monitoring and Accountability:** Regular performance assessments and reviews are being introduced to ensure that attaches meet the set goals for community welfare. This includes tracking their activities and impact, such as the number of complaints addressed, welfare initiatives carried out, and remittance facilitation.
5. **Focus on Regional Needs:** Appointments are being tailored to suit the specific needs of regions with larger Pakistani populations, Attachés are appointed based on their ability to address local challenges, including employment, legal matters, and cultural integration, in their assigned country or region.
6. **Capacity Building for Handling Complex Cases:** Special training is being provided to handle cases involving legal disputes, property issues, and worker welfare, ensuring that attaches can address even the most complex concerns effectively.
7. **Use of Technology for Improved Service Delivery:** Digital platforms and mobile applications are being developed to enhance service delivery, making it easier for overseas Pakistanis to access the help they need, whether it's for passport issues, remittances, or consular services.
8. **Feedback Mechanisms:** A feedback mechanism is being established allowing Overseas Pakistanis to provide input on the services offered by attaches. This helps identify areas for improvement and ensures that the needs of the diaspora are continually addressed.

The steps collectively aim to streamline the appointment process for attaches and enhance their ability to serve the community more effectively, addressing the evolving needs of Overseas Pakistanis.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Cyber Crime complaints registered

31. *Mr. Abdul Hakeem Baloch:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the details of the cyber crime complaints received and percentage of the complaints registered and punishment awarded during the last five years?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): Please find below a year-wise summary of the complaints received by FIA Cybercrime in the past five years, along with the details of the actions taken and penalties awarded by the competent court in response.

Years	Complaints	Verification	Enquires	Cases	Accused arrested	Conviction
2020	102000	98882	9112	601	625	20
2021	115868	80803	15766	1224	1306	38
2022	145667	83552	14380	1469	1700	48
2023	152136	82396	18012	1375	2007	92
2024	123893	68627	16555	1044	1382	24

Employees in Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council, Islamabad

32. *Syeda Shehla Raza:

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the sanctioned strength of employees in Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council, Islamabad;*
- (b) the number of posts filled and vacant till date with title and grade; and*
- (c) whether the council is regulating all the provinces?*

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination: (a) The sanctioned strength of employees in Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council is **35**.

(b) The detail of No. of posts filled and vacant till date with the title and grade is attached as **Annex-A**.

(c) Council regulates the registration, practice and conduct of the Veterinarians to establish uniform standard of basic and higher qualifications in veterinary medicine and surgery throughout the country.

Annex-A

THE DETAIL OF NUMBER OF POSTS FILLED AND VACANT TILL DATE WITH THE TITLE AND GRADE

Sr. #	Name of Post	Sanctioned	Vacant	Filled
1.	Secretary/ Registrar, (BPS-19)	1	0	1
2.	Deputy Registrar, (BSP-18)	1	0	1
3.	Assistant Director's, (BPS-17)	4	4	0
4.	Accountant, (BPS-16)	1	0	1
5.	APS, (BPS-16)	1	0	1
6.	Assistant, (BSP-16)	4	0	4
7.	Assistant/ Cashier, (BPS-15)	1	1	0
8.	Stenotypist, (BPS-14)	4	0	4
9.	Computer Operator, (BPS-12)	1	0	1
10.	Upper Division Clerk, (BPS-11)	4	2	2
11.	Driver, (BPS-05)	2	1	1
12.	Photocopyist, (BPS-05)	1	0	1
13.	Nail Qaid, (BPS-02)	6	4	2
14.	Chowkidar, (BPS-02)	2	0	2
15.	Sweeper, (BPS-02)	1	0	1
16.	Frash, (BPS-02)	1	1	0
Total		35	13	22

Allotted plots in Model Village Alipur Farash, Islamabad

33. *Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that hundreds of widows were allotted plots in Model Village Alipur Farash, Site-III, Islamabad, in 2009, and despite the passage of years, development and physical possession of these plots have not yet started;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons for such delay; and*
- (c) *what is the expected timeframe for the commencement of development work and the formal allotment of the plots to those widows?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) It is a fact that hundreds of widows were allotted plots in Model Village Alipur Farash, Site-III, Islamabad in 2009. The development work and physical possession of these plots have not commenced due to certain procedural and administrative delays. Also, layout plan (LOP) and requisite infrastructure design is to be handed over by Planning & Design Wing, CDA.

(b) However, survey work by the Land Survey Division is in progress and subsequently design of the infrastructure will be issued by Design Wing, CDA.

(c) Upon principle approval / allocation of funds and fulfillment of all code formalities the development work is expected to commence within 6 months.

Amount payable to pensioners in Pakistan Television Corporation (PTV)

34. *Ms. Mahtab Akbar Rashdi:

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

- (a) the detail of the amount payable to pensioners in Pakistan Television Corporation (PTV) till now;*
- (b) what is the approved marketing plan for financial year 2024-25 for content promotions of PTV;*
- (c) what is the selection criteria for Director Marketing regarding the qualification and job status of the current Director Marketing?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Attaullah Tarar): (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 never delayed even for one day. As far as the payment of commutation/retirement dues to pensioners is concerned, it is stated that PTVC is in serious financial crunch since last few years due to which the payments of commutation has not been made to retired employees in time.

- Currently an amount of Rs. 2,017,584,167/- is payable to 301, retired employees since 14th September, 2022 to till now.

(b) PTVC has developed a comprehensive strategy that enables all departmental functions such as Strategy, Content, Promotions, Research, and Sales. Respective teams collaborate effectively for the betterment of the organization.

Marketing Strategy 2024-2025 - Key Points:

- **Strategic measures:**

- Fresh revenue streams:

Digital - Digital is constantly gaining share in Pakistan's media market. Our focus is to capitalize on it and make it into a sizeable revenue stream for PTV.

Content licensing - With the mushroom growth of OTT platforms across the globe, there is a huge appetite for Urdu content in various international territories. We aim to license PTV's content and make it an added revenue stream for the network.

Marketing Partnerships

- Focus on SMEs and inactive clients
- Screen enhancement through quality content i.e market competitive as well as cost-efficient
- Increased ROI for all channels of the network
- Rationalize expenditures

- **Procedural reforms:**

- Enhanced synergy in the operations of the department
- Enhanced focus on product-centric sales for flagship content and events
- Increased monitoring and assessment of revenue reports

- Effective distribution to improve ratings that eventually reflects in revenue
- By implementing the strategy outlined above, we can significantly enhance marketing and sales for the network.
- Business plan 2024-25 awaits approval of the BOD.
- Tailor made promotional plans are developed and executed for each product/event.

(c) 1. In PTVC, the posts of whole-time working Directors including Director Marketing are filled-in by appointing the Controllers and substantive Pay Group-9 Officers of the respective division on seniority cum suitability basis on the recommendations of a Selection Board comprising of the following;

- i. Chairman PTVC
 - ii. Managing Director, PTVC
 - iii. Director Administration & Personnel (As Secretary).
2. However, in Case of non-availability of a suitable Officer, in the respective Division, the vacancy is filled-in by appointing a candidate from outside having professional qualification and experience in the relevant field.
 3. In the light of Board of Directors decision taken in its 268th meeting held on 26.04.2024, with the approval of aforementioned Selection Board, Khawaja Salahuddin, Controller Engineering (Coordination & Strategic Assignments and External Relations) (Group-9) (Ex-Cadre) was appointed as Director Marketing with effect from 26.04.2024 on the basis of his expertise and performance (**Annexure-A**).
 4. Later on, he has been posted at SRBC, Islamabad and assigned the responsibilities to liaison with different Government departments in order to obtain maximum Government Advertisement for PTVC.
 5. Upon his posting in SRBC, Ms. Saba Athar, Head of Marketing & Content (on Contract) has been allowed to work as Director Marketing as additional charge along with 10% charge pay of her basic pay.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Status of Golara Mor Underpass

35. *Mr. Azhar Qayyum Nahra:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Golara Mor Underpass, Islamabad, to Golara Link Road of I-14, Islamabad are found jam packed due to traffic;*
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that no signal was installed therein to control the traffic;*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that both side of link road of I-14, Islamabad to wards I-14, I-15, I-16, Islamabad and Noon village become narrow due to illegal encroachment and set up of workshops;*
- (d) whether it is further also a fact that Capital Development Authority (CDA) is unable to use National Highway Authority (NHA) Underpass properly for the residents of its sectors due to the Laziness of CDA's staff and converted into parking area due to their negligence; if so, the solution proposed by the CDA after consultation with NHA?*

Transferred to Communications Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

Ongoing infrastructure development projects

36. *Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Capital Development Authority (CDA) is taking long time to complete the all ongoing infrastructure development projects; and*

(b) whether there is any check and balance for not completing the projects on time?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) The CDA strives to ensure that all infrastructure development projects are completed timely within the stipulated timeline. However, delays can sometimes occur due to various challenges, like shifting of utilities services, weather and environment factors, land acquisition issues / settlement of Built-up property issues and inadequate funding.

(b) CDA has established a robust monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure that projects are completed in time. CDA remains committed to improving efficiency and ensuring the timely delivery of infrastructure projects that meet the city's growing needs. In case of failure, penalties are imposed as per contract provisions.

Fine who do not possess Nikah Nama

37. *Ms. Shahida Rehmani:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether is there any proposal under consideration by the Government to fine those who do not possess the Nikah Nama issued by National Database and Regulatory Authority (NADRA);*
- (b) whether it is a fact that more than billions of women are without CNIC and they are not entitled to be a part in the inheritance; and*
- (c) the detail of women registered under Federal Government Land and Revenue Department?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) The matter does not come under NADRA's purview. Issuance of Marriage Certificate is the mandate of respective Local Government. However, NADRA is only providing technical support to the Local Governments for issuance of marriage registration certificates on the basis of Nikah Nama from concerned Union Council.

(b) As per Census-2023 report published by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, total population of Pakistan is 241.4 million with gender-wise

breakup of 124.3 million male and 117.1 million female. Count of un-registered adult citizens calculated through comparison of registered citizens with Census data (with 2.55% annual growth is as under:-

Data Secure	Male (Adult) (in Million)	Female (Adult) (in Million)	Total Male & Female (Adult) (in Million)
Adult population as per Census 2023 with 2.55% Growth rate	79.8	74	153.8
Registered Adult Citizen	69.1	60.3	129.4
Difference	10.7	13.7	24.4

(c) The matter does not come under NADRA's purview.

Details of projects completed by NGOs in Waziristan

38. *Mr. Zubair Khan Wazir:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the details of projects completed by non-Government NGOs in Upper and Lower South Waziristan along-with estimated cost, name of sublet company/organization and executing agency during the last five years?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): The mandate of monitoring the execution of projects of the non-Government NGO's is the mandate of Economic Affairs (MoEA) which regulates locally registered foreign funded NGOs under "Policy for Local NGOs/NPOs Receiving Foreign Contributions 2022.

The stated information was requisitioned from EAD regarding Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), working in South Waziristan along-with name of the project, estimated cost over the last five years which is placed at **(Annex-I)**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Landfill site for Waste Management

39. *Ms. Sehar Kamran:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Islamabad lacks a proper landfill site for waste management; if so, the reasons for this neglect;*
- (b) *the details of environment and health risks posed by the absence of a proper waste disposal system in Islamabad, particularly in terms of air, water, soil pollution, and the spread of disease; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to address this critical issue, including any plans for the development of a modern landfill site and sustainable waste management solution?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) SANITATION DIRECTORATE Yes, non-availability of land within ICT limits for development of Engineered Sanitary Landfill is a big issue.

(b) It is submitted that only one temporary transfer station is being used for the entire area of Islamabad and its rural areas. Two contracts have already been awarded for the daily shifting of approximately 500 tones of waste per day from Sector I-11/4 to Losar Chak Baily Khan Road, Rawalpindi. This land (temporary transfer station in Sector I-11/4) use is for a period of six months, because Capital Development Authority has already awarded a contract to a contractor for the establishment of a transfer station in Sector I-9, Islamabad.

(c) Due to the challenges faced in Solid Waste Management for the capital city, the Federal Cabinet and the CDA Board have approved a Sustainable Solid Waste Management Plan for Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). Necessary studies have been carried out through M/S Urban Unit, Lahore. The plan outlines the following:-

1. **Development of Sanitary Landfill:**

- a. The Federal Cabinet, through Case # 11/03/2023, dated 01.02.2023 approved the development of one or more

sanitary landfill sites, subject to a feasibility assessment through a consultant by March, 2023. If required, subsequent amendments will be made to the master plan. Environmental impact assessments and other necessary formalities will be addressed once construction begins.

The CDA Board, also in its 2nd meeting of 2023, held on 02.02.2023, approved a potential site for the development of a sanitary landfill, covering approximately 150 acres. Further codal procedures are in process for Engineered Sanitary Landfill.

- A notice under Section IV has been issued for the acquisition of land.
- Token funds amounting to Rs. 100 million have been allocated by CDA for land acquisition.
- The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been approved and a No Objection Certificate (NOC) has been issued by the EPA-Punjab for “Establishment of Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility (ISWMF)” at Losar, District Rawalpindi.
- The landfill will serve as an Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility (ISWMF), aimed at waste reduction for final disposal through recycling processes, including composting processes, including composting and a Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

2. Establishment of Permanent Waste Transfer Stations (WTS):

- a. The CDA Board, in its 14th Meeting on 11.11.2022, approved the establishment of properly designed and covered Waste Transfer Stations (WTS) at two locations:
 - Adjacent to the Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) in I-9/1.

- Zone-V, Kahuta Road Industrial Triangle, Humak, Islamabad.

Currently, CDA is managing a temporary Waste Transfer Station (WTS) in Sector I-11/4, which receives all of Islamabad's Waste and facilitates its transportation to the Rawalpindi Waste Management Company's (RWMC) dumping site at Losar, Chak Baily Khan Road, Rawalpindi.

Details of blocked and NICs by NADRA

40. *Mr. Muhammad Moin Amer Pirzada:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that some Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) have been blocked, by National Database and Regulatory Authority (NADRA);
- if so, province-wise details of blocked, restored and under investigations CNICs during the last five years?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Section 18 of NADRA Ordinance empowers NADRA to cancel, impound or confiscate the cards by calling upon individual to show cause based upon the following clear reasons to believe after awarding proper personal hearing opportunity:-

- The card has been obtained by a person who is not eligible to hold such card, by posing himself as eligible.
 - More than one cards have been obtained by the same person on the same eligibility criteria.
 - The particulars shown on the card have been obliterated or tempered with; or
 - The card is forged.
- (b) Province-wise detail is attached at **Annex-A**.

Annex-AProvince-Wise Details of Blocked, Restored and Under Investigations CNICS
During the Last Five Years

Province/ State	Blocked	Revoked/ Unblocked	Under Verification
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	25,981	13,607	2,028
Punjab	13,564	13,427	2,738
Sindh	9,677	9,737	5,548
Balochistan	20,583	5,728	2,784
Islamabad	1,370	1,331	451
Gilgit Baltistan	228	74	2
Azad Kashmir	446	556	67
Total	71,849	44,460	13,618

Name of organisation responsible for internal cleanliness**41. *Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the name of the organization/company responsible for internal cleanliness of the sectors of Islamabad, whose condition is very poor along-with the steps being taken in this regard?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi):

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Sanitation Directorate, CDA is providing sanitation services in the municipal limits of Islamabad, consisting of residential sectors, commercial areas. Sanitation Directorate has also extended its services for cleaning and secondary collection of garbage from Rural Areas of Islamabad.

The volume of solid waste generated within the municipal limits of Islamabad approximately **500 metric tons** per day.

Most of the areas are swept manually and highways / avenues are swept mechanically. Solid waste is collected, from door steps by the sanitary workers, which is then shifted to temporary intermediate storage points, established in the sectorial areas, in Skips (large garbage container) & Garbage Trolleys.

The waste is then transported to the temporary Waste Transfer Station I-11 by using special purpose vehicles like Refuse packers, Skip Lifters and Dump Trucks etc.

From Waste Transfer Station MI, waste is being transported to Rawalpindi Waste Management Company's (RWMC) disposal site located in Losar, Chak Bailly Khan Road Rawalpindi.

COMPANIES RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANLINESS:

- i. M/s Rawal Builders is responsible for the project for "Construction of covered Waste Transfer Station in Sector I-9 adjacent to Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP)' This project will be completed within a Six months.
- ii. M/s JV (NJC, MMC, NCS) is responsible for "Hiring of machinery for collection and transportation of solid waste from Islamabad".
- iii. M/s Amjad Ali is responsible for "Outsourcing of Solid waste Collection and Haulage services from Rural area/un-attended areas of IC to waste transfer station/ landfill site, Islamabad Pakistan (Package-I)", i.e for rural area of Bahra Kahu and surrounding area.
- iv. M/s Amjad Ali is responsible for "Outsourcing of Solid waste Collection and Haulage services from Rural area/un-attended areas of ICT to waste transfer station/ landfill site, Islamabad Pakistan (Package-II)" i.e for rural area of Tarnol and Surrounding area.
- v. M/s Amjad Ali is responsible for Hiring of services for transportation of solid waste from transfer station I-11 Islamabad to dumping site Rawalpindi Losar, Chak Bailly Road".
- vi. Agreements have been executed between Rawalpindi Works Management , Company (G to G) basis for "Disposal of Solid Waste of Islamabad at their Waste Disposal Site Located at LOSAR, Chak Bailly Khan Road, Rawalpindi".

Number of fishermen and workers in Karachi

42. *Mr. Abdul Hakeem Baloch:

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of the fishermen and other labourer's in the ports and industries of Karachi; and

(b) utilization of the Workers Welfare Fund (WWF) in Karachi during the last five years?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Chaudhary Salik Hussain): (a) & (b)

- The fisherman industry is not covered under the mandate of WWF Ordinance, 1971 as the fisherman not registered under the Industrial Relations Act, 1973.
- After the 18th Amendments, the Provincial Assembly Government of Sindh has passed bill namely “ Sindh Workers Welfare Fund Act, 2014” and the Sindh Companies Profit (Workers Participation) Act, 2015 which has repealed “Workers Welfare Fund Ordinance, 1971” to the extent of Province of Sindh.
- After the promulgation of Sindh Workers Welfare Act, 2014, The Sindh Workers Welfare Board did not participate in Constitution of Governing Body, WWF Since 2016 and not demanded budget form Workers Welfare Fund, Islamabad for projects / establishment and directly executed projected / schemes at their end through their own GB decisions.
- The Workers Welfare Board (WWB) Sindh, under the Sindh Workers Welfare Act, 2014, has assumed the authority to collect the Workers Profit Participation Fund (WPPF) and Workers Welfare Fund (WWF) through the Sindh Revenue Board (SRB). Consequently, the WWB Sindh does not submit any budget to the WWF Secretariat, Islamabad.

Measures to Ensure Laws Alignment with International Best Practices

43. *Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:

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

- (a) an overview of each law including rules made there under currently oversees by the ministry, including the departments under its jurisdiction, recent evaluations of each law and the date of the last evaluation or each law;*
- (b) if such evaluation has been conducted, the specific findings, particularly highlighting areas within these laws and rules require improvement;*
- (c) whether the Ministry consulted the above laws with the Ministry of Law or other legal entities to address these shortcomings, if the improvements and corrections are necessary in any of law; and*
- (d) what measures are being taken to ensure that these laws must align with international best practices to maintain their relevance in the contemporary context?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Attaullah Tarar): (a), (b), (c) & (d) The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting oversees the Laws including Rules made therein which are assigned to the Information & Broadcasting Division under the Rules of Business 1973, the Ministry has design sections to oversee these Laws and Rules. The comments / views of these sections on the question raised by Honorable Member of National Assembly are provided below:

PRESS-I SECTION

Law	Brief	Evaluation	Compliance with International Practices
Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals Act, 2021	<p>Ministry of Human Rights (MoHR) had initially prepared "Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals Act, 2021 and after vetting from Law and Justice division and ratification from Parliament and Presidential assent the Bill was promulgated on 1st December, 2021.</p>	<p>Ministry of Information and Broadcasting evaluated the subject Act and, in the Senate, Standing Committee for Human Rights held on 29th June, 2022 mentioned that under Section 9 of Rule of Business, 1973, "liaison and coordination with agencies and media on matters concerning Government policies and activities are relevant to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting", therefore, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting may work as Secretariat for the subject Act. Ministry of Human Rights consulted Law and Justice Division, upon which Law and Justice Division advised that "as per Rules of Business, 1973, the Federal Government functions regarding media and journalism are already allocated to the Information and Broadcasting Division".</p> <p>3. Ministry of Human Rights on 12th August, 2022, submitted Summary for the transfer and implementation of the subject Act i.e. "Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals Act, 2021" to Prime Minister for approval in the light of Rule 3(3) and Section 13(a) of Rule of Business, 1973. The Prime Minister approved the Summary on 23rd August, 2022, with the direction that necessary amendment in the Rules of Business, 1973, Schedule-II, "shall be processed accordingly with the approval of Federal Cabinet in due course.</p> <p>4. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, after fulfilling all legal formalities (vetting from Law and Justice Division and approval from CCLC on 23rd March, 2023, submitted the subject Bill to Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to introduce it in Parliament. The Bill i.e. "Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals (Amendment) Bill, 2023" was introduced in the House on 27th March, 2023 and referred to the Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting for consideration and report. The Standing Committee submitted report and Bill was passed by the National Assembly and Senate on 3rd and 4th August, 2023, respectively, and sent for Presidential assent on 5th August, 2023. The President did not assent the Bill and returned the Bill to the Senate Secretariat on 22nd August, 2023.</p>	<p>In line with the international best practices and in order to safeguard the constitutional right to "freedom of expression", the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is establishing an independent "Commission for Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals". The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting received the details of designated representative of all concerned stakeholders of the Commission and the Summary for the appointment of Chairman of the Commission is in place. The Commission shall inquire into complaints of threats, arrests and torture of journalists. The Commission will provide measures to investigate, prosecute those involved in violence and threats against journalists. Some of the basic features of the journalist's protection Act are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to life and protection against ill treatment. • Right to privacy and non-disclosures of sources. • Independence in the performance of duties. • Good faith obligation of journalists' and media professionals. • Protection from abusive, violent and intolerant behavior • Protection against harassments. • Establishment of Independent Commission for the protection of journalists and Media professionals. • Also, provisions are there for the journalists' training/capacity building and welfare schemes.

<p>Press, Newspapers, News Agencies and Book Registration Act, 2002</p>	<p>Press, Newspapers, News Agencies and Book Registration Ordinance, 2002 was promulgated in 2002</p>	<p>In the light of Supreme Court's decision in the Mustafa Impex Case, the Federal Cabinet, in Case No. 419/19/2017, directed that all Ministries/Divisions should, in consultation with the Law and Justice Division, make amendments in respective Acts/Rules and replace the words "Federal Government" with appropriate authority(ies), so that the Cabinet is not further burdened with routine cases</p> <p>2. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting initiated the process of examining the "Press, Newspapers, News Agencies, and Book Registration (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023" and referred the draft to Law and Justice Division for vetting. Ministry of Law and Justice made necessary amendments in the subject Ordinance and advised this Ministry to process further in accordance with the Rule of Business, 1973</p> <p>The necessary amendments were as following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="605 537 1164 1203"> <thead> <tr> <th>S.no</th> <th>Existing Sections</th> <th>Proposed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Section (2): Definition: (c) "Federal Government" means Ministry of Information and Media Development.</td> <td>Section (2): Definition (e) "Federal Government" means Federal Cabinet "Ministry" means Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(m) "Press Registrar" means the Registrar of Newspapers for Pakistan appointed by the Federal Government under section 39 and includes any other person pointed by the Federal Government to perform all or any of the functions of the Press Registrar;</td> <td>(m) "Press Registrar" means the Registrar of Newspapers for Pakistan appointed by the Prime Minister under section 39 and includes any other person pointed by the Prime Minister to perform all or any of the functions of the Press Registrar;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Section (39): Appointment of Press Registrar and other officers. - The Federal Government shall appoint a civil servant of Basic Scale 20 as Press Registrar of newspapers for Pakistan and officers under the general superintendence and control of the Press Registrar as may by general or special order provide for the distribution or allocation of function to be performed by them under this Ordinance.</td> <td>Section (39): Appointment of Press Registrar and other officers. - The Prime Minister shall appoint a civil servant of Basic scale 20 as Press Registrar of newspapers for Pakistan and such other officers under the general superintendence and control of the Press Registrar as may by general or special order provide for the distribution or allocation of function to be performed by them under this Ordinance.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S.no	Existing Sections	Proposed	1	Section (2): Definition: (c) "Federal Government" means Ministry of Information and Media Development.	Section (2): Definition (e) "Federal Government" means Federal Cabinet "Ministry" means Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.		(m) "Press Registrar" means the Registrar of Newspapers for Pakistan appointed by the Federal Government under section 39 and includes any other person pointed by the Federal Government to perform all or any of the functions of the Press Registrar;	(m) "Press Registrar" means the Registrar of Newspapers for Pakistan appointed by the Prime Minister under section 39 and includes any other person pointed by the Prime Minister to perform all or any of the functions of the Press Registrar;	2	Section (39): Appointment of Press Registrar and other officers. - The Federal Government shall appoint a civil servant of Basic Scale 20 as Press Registrar of newspapers for Pakistan and officers under the general superintendence and control of the Press Registrar as may by general or special order provide for the distribution or allocation of function to be performed by them under this Ordinance.	Section (39): Appointment of Press Registrar and other officers. - The Prime Minister shall appoint a civil servant of Basic scale 20 as Press Registrar of newspapers for Pakistan and such other officers under the general superintendence and control of the Press Registrar as may by general or special order provide for the distribution or allocation of function to be performed by them under this Ordinance.
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<p>Press, Newspapers, News Agencies and Book Registration</p>	<p>Press, Newspapers, News Agencies and Book Registration Rules, 2009</p>	<p>CCLC considered and approved the proposed legislation on 27th January, 2023. Accordingly, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on 23rd February, 2023 forwarded the proposed draft of Bill to Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs through Ministry of Law and Justice along with certificates that the bill is not a money bill within the meaning of clause (2) Article 73 of the Constitution and Statement of Objectives and Reasons duly signed by Minister Information and Broadcasting for introduction in the Parliament. On 27th March, 2023, the Bill was introduced in the Parliament and referred to the Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting for consideration and report. The Standing Committee submitted report and Bill was passed by the National Assembly and Senate on 3rd and 4th August, 2023, respectively and sent for Presidential assent on 5th August, 2023. The President did not assent the Bill and returned the Bill to the Senate Secretariat on 22nd August, 2023. The subject bill will be introduced in the Joint Sitting of the Parliament as per Constitutional requirement.</p> <p>Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on 12th June, 2024 constituted Joint Committee consisting of representatives from Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and senior members of All Pakistan Newspaper Society to address the problems being faced by the print media. The first meeting of the Joint Committee was held on 11th September, 2024. In the meeting the member undertook the holistic overview of the Press, Newspapers, News</p>												

Rules, 2009		Agencies and Book Registration Rules, 2009 and proposed to bring need based amendments i.e. renewal and registration of publications, change of ownership of the publication, submit the succession certificate, renewal of ABC Certificate, Oversight and Implementation Committee (OIC) to review the fee structure, renewal fee, issue of irregular newspapers and physical verification and audit by ABC. The forthcoming meetings will further highlight the need base changes in the Rules, at par with international best practices.
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PRESS-II SECTION

Department	Law / Ordinance / Act	Rules	Regulations
Implementation Tribunal of Newspapers Employees (ITNE)	NECOSA Act, 1973	i. Recruitment Rules of ITNE ii. ITNE (Procedure Function) Rules, 1977	
Press Council of Pakistan (PCP)	PCP Ordinance 2002	PCP Rules 2013	PCP Regulation 2015
Associated Press of Pakistan Corporation (APPC)	APPC Ordinance 2002	APPC regulation Under process	Nil

PRESS-III SECTION

Department	Law / Ordinance / Act	Rules	Regulations
Pakistan Information Commission (PIC)	Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.	Right of Access to Information Act, 2019.	Access to Information (Fee) Regulations, 2023.
National Press Trust (NPT)	National Press Trust, Act, 1972	N/A	N/A

MEDIA-I SECTION

i. Overview of PEMRA Ordinance, 2002, as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act, 2023:

- a. Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA), established under Section 3 (1) of PEMRA Ordinance, 2002, as amended by the PEMRA (Amendment) Act, 2023, is an autonomous regulatory body to oversee electronic media in Pakistan. It granted PEMRA the authority to issue licenses, enforce content regulations, and maintain a code of conduct for broadcasters, focusing on public safety, the prevention of harmful content, and the promotion of responsible journalism. The Ordinance also provided mechanisms for monitoring content, penalizing violations, and addressing concerns like hate speech, misinformation, and violations of broadcast standards.
- b. The PEMRA (Amendment) Act, 2023 introduced significant updates to the 2002 Ordinance in response to the rapid growth of digital media. The amendments broaden PEMRA's regulatory scope to include digital platforms such as social media, OTT services, and online streaming, giving the authority greater oversight over both traditional and digital media. It strengthens penalties for violations related to disinformation and harmful content, while also enhancing the transparency and accountability of PEMRA's actions. The amendments also strengthen the Council of Complaints and promote responsible media practices. It further protects journalistic integrity, regulate foreign content to align with national values, and empower PEMRA to tackle emerging challenges in media regulation, ensuring that Pakistan's media landscape remains responsible, diverse, and in line with the country's cultural and ethical standards.

ii. Overview of PBC Act, 1973, as amended by PBC (Amendment) Act, 2024:

- a. Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC), working under the administrative control of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, is a national broadcaster operating under the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) Act, 1973, as amended by PBC (Amendment) Act, 2024, with the application of the State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) Act, 2023.
- b. PBC is a statutory corporation to manage and regulate broadcasting services in Pakistan. The Act mandates PBC's functions, including broadcasting services, promotion of national unity, and provision of educational and cultural programs.

The PBC (Amendment) Act, 2024, introduces significant changes to the original Act. Key amendments include enhanced autonomy for PBC, revised composition of the Board of Directors, increased representation for provinces, and strengthened financial management. Furthermore, the amendments aim to modernize PBC's operations, improve service quality, and ensure compliance with international broadcasting standards. It also addresses critical issues, such as broadcast content regulation, licensing, and digitization. Provisions for safeguarding national interests, promoting public service broadcasting, and ensuring transparency and accountability within PBC have also been strengthened. These reforms aim to transform PBC into a vibrant and responsive public service broadcaster, catering to the diverse needs of Pakistani citizens.

MEDIA-II SECTION

Department	Law / Ordinance / Act
Pakistan Television Corporation	<p>a. Pakistan Television Corporation Limited (PTVC) is a public sector company registered under the Companies Act 1913 and later governed by the Companies Ordinance 1984.</p> <p>b. PTVC's legal framework has evolved over-time and currently it is governed by the Companies Act 2017 and the State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operation) Act 2023. These Acts outline the corporate governance, financial reporting, and other legal obligations for public sector companies in Pakistan.</p> <p>c. PTVC's employees are subject to the "PTVC Employees Service Rules", which provide a framework for employment conditions, including recruitment, promotion, discipline, and termination. The company reserves the right to amend these rules, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.</p>
Shalimar Recording Broadcasting Corporation SRBC	<p>a. Shalimar Recording Company Limited is a public unlisted company registered under the Companies Act 1913 and later governed by the Companies Ordinance 1984.</p> <p>b. SRBC's legal framework has evolved over-time and currently it is governed by the Companies Act 2017 and the State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operation) Act 2023. These Acts outline the corporate governance, financial reporting, and other legal obligations for public sector companies in Pakistan.</p> <p>c. SRBC's employees are subject to the "SRBC Employees Service Rules", which provide a framework for employment conditions, including recruitment, promotion, discipline, and termination. The company reserves the right to amend these rules, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.</p>

CBFC

The CBFC, Islamabad is functioning as an attached department under the administrative control of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting since February, 2014 and is governed by the Motion Picture Ordinance, 1979 and the Censorship of Films Rules, 1980 which was farmed there under.

Status of Parking Plaza Blue Area, Islamabad

44. *Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that work on the project of Blue Area Parking Plaza, Islamabad was started in March, 2022 and was supposed to be completed in March, 2023;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that despite missing two deadlines by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) the said parking plaza is still in-complete;*

- (c) *whether it is further a fact that work on other proposed parking plazas one each in I-8, F-8, F-10 and one in G-9 Markaz, Islamabad has not yet been started;*
- (d) *if the answers to part (a), (b) and (c) above are in affirmative, the reasons for delay in completion of the aforesaid projects; and*
- (e) *when the said project will be completed along-with the exact date thereof?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Yes

- (b) Yes
- (c) Yes
- (d) Work is delayed due to following reasons:-
- i. Change in foundation design.
 - ii. Shifting of sewerage / drainage lines.
 - iii. Shifting of IESCO / SNGPL services.
 - iv. Illegal encroachment of near by Madrassa.
 - v. Adverse climate conditions.
 - vi. Change in scope of work in commercial area.
 - vii. Delay due to restrictions on imported items / LC opening issues for Elevators, Fire fighting system, Generator, CCTV etc.

It is further added that work on 06 Parking Plazas in different sectors of Islamabad will be started keeping in view the financial position of authority.

- (e) The Project is likely to be complete by end of December, 2024.

Repairing of Lodges in Islamabad

45. *Ms. Aliya Kamran:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Capital Development Authority (CDA) has completed the necessary repairs of Lodged according to the recommendations of National Assembly, with specific details provided for each lodge;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that CDA has not finished the repair work, resulting in the deterioration of several lodges; if so, the reasons for such failure;*
- (c) if so, whether it is not tantamount to failure of management and liable to be held accountable for such failure; and*
- (d) what steps are being taken to rectify the situation, including measures to ensure equal maintenance of all lodges?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) It is submitted that CDA has completed the necessary repair of the various lodges according to the recommendations of National Assembly, detail of the same is placed at Annex-A. However, it is humbly submitted that repair / maintenance of Lodges is a continuous process which is carried out as and when required.

(b) The repair and maintenance work of lodges is an ongoing process and the tendering process of 122 works is underway. Tenders of 44 different works have been published in National Newspapers and PPRA website as well.

(c) As submitted above. The repair & maintenance of Lodges is a continuous process and are being carried out after fulfillment of codal formalities including timely availability of funds.

Sub-Committee to decide the priority and quantum of works. The decision of House & Library Committee is awaited on the said matter.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly)

Minimum wages for various categories of workers

46. *Ms. Mussarat Rafique Mahesar:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *details of the comparison of the minimum wage since 2008 alongside the prevailing inflation rates for the respective periods;*
- (b) *what are the current minimum wages for various categories of workers skilled, semi skilled, unskilled, par-time adult and juvenile workers in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT); and*
- (c) *has any mechanism been devised to monitor and ensure the payment of these wages to the said workers; if not, what are the reasons for the absence of such a mechanism?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi):

(a)

Sr. No.	Year	Amount (Rs).	Inflation Rates
1.	2008	Rs.6,000/-	11.38% *
2.	2009	Rs.6,000/-	7.55%
3.	2010	Rs.7,000/-	9.38%
4.	2011	Rs.7,000/-	10.49%
5.	2012	Rs.8,000/-	9.56%
6.	2013	Rs.10,000/-	8.32%
7.	2014	Rs.12,000/-	6.55%
8.	2015	Rs.13,000/-	6.94%
9.	2016	Rs.14,000/-	4.17%
10.	2017	Rs.15,000/-	5.16% *
11.	2018	Rs.15,000/-	5.83%
12.	2019	Rs.17,500/-	7.94%
13.	2020	Rs.17,500/-	7.94%
14.	2021	Rs.20,000/-	6.65%
15.	2022	Rs.25,000/-	8.50%
16.	2023	Rs.32,000/-	17.95%
17.	2024	Rs.37,000/-	18.69%

(b)

Sr. No	Type of Order	Rates
1.	Minimum Wages workers employed in any industry in ICT, Islamabad.	Rs.37,000/- (for 48 working hours per week with 1 day off)
2.	Minimum Wages Security Guards Employed in ICT, Islamabad.	Rs.47,000/- (for 60 hours in a week with 2 days off)
3.	Daily Wages for Skilled worker.	2,089/- Per day
4.	Daily Wages for Semi-Skilled workers.	1,628/-per day
5.	Daily Wages for Un-Skilled workers	1,423/-per day
6.	Domestic Workers	178/-per hour
7.	Monthly Rates for Part Time Workers	17000/- per month (for four hours per day)

(c) The field staff of the Labour Welfare Department, ICT regularly visits their respective areas for implementation of minimum wage, Prompt action will be taken if any violation found.

Difficulties in obtaining passports in Kurram District

47. *Mr. Hameed Hussain:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that residents of Kurram District faces difficulties in obtaining Passports;*
- (b) *if so, what current arrangements are in place for Passport services in Kurram District and how are they falling short;*
- (c) *what steps are being proposed or implemented to improve the Passport application process and overall arrangements for the residents;*
- (d) *whether is there any proposal under consideration by the Government to establish additional Passport Offices or mobile units to facilitate and make easier access for residents of Kurram District; and*

(e) how is the Government ensuring that citizens in remote areas, like Kurram District have equitable access to Passport services?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Passport applicants from district Kurram are not facing difficulty in obtaining passport because the following two Regional Passport Offices (RPOs) are fully operational.

- i. Regional Passport Office, parachinar
- ii. Regional Passport Office, Sadda

(b) The present arrangements are not falling short. It is relevant to mention that population of district Kurram is only 785,434 and to cater for present workload, Regional Passport Office, Parachinar and Sadda are working efficiently and these passport offices process, more than 100 passport applications daily.

(c) The department has revised jurisdiction / address policy for passport applicants, therefore, resident of district Kurram can avail passport facilities from any passport office in their vicinity. Moreover, the citizens can avail online passport renewal facility which is available 24/7 across the country by visiting website: www.onlinemp.dgip.gov.pk/renew-passport.

(d) At present there is not any proposal under consideration to establish any new passport office in district Kurram.

(e) As stated above two RPOs are operational in District Kurram.

Moreover, the department has revised jurisdiction / address policy for passport applicants, therefore, resident of district Kurram can avail passport facilities from any passport office in their vicinity. Moreover, the citizens can avail online passport renewal facility which is available 24/7 across the country by visiting website: www.onlinemp.dgip.gov.pk/renew-passport.

Ad-hoc Relief Allowance for Overseas Pakistani

48. *Mr. Jamshaid Ahmad:

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis ad Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the ad-hoc relief allowances announced by the Federal Government in the budget 2024-25 and subsequently notified by the Finance Division in July 2024, has not been implemented for teaching staff and allied employees of Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF);*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that only 20% of the increase in the same allowance for 2023-24 has been given to such employees;*
- (c) *if so, the reasons for not passing of the benefit of the ad-hoc relief allowance for years 2024-25 and the partial passing for previous years 2023-24, particularly regarding the administration at headquarters that received the full increase;*
- (d) *whether OPF's administration is enforcing compliance with the minimum wage of 37,000 for staff in educational institution; and*
- (e) *what steps are being taken to evaluate the impact of salary discrepancies on employees and ensure alignment with Government announcements?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Chaudhary Salik Hussain): (a)

- The Government of Pakistan, Finance Division (Regulations Wing), has notified the grant of the Ad-hoc Relief Allowance 2024 to Federal Government employees, effective from 01-07-2024, as per office Memorandum F. No. 1(1)Imp/2024/254 dated 10-07-2024 (**Annex-I**). The ad-hoc Relief Allowance 2024 rates are as follows:-
 - BPS-1 to 16 : 25% of the Running Basic pay
 - BPS-17 to 22: 20% of the Running Basic pay
- The notification mentioned above also states that the Ad-hoc Relief Allowance 2024 shall be accommodated within the budgetary allocation for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the respective Ministries Divisions, and Departments, and no supplementary grants will be provided for this purpose.

- In this regard, it is submitted that OPF is Public Sector Company, established under the Emigration Ordinance 1979. It is governed under the public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013, issued by the Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). The Board of Governors (BoG) of OPF is the supreme governing body, with all operations of OPF managed under its overall control. In line with its mandate to support the children of overseas Pakistanis, OPF has established 27 Educational Institutions across Pakistan, including Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Currently, more than 20,000 students, including around 5,000 children of overseas Pakistanis, are enrolled in these institutions.
- To efficiently manage the affairs of OPF Educational Institutions and to provide quality education along-with educational subsidies to the children of overseas Pakistanis, OPF currently provides an annual subsidy of around Rs. 780 million. It is important to note that OPF and its educational projects do not receive funding from the Federal Government. As an autonomous body, OPF is required to provide these facilities to its employees using its own financial resources. The grant of the Ad-hoc Relief Allowance to over 900 employees of Educational Institutions will impose a significant financial burden on the organization and directly impact its overall financial stability. As stated above, the Federal Government will provide no supplementary grant to the respective Ministry for this purpose.
- In view of the financial deficit of OPF Educational Institution, the OPF Board of Governors, as the supreme governing Body, resolved in its 176th meeting held on 13-09-2024 that the matter of granting the Ad-hoc Relief Allowance 2024 to employees of OPF Educational Institution may be considered by the Education Committee of the BOG, with the decision that it is also linked to performance **(Annex-II)**.

(b) Regarding the grant of the Ad-hoc Allowance 2023, the Board of Governors of OPF approved 20% of the Basic Pay for regular employees of OPF Educational Institutions, effective from 01-07-2023. The financial deficit of OPF Educational Institution, as noted above, were the primary reason for granting a partial Ad-hoc Allowance benefit in FY 2023-24 **(Annex-III)**.

(c) The financial deficit of OPF Educational Institution which is around Rs. 780 million per annum are the primary reason for not passing the benefit of Ad-hoc relief Allowance to the employees of OPF Educational Institution during the current FY *i.e.* 2024-25. Due to the same reason, OPF Board of Governor approved a grant of 20% Ad-hoc relief allowance in FY 2023-24.

(d)

- In this regard, it is submitted that OPF or its educational projects are not funded by the Federal Government.
- It is important to mention here that to minimize the financial deficit of Educational Institutions, since 2018, the staff (teaching & non-teaching) has been hired on contract basis across all OPF Educational Institutions. The regular (permanent) employees hired before 2018 are getting more than the minimum remuneration as prescribed by the Federal Government while the contractual employees are being paid a salary as per the terms and conditions of contractual employment rules/policies and as per advertisements published in newspapers at the time of hiring. Furthermore, upto, 10% annual increment is also being granted to the contractual employees upon renewal of their annual contracts subject to their satisfactory performance. Besides, the contract employees are also allowed a 100% tuition fee concession for the first child and a 50% fee concession for the second child. The remuneration of some contract employees is still less than the minimum wage as declared by the Federal Government.
- It is pertinent to mention here that the recent enhancement in the monthly gross salary upto Rs. 37,000/- was notified by Finance Division (Regulations Wing) *vide* office memorandum dated 27th August, 2024. As per the notification, the minimum gross salary is for Civil Employees of the Federal Government and the civilians paid from Defence estimates including contingent paid staff and contract employee against civil posts in Basic Pay Scales (**Annex-IV**).
- The contractual employees of OPF Educational Institution staff are not employed against the civil posts in the Pay Scale, therefore, said notification is not applicable to them.

(e) As resolved by the Board of Governors in its 176th meeting held on 13-09-2024, a working paper was presented before the Education of the Board of Governors for grant of ad-hoc relief Allowance 2024 to the regular employees of OPF Educational Institutions in its meeting held on 04-11-2024. The Education Committee has submitted its recommendations to the Board of Governor in its meeting held on 08-11-2024, wherein, the Board resolved that grant of the Adhoc Relief Allowance-2024 to employees of OPF Educational Institution will be considered, after reviewing the Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) response.

(Annexures have been placed in the national Assembly Library)

Official Statistics on drug use in the country

49. *Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro:

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there any official statistics on drug use among the youth in the country;*
- (b) if so, the details thereof categorized by province, gender, age, groups and type of drug;*
- (c) what steps have been taken by the Government to address the issue of drug use, particularly with regard to access to drugs on educational campuses; and*
- (d) the details of any crackdown done on drug peddlers along-with measures taken by the Government?*

Minister for Narcotics Control (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) & (b) The Last drug survey was conducted in 2013, therefore, current number of drug users in the country cannot be ascertained. In this regard, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has recently been tasked by the Prime Minister to initiate the fresh drug survey. The Survey exercise is expected to be completed in FY 2025-26. The result of the fresh survey will provide reliable status of drug usage in the country. However, as per Drug Survey Report, 2013, 6.7 million people between the ages of 15-64 years were using illicit drugs including misuse of prescription drugs.

(c) Increasing drug prevalence among youth in general and Education Institutions (EIs) in particular demands an immediate national response through focused and synergized effort. Being a national cause, the effort needed “Whole of the Nation” approach and an inclusive drive. ANF was tasked by the national apex leadership to plan and execute a holistic CN campaign to disrupt drug supply chain by targeting individuals, groups and organization involved in the heinous crime. In pursuance of the same, after deliberation with all stakeholders Counter Narcotics (CN) Campaign Plan commenced covering a range of activities including intelligence collection, inter department / agencies coordination and CN operations. Consequently, EIs focused CN operations were conducted resulting into arrest of 267 x individuals and seizures of 739.633 Kgs drugs.

(d) Despite meager resources, ANF has implemented an effective Counter Narcotics Strategy ANF, in pursuit of assigned mandate operates in multiple domains ranging between hard-end kinetic operations to softer prong comprising of drug awareness campaigns. While remaining within resource constraint environment, following statistics reflect ANF performance in the kinetic domain.

(i) **Seizures.** As drug supply reduction measures, following seizures have been made from **Jan to Nov 2024**: -

(a)	Cases	1806
(b)	Arrest	1799
(c)	Seizure (In MT)	132.626

ii **EIs Centric Measures.** Special CN operations targeting drug peddlers supplying drugs in EIs and youth have been carried out by ANF. Outcome of EIs focused on operations-2024 is as under: -

(a)	Cases	223
(b)	Arrest	267
(c)	Seizure (Kgs)	739.633

Besides, Enforcement Operations ANF is also engaged in conducting awareness activities, to engage every segment of the society with special emphasis on youth and educational institutions. Accordingly, a total number of 8123 different activities related to Drug Demand Reductions (DDR) were conducted throughout the country during

year 2024 out of which 302 Anti-Drug Awareness activities were subjected to education institutions during 2024.

Rights and Safety of Pakistani in Italy

50. *Ms. Sharmila Sahiba Faruqi Hashaam:

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *what specific measures are being take to address the concerns raised by Italian Minister (Matteo Piantedosi) regarding the welfare and protection of Overseas Pakistanis in Italy; and*
- (b) *how Ministry will collaborate with the Italian Minister of Interior to ensure the rights and safety of Pakistani expatriates working in Italy?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Chaudhary Salik Hussain): (a) Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment gives due attention to the protection and welfare of overseas Pakistanis as per Emigration Ordinance, 1979 and rules made thereunder. It is further added that BE&OE helps migrant workers through Overseas employment promoters in case of issues related to violation of foreign service agreement, salaries, accommodation or other benefits. If the migrant worker has proceeded abroad on direct employment, he/she is usually assisted through CWAs in respective countries in case of an issue.

(b) The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & HRD collaborate with Ministry of Interior of the host country through Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The representative of Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & HRD is Community Welfare Attaché who perform this function. All this consultation is done through Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Protecting the rights of Pakistani Diaspora is one of the primary functions of CWA in Italy and provide legal support and assistance to the Pakistani diaspora and ensure protection of their rights through legal system of Italy. The jurisdiction of courts and allied agencies is invoked to ensure the basic rights of Pakistani Community in Italy. Pakistan is working with Italian counterparts on bilateral agreement on labor export between Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Italian Republic. It covers the safety and rights of the Pakistani workers in Italy. It will be invoked once signed by both sides.

51. *Disallowed on reconsidered.

Total registered guides in Islamabad

@120. *Syeda Shehla Raza:

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *total number of registered guides in Islamabad and Gilgit-Baltistan; and*
- (b) *the standards for control and regulation of the tourist guide in the aforesaid cities?*

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination: (a) Total Registered Tourist Guides: 555.

(b) Control and regulation of the tourist guide is made through Pakistan Tourist Guides Act 1976 & Rules 1996. Copies of Pakistan Tourist Guides Act 1976 & Rules 1996 are attached at **Annex-I** and **Annex-II** respectively.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Disable Persons registered by NADRA

1. ***Ms. Sehar Kamran:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of persons with disabilities registered with National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) till date, disaggregated by gender, age group and province;*
- (b) *the gap between the number of persons with disabilities registered with NADRA and the actual population of persons with disabilities in Pakistan, as per census 2023; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to bridge this gap and ensure the registration of all persons with disabilities in the country?*

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Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) The detail of persons with disabilities registered with NADRA is attached as Annex-A.

(b) Detail of disable citizen as per census 2023 is not available with NADRA for Gap analysis.

(c) To facilitate persons with disabilities following steps have been taken:-

- i. CNICs / SNICs are issued free of cost for the first time.
- ii. CNICs are issued to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in executive category (priority handling).
- iii. CNICs are issued with "life time" expiry.
- iv. Preferential treatment (without queue) is given to PWDs at all NADRA centers across the Pakistan.
- v. Wheel chairs and ramp are available at each NADRA Centre to facilitate PWDs.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Issue of Human Trafficking in Pakistan

2. *Syed Rafiullah:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that human trafficking has remained a severe issue by till dates in Pakistan, with thousands of persons trafficked annually and convictions remaining alarmingly low, as indicated by various reports;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that these statistics suggest that, despite the efforts, no significant action has been taken against complicit officials;*
- (c) *whether the law enforcement agencies continuously are facing lack of the necessary training and resources to tackle sophisticated, transactional trafficking network;*

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and details of the Grey areas needs to be addressed; and

(e) what concrete steps are being taken by the Government to address systemic failures, ensure accountability for complicit officials, effectively punish the traffickers, and dismantle the trafficking nexus both within Pakistan and transnational?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Human trafficking continues to be a significant concern in Pakistan. Despite ongoing efforts to address the issue, challenges persist, particularly in enhancing the capabilities of investigation and prosecution officers and strengthening mechanisms to prevent and combat trafficking effectively. Notably, in 2024, a total of **628 convictions** were reported, encompassing cases handled by both the Police and FIA.

(b) As no complaints have been reported in this regard, no significant action has been taken. Nevertheless, strict measures are enforced against any official, if found involved in human trafficking, with those facilitating or participating in such activities being held accountable to maintain the integrity of the system.

(c) Yes, the law enforcement agencies, especially at the Provincial and district level, continue to face significant challenges due to a lack of necessary training and resources to effectively tackle sophisticated, transactional trafficking networks.

The overburdened officers, often handling multiple responsibilities across vast areas, struggle to manage the complexities of human trafficking cases. With insufficient training and limited resources, they are unable to adequately investigate and dismantle these organized networks, which further hinders their capacity to combat trafficking effectively.

(d) The Key grey areas that need to be addressed include:-

1. There is a need for specialized training for law enforcement officers to effectively identify and handle complex human trafficking cases, especially those involving digital platforms and cross-border operations.

2. Many law enforcement agencies, especially in rural or underfunded districts, face severe resource constraints, including a shortage of personnel, technology, and equipment needed to investigate trafficking cases effectively.
3. Lack of awareness among the public about human trafficking limiting the identification of cases and undermining efforts to prevent trafficking.
4. Providing better support systems for victims of trafficking, including shelter, legal assistance, and rehabilitation, is necessary to ensure cooperation in investigations and prevent re-trafficking.

(e) Detail at **Annexure-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

National Conference on Revival of Sports

3. ***Ms. Sharmila Sahiba Faruqui Hashaam:**

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *what are the key objectives of the National Conference on the Revival of Sports;*
- (b) *how does it aim to promote sports culture in Pakistan;*
- (c) *how is the Ministry addressing the gap in coordination and collaboration among Provincial Sports Boards; and*
- (d) *whether partnerships or collaborations are being formed to support this conference?*

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination: (a) The conference on the Revival of Sports in Pakistan was organized on 17th May 2024 by Ministry of IPC/Pakistan Sports Board wherein key challenges in the sports sector were identified:

- (i) Major issue of the decline in sports are the lack of adequate sports infrastructure, lack of sports grounds in schools, limited financial resources, parallel sports federations and the

abolition of departmental sports teams which has led to fewer job opportunities for athletes.

- (ii) To address the deficiencies, a nationwide campaign promoting physical activity in schools and communities was proposed.
- (iii) The revival of departmental sports teams, alongside the removal of parallel sports bodies, was also recommended to streamline efforts.
- (iv) It was also discussed that field hockey, once a national strength, has declined due to various reasons, with calls for grassroots development and modern infrastructure.
- (v) Similarly, football faces challenges like inadequate infrastructure, lack of professional leagues, and limited media coverage, which could be tackled by developing clubs, academies, and increasing international exposure.
- (vi) A critical gap in sports sciences and nutrition was observed, with suggestions to establish dedicated centers and integrate modern research for athlete's training.
- (vii) The conference emphasized the need for holistic sports development, increased funding, and collaboration among stakeholders to foster growth. Key proposals included providing incentives for athletes through clear policies and promoting school sports to build a sustainable talent pool.

(b) The conference's aim was to promote sports culture in Pakistan by addressing key challenges such as inadequate infrastructure and limited resources. The stakeholders emphasized the need for nationwide campaigns to encourage physical activity, the revival of departmental sports teams, and the development of grassroots programs in key sports like field hockey and football. Additionally, it was also emphasized that the importance of integrating sports sciences and providing clear policies and incentives to support athletes was need of the hour. These efforts seek to foster a vibrant and sustainable sports culture in the country.

(c) The Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC) has notified the Federal Sports Coordination Committee (FSCC), headed by the Federal Minister for IPC, with Provincial Sports Ministers as members, to address the gap in coordination and collaboration among Provincial Sports Boards.

The Federal Secretary of the Ministry of IPC has also convened meetings with Provincial Sports Secretaries and Directors General/Directors. The most recent meeting was held on 20th November 2024 to discuss various aspects of sports/ sports activities.

The Pakistan Sports Board has recently organized the Quaid-e-Azam Inter-Provincial Games from 13th to 19th December 2024 in Islamabad, with the participation of about 2,400 athletes and officials from all provinces (Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, and Sindh) and regions (Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Azad Jammu & Kashmir). The purpose of the Games was to promote and develop sports, hunt for potential talent, and foster inter-provincial harmony.

(d) Yes, partnerships & collaborations are being formed to support the conference. Stakeholders, including departments, provincial sports boards and sports organizations, are actively involved. These collaborations aim to ensure a unified approach to revive and promote sports in Pakistan.

Support for victims and survivors of terrorism

4. *Shazia Marri

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government currently have in place to provide financial, psychological and social rehabilitation support for victims and survivors of terrorism; and

(b) how are these initiatives being monitored to ensure their effectiveness?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) & (b) Terrorism has a profound and lasting impact on victims, causing physical, psychological, social, and economic harm. In Pakistan, the effects have been particularly severe post-9/11, leading to a significant number of victims who often feel neglected after the immediate aftermath. There is

an urgent need to strengthen support for these victims in accordance with national and international standards.

International practices for supporting victims of terrorism include guidelines and resources from the United Nations, as well as legal frameworks and initiatives from the European Union. These practices provide support services, compensation schemes, and efforts to prevent radicalization. In Pakistan, existing policies such as the National Security Policy (2022-2026), the National Internal Security Policy (2018-2023) as well as the draft National Internal Security Policy (2024-29) address internal security and rehabilitation for victims. Moreover, the financial package for the families of martyrs, from amongst government officials and otherwise, varies across the country.

Apropos, as secretariat to Sub-Programme-IV of the Country Programme, titled “Preventing and Countering Terrorism in Pakistan”, NACTA in collaboration with UNODC is implementing the project “Strengthening Support for Victims of Terrorism in Pakistan”. The Project aims to leverage their combined expertise to develop new mechanisms and strengthen existing ones for victim protection. Strategic areas of support include adopting a holistic victim-centered approach, developing cooperation mechanisms, creating policies for victim assistance and protection, and enhancing the capacity of existing institutions. This comprehensive approach aims to provide robust support for victims of terrorism in Pakistan.

This project “Strengthening Support to victims of Terrorism in Pakistan” involves extensive consolation meetings with key stakeholders, including Counter-Terrorism Departments (CTDs) Prosecution, Home, Social Welfare and Health Departments across all provinces of Pakistan. These consolations conducted during Q2 and Q3 of 2024, led to the nomination of focal persons from each department, who subsequently identified Victim Support Officers from two districts per province. This network aims to establish an effective coordination mechanism among departments. A key element of the project is the development of a Victim Registry to facilitate a recontact program for victims, ensuring immediate and long-term support. Additionally, from August 6-8, 2024, NACTA in collaboration with UNODC has organized a session with focal persons from provincial departments to gather inputs for strengthening the initiative and fostering collaborative efforts.

Steps taken to counter fake news and propaganda

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

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Ministry to counter fake news and propaganda?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Attaullah Tarar):

DCD, MOIB

1. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MoIB) is taking concrete steps to combat the spread of fake news and misinformation on traditional and social media platform. Various departments of the MoIB prepare daily feedback reports on social media, as well as print and electronic media, to monitor and address feedback and fake news. Similarly, the Digital Communication Department (DCD) also prepares different daily social media reports.
2. The social media focal persons in all the departments of the MoIB conduct continuous cyber patrols, monitoring various platforms for potential threats and fake news. Links to such news are shared in the vigilance group, tagging the concerned ministry. If all tagged ministries devise mechanisms to respond promptly to such news, misinformation can be effectively countered.
3. In 2018, MoIB launched a fact-checking Twitter account in an attempt to combat disinformation. The account's name was later changed from "Fake News Buster" to "Fact Checker MoIB", and it occasionally posts screenshots of allegedly "fake news" items, typically accompanied by a standard text warning that spreading false information is unethical, illegal, and a "disservice to the nation". This year we have busted 25 fake news.

PEMRA

PEMRA was established through an Ordinance to facilitate the growth of Electronic Media and to regulate its operation in the country by private sector. While considering rampant spread of disinformation and fake news through mainstream media, PEMRA Ordinance 2002 was

amended through PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2023 and definition of “disinformation and misinformation” has been included in PEMRA law with the objective to take cognizance on breach by the licensees, which is as follows:

“disinformation means verifiably false, misleading, manipulated, created or fabricated information which is disseminated or shared with the intention to cause harm to the reputation of or to harass any person for political, personal, or financial interest or gains without making an effort to get other person’s point of view or not giving it proper coverage and space but does not include misinformation.”

Further, Section 20 (j) of PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2023, restricts all PEMRA licensees not to air disinformation. Excerpt of law is reproduced:

“Section 20: Terms and conditions of licence.- A [person] who, issued a licence under this Ordinance shall-J. not air disinformation,

Moreover, Clauses 3 and 4 of Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements) Code of Conduct-2015 restrict licensees to telecast accurate news/information. Copy of Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements) Code of Conduct 2015 is attached herewith.

It is pertinent to mention here that all PEMRA licensed satellite TV channels are independent in their editorial policies. However, they are obligated to ensure compliance of prevailing PEMRA laws in letter and spirit including Electronic Media (Programming and Advertisements) Code of Conduct 2015.

Furthermore, it is pertinent to mention here that forum of PEMRA Council of complaints, under section 26 of the PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2023, is also available to the general public for lodging complaints regarding any aspect of programmes/ content being aired on satellite TV channels. These Councils comprise member of eminence with diversified experience and fields. It is a neutral and quasi judicial forum for hearing complaints and subsequently giving appropriate recommendations to the Authority. Councils can recommend fine against an individual upto One Million Rupees and can

recommend appropriate action of censure, fine up to ten million rupees in respect of a licensee. Council of Complaints are governed through the PEMRA (Councils of Complaints) Rules 2010.

PEMRA takes cognizance, on violation (including fake news) observed during the monitoring or reported by the viewers through PEMRA Complaints Call Centre, twitter handle “@reportpemra” and Pakistan Citizen Portal (PCP) under Section 27, 29, 29-A, 30 and 33 of PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2023. Moreover, Section 29-A empowers the Chairman PEMRA to impose fine upto One Million rupees on a licensee.

Relevantly, in order to ensure responsible journalism in the country PEMRA has organized training sessions with satellite TV channels licensees at their bureau offices. These training sessions help in enlightening journalists with Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements) Code of Conduct 2015 and help in combating the spread of disinformation/ misinformation/fake news.

It is important to note that Social Media does not fall under regulatory ambit of PEMRA. Hence, PEMRA is constrained to take action on violations being committed through Social Media platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, Tik Tok or Instagram etc.

PID

On the directions of the Ministry Information and Broadcasting, this Department has organized/ conducted various workshops, seminars to educate the journalist community to counter fake news and propaganda.

Compliance and Way Forward:

- Ongoing Efforts in Journalist Training

The Press Information Department (PID), including all Regional Information Offices (RIOs) and its Headquarters in Islamabad, consistently conducts seminars and workshops to educate journalists. These initiatives focus on equipping journalists with the skills to identify and counter fake news.

- Achievements in Journalist Training

To date, over 10,000 journalists have been trained, with a strong emphasis on investigative journalism. The training underscores the

responsibility of verifying news before dissemination to ensure accurate and reliable reporting.

- **Media Literacy Seminars in 2024**

Throughout 2024, PID organized several media literacy seminars through its regional offices. These sessions aimed to promote awareness among journalists about the importance of credible reporting. Relevant photographs and details are attached for reference.

- **Counter Violent Extremism (CVE) Cell**

The CVE Cell, established within PID, plays a crucial role in combating fake news on social media. Using advanced automated software, the cell detects fabricated images and misinformation, contributing significantly to maintaining the integrity of news shared online.

- Stressing upon countering fake news, PID arranges meetings with media bodies including APNS, PBA, CPNE.

- **Media Laws and Ethics**

The seminars also highlighted the significance of adhering to media laws and ethics. Journalists and media outlets were urged to exercise their freedom of expression responsibly and within the established legal framework. The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) ensures compliance by binding private TV channels to follow a strict code of conduct.

- **Internal Collaboration within MOIB**

Regular interactions and meetings within the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MOIB) are conducted to review progress and devise strategies for further improvement in media literacy and regulation.

- **Future Strategy**

Moving forward, a comprehensive media literacy campaign will be launched to reinforce the importance of ethical journalism and media responsibility. This campaign will strike a balance between allowing freedom of expression enforcing adherence to the code of conduct.

Continuous workshops and seminars will be held in alignment with these guidelines to build a more informed and responsible media landscape.

This roadmap outlines our commitment to fostering a responsible and ethical media environment, ensuring the dissemination of verified information, and upholding the principles of freedom of expression with accountability

Pensionary dues to the employees of Radio Pakistan

6. *Syed Waseem Hussain:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that pensionary dues, specifically commutation, have not been disbursed to retired employees of Radio Pakistan, for the last few years; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) the details of each affected employee, including the pending amounts and the duration of the delays of each case;*
- (c) whether the discrepancies are found in the disbursement of pensionary dues;*
- (d) whether these discrepancies have been communicated to the retired employees or their heirs in the event of the employee's death; if so, the details thereof;*
- (e) whether it is also a fact that the increase in the pension announced by the Government in the last two financial years have not been granted to the pensioners of Radio Pakistan; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (f) what steps are being taken by the Government to address the backlog of pensionary dues, ensure timely processing of pension cases before employee retirements in the future, in accordance with Government guidelines and courts decisions and to expeditiously provide the pension increase of the last two years to the pensioners?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Attaullah Tarar): (a) PBC is disbursing monthly pension to all its retired employees regularly. There is no pendency of pension till this day.

However, the Commutation has not been disbursed to 376 retired employees of PBC since January-2020 due to the provision of unmatched *grant-in-aid* by the Finance Division in subsequent Financial Years.

It may kindly be noted that as per Section 13 of PBC Act-1973, Federal Government is to provide grand-in-aid to Radio Pakistan for its various operations, including disbursement of pay and pension.

(b) The list of effected employees along with certain details is attached herewith (**Annex-I**).

(c) Radio Pakistan is one of the oldest public-sector organizations of Pakistan. Pension disbursement system in it was manual and had many flaws. There was no digital data of pensioners and files of pensioners were scattered in various Radio Station / Units and different Wings of PBC Hqrs.

This manual system and scattered position of pensioners' files unluckily provoked some officials/ officers of Radio Pakistan to take advantage of it and dent Radio Pakistan through certain irregularities in pension disbursement.

An Inquiry Committee was constituted on 31st October, 2024 to look into this matter and on the recommendations of this Committee, disciplinary proceedings under **PBC Employees' Efficiency and Discipline Regulations, 1979** are underway against 9 officers/ officials.

Some of the officers / officials have been penalized while disciplinary proceedings against the rest are underway.

The Inquiry Committee has also founds concrete clues of 'fake payments', thereby this matter is also likely to go to FIA for further probe / action.

In the meanwhile, Radio Pakistan has indigenously prepared a Digital Pension Management System on which data of all the eligible pensioners is being maintained.

(d) After the conclusion of inquiry, PBC will be able to communicate the discrepancies to the pensioners or their legal heirs in case of death of pensioner.

(e) The increase (2023-24) in the pension announced by the Government has been granted to them but arrears of three months' increase are still pending due to unmatched *grant-in-aid* by Finance Division.

A case for additional funds has already been submitted to Finance Division and response is still awaited.

For the same reason, the increase (2024-25) announced by the Government has also not been granted to both pensioners and regular employees till now.

(f) PBC has already made payment of Commutation to twenty pensioners from its own available resources. (**Annex-II**) However, PBC is unable to pay the commutation to the remaining pensioners due to non-allocation of additional funds from Finance Division since the case of admissibility of pension is pending with Finance Division.

All pension cases are being dealt in the timely manner i.e. before retirement of the employee.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Government to prohibit the sale of hazardous acids

7. *Shazia Marri:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any law or policy of the Government to prohibit the sale of hazardous acids that could potentially be used in the acid attacks against women, children and vulnerable persons;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government, to enforce standard requirement / criteria for purchase of these acids;*

(c) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons thereof?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) The only available legal framework to regulate sale of hazardous acids is the Poisons Act 1919. Currently, ICT Administration is framing rules under the said Act to strengthen regulatory framework for sale and purchase of hazardous acids like Sulfuric Acid, Hydrofluoric Acid, Hydrofluoric Acid, Hydrochloric Acid etc.

(b) Currently, rules are being framed by ICT under the Poisons Act 1919 to ensure strict monitoring of sale and purchase of corrosive substances and to ensure that purchasers' identity is registered at the time of sale of such substances to deter misuse of acids.

(c) In 2017, a bill named ICT Acid and Burn Crime Bill was introduced in the parliament but got lapsed later on. Therefore, ICT is now framing rules under the Poisons Act 1919.

Construction of Hospital in I-14, Islamabad

8. ***Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a hospital has been constructed by the Government for the residents of Sector I-14, Islamabad; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) whether staff, doctors and necessary equipment have not been provided by till date; and*
- (c) if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are affirmative, then the time by which hospital will be made fully operational?*

Reply not received.

Sewerage pipes lines laid in Bani Gala, Islamabad

9. ***Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the reasons for delay in operationalizing of the sewerage pipes lines that were laid in Bani Gala, Islamabad, two years ago but have yet to be made operational?

Reply not received.

CNICs is mandatory for groom and bride

10. ***Ms. Sofia Saeed Shah:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that, despite being mandatory for both the groom and bride to present their CNICs during Nikkah Registration, the B-Form number is often used instead of the CNIC;*
- (b) if so, what measures are being implemented by the Government to ensure that the CNICs of both are used for Nikkah Registration;*
- (c) what is the time limit for registering of Nikkah with NADRA after it has been performed, and how is the Government ensuring compliance with this time frame;*
- (d) what accountability measures are already in place for curtailing delays or non-compliance; and*
- (e) what steps are being taken to streamline the Nikkah Registration process, ensuring accuracy and preventing administrative lapses?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) It is Mandatory to provide CNIC by the Bride and Groom for performing of Nikah, this measure is strictly observed by the Nikah Registrars of Arbitration Council, ICT at time of Nikah.

(b) As above.

(c) There is no provision in MFL 1961.

(d) The Nikah registrar is warned for late submission of Nikah Nama and if this practice continues. the License of the Nikah registrar is cancelled.

(e) New process for reciting of Nikah is under process by the NADRA, which will be as adopted by the National Assembly.

Amount spent for promotion of Squash and Hockey

11. ***Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the details of head-wise total amount spent for the promotion/development of Squash and Hockey in the country during the last two years?

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination: The Pakistan Sports Board pays annual grants and special grants to National Sports Federations to meet the expenditure of holding the National Championships and to participate in international sports championships. The following special grant was paid to Pakistan Hockey Federation and Pakistan Squash Federation during the financial year 2022-2023 and 2023-24:

S.#	Year	Rupees in Million			
		Hockey		Squash	
		Annual	Special	Annual	Special
1	2023-24	-	96.650	-	35.175
	2022-23	-	34.000	-	6.750
Total		-	130.65	-	41.925

Dual Nationality of Spouses of officers in BSS-17 and Above

12. ***Syeda Shehla Raza:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers in BPS-17 and above in the Ministry, its Attached Department, Corporation and Subordinate Offices who themselves or their spouses hold dual national indicating also the names of the countries of their nationality?

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif):

Name of Departments	Report
Military Accountant General	Nil
Survey of Pakistan	Nil
Pakistan Armed Services Board	Nil
Pakistan Maritime Security Agency	Nil

Military Lands and Cantonments

- i. Mr. Imran Gulzar, Director IT HQ ML&C, (Canadian Citizenship).

- ii. Spouse (Mrs. Abida Sindhu) of Mr. Wasim Shahid, Director CIMLA Lahore has USA Citizenship.

Complaints registered by CDA against encroachments

13. *Ms. Sehar Kamran:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Capital Development Authority (CDA) is using geo-spatial technology for monitoring and regulating land encroachments particularly in commercial areas of Islamabad; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *detail of month-wise number of FIRs/complaints registered by the CDA against repeat offenders involved in encroachments, since January 2024, and deterrent measures are in place to prevent future violation?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Yes, it is true that the Capital Development Authority (CDA) is leveraging Geo-Spatial Technology for monitoring and regulating land encroachment, particularly in the commercial areas of Islamabad. Recognizing the importance of technological innovation in urban management, the CDA has established a dedicated initiative known as the Geospatial Technology Wing. This wing employs advanced tools such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and remote sensing to monitor land use, detect unauthorized encroachments, and ensure proper urban planning. By integrating satellite imagery, real-time data, and advanced analytics, the CDA can more efficiently identify and address violations. This proactive approach not only enhances transparency but also significantly improves the enforcement of regulations, ensuring that Islamabad's commercial areas are systematically monitored and managed for sustainable development. The establishment of the Geospatial Technology Wing underscores the CDA's commitment to adopting modern technologies to meet the challenges of urban expansion and maintain the city's planned structure.

(b) Details of month wise FIRs is placed at Exhibit-A

Deterrence measures taken by CDA to prevent future violations are as follow:-

- **Demolition of illegal structures**
Illegally built structures on state land are being demolished.
- **Confiscation of Materials:**
Materials and articles used in illegal activities are being confiscated.
- **Summary Trails:**
Summary trials are being conducted through the Court of Sr. Special Magistrate, CDA.
- **Sealing of Unauthorized Buildings:**
Unauthorized buildings are being sealed, and fines are being imposed.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Establishment of wing to investigate incidents related to blasphemy

14. ***Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration by the Government to establish an exclusive wing or dedicated body to investigate incidents related to blasphemy in the country;*
- (b) *if such a proposal exists, the details of such initiatives, including its scope, structure, objectives and the process by which it will operate; and*
- (c) *if there is no such proposal under consideration, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

Procedure of Registration in Employees Old Age Benefits Institute (EOBI)

15. ***Ms. Shaista Khan:**

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *what is the procedure of registration in Employees Old Age Benefits Institute (EOBI);*
- (b) *the reason for not registering workers directly by EOBI, so that the workers may benefit from pension and other facilities of EOBI by getting their amounts deducted themselves;*
- (c) *if so, the reason for handing over this best system to employers who exploit workers and do not register employees for years?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Chaudhry Salik Hussain): (a) The Employees' Old-Age Benefits Act (EOBI) 1976 is a social security scheme in Pakistan that aims to provide old-age benefits to insured persons and their survivors like old age pension, Invalidity pension, old age grant and survivor's pension. Registration under the EOBI Act, 1976 is a mandatory process for employers and employees and to contribute toward the fund. The procedure for registration under this Act is as under:

(1) Establishments / industries which employ 10 or more employees are required to register their employees under the EOBI Act within one month from the date of applicability of Act.

(2) Employees who are between the age from 18 to 60 years old (male 60 and female 55), and are working in an establishment that falls under the coverage of the Act, shall be compulsorily registered.

(3) The establishment / industry must submit a registration application on the prescribed form to the nearest EOBI regional office and also available on EOBI official website. The form can be obtained from EOBI offices. The EOBI officials are however, mandatorily required to identify and register all such establishments / Industries which do not apply for registration through active survey.

(4) EOBI officials will verify the submitted documents and assess the business for registration.

(5) Once the application is processed and approved, the EOBI office issues a registration certificate with an EOBI Registration Number. The certificate also shows the date of registration, applicability and number of employees.

(6) The employer is required to deposit monthly contributions as per prevailing rate of minimum wages as under:

- Employer's share is 5% of minimum wages; and
- Employee's share is 1% of minimum wages.

(b) The scheme of EOB Act, 1976 is formulated in such a manner that the prime responsibility / coverage is given to establishments/ industries. But, the employees may also get themselves registered in connection with an establishment/industry on which EOB Act, 1976 is applicable. In this regard reference is made to section 11 as under:

Section 11(1): "Every employer shall, before the expiration of thirty days from the day on which this Act becomes applicable to the industry or establishment in respect of which he is the employer, communicate to the institution the name and other prescribed particulars of the industry or establishment and of every Insured person employed in the industry or establishment.

(2) Every insured person may also communicate his name and other prescribed particulars to the Institution.

(3) On receipt of a communication under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), the Institution shall register the name of the Industry or establishment or the insured person in such manner, and issue to the insured person a registration card in such form, as may be prescribed".

Further, as per section 9 and 9B of the EOB Act, 1976, it is the responsibility of establishment/Industry to deposit monthly contributions as under:

- Employer's share is 5% of minimum wages; and
- Employee's share is 1% of minimum wages.

However, EOB Act, 1976 has given safeguard to registered employees on default of contributions by employer under section 14 of the EOB Act, 1976 which is reproduced hereunder for ready reference:

Section 14: *“Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, if an insured person has communicated his name and other prescribed particulars to the Institution under sub-section (2) of section 11 and has been issued by the Institution a registration card under sub-section (3) thereof and, in case of changing employment from one Industry or establishment to another industry or establishment, has also informed the Institution about such change of employment, then, in the event of default in payment of contributions by the employer in respect of such insured person, such insured person shall have and enjoy the same rights under this Act as if no such default had occurred”.*

Therefore, In case of non-registration by establishment / industry, employees can get themselves registered under the EOB Act, 1976. However, the prime responsibility of deposit of contributions will lie with the establishment / Industry, as the case may be.

Further, the EOBI officials are also authorized to conduct audit of the books of account in order to determine any short declaration of number of employees and to ensure coverage of EOB Act, 1976 on all employees of the establishment / industry on which this Act is applicable.

(c) Although the prime responsibility of registration of the employees is on the establishments / industries on which this Act is applicable, but the employees are also authorized to communicate their particulars in case the employer has not declared their particulars to EOBI. Further, EOBI has launched online service verification portal where the employees can check their registration, and status of monthly contribution. In case they are not registered or their contribution is not deposited, they can file complaint to nearest EOBI regional office for verification of record.

Expenses incurred to stop protest in Red Zone

16. ***Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state what are the head-wise details of expenses/expenditures incurred to stop each protest announced in the Red Zone of Islamabad during the last five years?

Reply not received.

Slow pace of development works in Islamabad

17. ***Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is slow pace of development works in the rural areas of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT);*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that maintenance and rehabilitation works of roads in rural areas including sewerage systems have not been upgraded e.g residents of Jagiot Road, Islamabad are facing difficulties in this regard; if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which aforesaid works will be carried out?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) The Federal Government has approved 16 development projects pertaining to the rural area of ICT, amounting to Rs. 5965.108 Million and Rs. 2650.00 Million have been allocated in current financial year (2024-25). Accordingly Rs. 912.00 Million have been released against 1st & 2nd Qtr. release. These schemes are ongoing in their respective areas and shall be completed in the stipulated time period.

(b) As explained above, however the rehabilitation work of Jagiot Road is being taken by CDA and matter pertains to CDA please.

(c) As stated above, the schemes are ongoing and will be completed as per approved schedule.

Hygienic condition for Lehtrar Road, Islamabad

19. ***Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state what measure is the Government implementing to address the waste accumulation and improve hygienic condition for residents of Lehtrar Road, Islamabad?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): It is submitted that consequent upon expiry of contract on 02.01.2025, the Directorate of Sanitation has taken up services for collection and transportation of Garbage from Lehtrar Road. During the transition period, dumps of

garbage were observed. However, all these dumps have been cleared and Skips (Large Garbage Containers) are emptied on daily basis.

Now the cleanliness of the area is maintained on the daily basis.

Backlog regarding issuance of passports

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the current backlog regarding issuance of Passports; and*
- (b) when will the delay in issuance of Passports be resolved?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) & (b) At present, there is no any backlog/pendency and the passports are being printed/delivered to the respective Passport Offices within stipulated delivery time.

NOC for Establishment of Private Security Companies

21. ***Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had issued No Objection Certificate (NOC) for establishment of Private Security Companies;*
- (b) if so, how many NOCs have been issued for establishment of Private Security Companies in the country during the last five years along-with the province-wise break-up?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Ministry of Interior has issued NOCs as per (SOPs) 2020 through receiving a case from Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) for registration of Private Security Companies followed by getting relevant clearance from security agencies / recommendation of scrutiny committee/ permission of competent authority and subject to deposit of prescribed fee in the government exchequer.

(b) Ministry of Interior has issued NOCs to thirty nine (39) Private Security Companies during the last five years for operating across the country.

Number of Passport Printing Machines working in the country

22. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Passport Printing Machines working in the country along-with location thereof at present;*
- (b) the reason for not increasing the number of the said machines; and*
- (c) the time by which the number of machines will be increased?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) It is submitted that Passport Production Facility is centralized and located at Passport Headquarters, Islamabad.

Before October, 2024 there were only 08 printers/laminators in working condition out of 30 outdated Printers/Laminators installed in Passport Production Facility.

(b) However, after the hectic efforts of this management, 15 more Printers and 15 more Laminators *i.e.* Delita 900i have been installed to enhance the Passport Production capacity to 55,000 per day.

(c) Furthermore, 10 Printers/Laminators, 6 Desktop Bulk Printers and 2 e-Passport Machine Stations are procured, which will be delivered and added in the system by the end of January, 2025.

Street lights not installed in Tahli Mohri, Rawalpindi

23. ***Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that street lights in the Street Nos.7 and 2, Ghousia Chowk, Tahli Mohri, Rawalpindi Cantt are not installed; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that criminal activities are more prevalent in the dark;*
- (c) whether there is a public demand for street lights on specific streets to ensure safety, particularly for those who wish to attend prayers at night;*

(d) if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, then when will the new street lights will be installed for the better interest of the vicinity?

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) 06 Nos of street lights have already been installed in street No. 7 and 2, Ghousia Chowk, Tahli Mohri, Rawalpindi.

(b) Pertains to law enforcement departments / local police. However, as mentioned in para "a" above the mentioned streets are lit with 06 Nos of already installed street lights.

(c) No such public demand / complaint of residents of street No. 7 and 2, Ghousia chowk, Tahli Mohri, Rawalpindi is pending with this office. However appropriate no of lights are being, installed to further enhance the lightening.

(d) As explained in para "b" and "c" above. However, all the public demands / complaints for installation of new street lights being addressed on priority and appropriate numbers of street lights are being installed in Street No. 7 and 2 to enhance the lightening further.

Awareness Campaign on Drug Abuse

24. ***Ms. Sharmila Sahiba Faruqui Hashaam:**

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

(a) what are the key objectives of the "Awareness Campaign on Drug Abuse" and how does it aiming to educate the public about the dangers of drug use;

(b) how is the Ministry addressing the current gap in awareness and education about drug abuse in educational institutions and communities; and

(c) what measures have been taken by the Government to ensure the reach and impact of this campaign?

Minister for Narcotics Control (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Ministry of Narcotics Control has been consistently making efforts to raise Anti-Drugs Awareness Campaigns and Harm Reduction Programmes, across the country. All these efforts are aimed at educating general masses

about the ill-effects and demerits of drugs, controlled substances, and the synthetic drugs which are damaging the society. This is done by holding.

Awareness Lectures, Walks, Sports Events, Debate/Essay Competitions, Painting Competitions, Free Medical Camps, Internship Programmes, Musical/Cultural Shows, Youth Conventions, TV/Radio Talk Shows, Workshops, Seminars, and Advertisements in Print, Electronic & Social Media, along with distribution of informational material.

(b) A Counter Narcotics Campaign in Educational Institutions has been initiated all across Pakistan. 395 activities have been conducted so far in the educational institutions in all four provinces during the year 2024. During these activities, awareness lectures, interactive sessions with students and awareness walks have been conducted. Around 100 Universities have been covered in phase 1 of the campaign meant for raising awareness in educational institutions.

(c) Awareness video messages and posts are regularly uploaded for education of general public and youth about the hazards of drugs.

Every possible measure is adopted to reach out to the public and to raise awareness in the society about the consequences and impact of drugs & controlled substances use by training focal persons, while coordinating with all the stakeholders ranging from Educational Institutions, Courier Services, Chambers of Commerce, Transportation Services, Madaris, Religious Scholars and other segments of society, **to create a positive impact of CN campaign.**

Extension of Metro Bus transport services

25. ***Ms. Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration by the Government to extend the Metro Bus Transport Services to other parts of Islamabad, such as Bhara Kahu, Tarnol and Rawat, on the pattern of the metro bus services in the twin cities, through exclusive transport lines;*
- (b) *if so, the details of the proposals, if any under consideration along-with the timeline and scope; and*

(c) *if not, the reasons for not extending the metro transport services to aforesaid areas?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) The proposal for following BRT lines has been submitted to Planning Commission for Inclusion in PSDP schemes.

- (i) Extension of Orange Line Metrobus Service from Faiz Ahmed faiz Station to Bhara kahu with approx., Length of 16km (dedicated corridor) with 10 number of bus stations.
- (ii) BRT Blue Line Metrobus Service (from T-Chowk to Pak-Secretariat) with approx. Length of 28km (dedicated corridor) with 30 number of bus stations.

Moreover, Feeder EV Route FR-10 is already operational since 25th December, 2024 from Orange Line metro Station Golra Mor to B-17 covering the following areas N5 Metro Station, Motorway Chowk, G-15/F-15, Tarnol Saifi Road, Sara-e-Kharboza, Dhok Paracha, D-17, Sangjani & B-17.

(b) A detail proposal has already been submitted to Planning Commission for the schemes listed at serial (a) i & ii above.

(c) N.A

Steps taken to address concerns about Media Censorship

26. ***Malik Muhammad Aamir Dogar:**

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

- (a) *what steps are being taken by the Government to address concerns about media censorship; and*
- (b) *the promotion of diverse viewpoints, particularly in light of recent debates surrounding freedom of expression in the country?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Attalullah Tarar): (a) & (b)

APPC:

APP has contributed to promotion of diverse viewpoints in light of freedom of expression by giving media coverage to different political parties. On regular basis, it releases news items based on the statements of leaders/members of political parties, whether they belong to the incumbent government or Opposition parties. The coverage is carried out in line with the government policy and according to the contours of national narrative.

PBC:

Radio Pakistan is a statutory organization established under PBC Act-1973. The mandate of the Organization is to ensure effective operation and growth of broadcasting as a function-oriented public service medium, general improvement in the quality of programs, speedy implementation of projects and better utilization of talent.

Its core functions are as under:

(a) to provide broadcasting services for general reception in all parts of Pakistan and the territorial waters thereof and on board ships and aircrafts (such services being hereafter referred to as Home Services) and in other countries and places (such services being hereafter referred to as External Services) for the purposes of disseminating information, education and entertainment through programs which maintain a proper balance in their subject-matter and a high general standard of quality and morality;

(b) to broadcast such programs as may promote Islamic Ideology, national unity and principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice as enunciated by Islam, discourage parochial, racial, tribal, sectarian, linguistic and provincial prejudices and reflect the urges and aspirations of the people of Pakistan;

(c) to broadcast in the Home Services such special programs;

(d) to broadcast programs in the External Services to such countries and in such languages and at such times as the PBC Board may deem appropriate, from time to time, direct;

(c) to bring to public awareness the whole range of significant activity and to present news or events in as factual, accurate and impartial a manner as possible;

(f) to carry out instructions of the Federal Government with regard to general pattern or policies in respect, of programs, announcements and news to be put out on the air from time to time;

(g) to hold the existing, and to construct or acquire and establish or install additional, stations and apparatus;

(h) to hold the existing, and to construct or acquire additional equipment and apparatus for telephony in Pakistan for purposes of broadcasting;

(i) to compile, prepare, print, publish issue, circulate and distribute with or without charge, such papers, magazines, periodicals books, circulars and other such matter as may be conducive to any of the functions of the Corporation; and

(j) to collect news and information in any part of the world in a manner that may be deemed fit.

To the extent of working in harmonization with PBC Act-1973 there is no media censorship in Radio Pakistan.

News & Current Affairs Channel of Radio Pakistan has been broadcasting all such programmes which promote healthy debate different view-points and versions. Freedom of expression (with responsibility) is the crux of PBC's various programmes being broadcast on its Current Affairs Channel.

PTV:

- As a state broadcaster, PTV acknowledges the importance of diverse viewpoints in fostering a healthy society. Steps are being taken to ensure that all voices, including those from minor and marginalized groups, are heard.
- PTV is committed to providing balanced coverage by featuring multiple perspectives on key national issues and

ensuring inclusivity in news reporting. It offers diverse content that reflects the country's social, cultural, and political diversity.

- The Government cares and prefers the safety, security a sovereignty of Pakistan and there are no curbs. There is no ban on freedom of expression and the promotion of diverse viewpoints in Pakistan. We encourage critical thinking, analyses, opinions, constructive debates and other ideas which are not against the national interests of Pakistan.
- Additionally, PTV actively promotes regional languages, cultures, and traditions to ensure representation of diverse communities across the country. Awareness campaigns are also being launched to educate citizens about their right to free speech and the responsibilities that come with it.

PEMRA:

PEMRA was established through an Ordinance to facilitate the growth of private Electronic Media and to regulate its operation in the country.

Following statutory regulatory laws regulate private electronic media:

- PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2023.
- PEMRA Rules 2009.
- PEMRA (Television Broadcast Station Operations), Regulations, 2012.
- PEMRA (Radio Broadcast Station Operation) Regulations, 2012
- PEMRA (Distribution Service Operations) Regulations, 2011.
- PEMRA (Council of Complaints) Rules, 2010.

- Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements) Code of Conduct, 2015.

It is pertinent to mention here that all PEMRA licensed satellite TV channels are independent in their editorial policies. However, they are constrained to ensure compliance of prevailing PEMRA laws in letter and spirit including Electronic Media (Programmes Advertisements) Code of Conduct 2015.

PEMRA licensees are also required to constitute In-House Monitoring Committees mandated to review each and every content prior to its telecast and compliance of the Code of Conduct devised by the Authority under Rule 15 of PEMRA Rules 2009.

Furthermore, PEMRA laws do not authorize Authority to Pre-censor content prior to its telecast. All the licensees are required to adopt self-regulatory model ensuring editorial oversight in compliance of Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements Code of Conduct, 2015 and terms and conditions of licence duly signed by licensee. On receipt of complaints duly adjudicated by Council of Complaints under Section 26 of the Ordinance, PEMRA initiates actions which *inter-alia* includes issuance of warning censure and in case of severe violations, programme suspended/prohibited under Section 27, fines are imposed up to 10 million on the licensee and on the individual upto 10 Million.

Furthermore, on repeated violations, licenses are suspend or revoked under Section 30 of PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2023.

With regards to part (b) of question, PEMRA has no mandate to influence licensee's *vis-a-vis* editorial policies. Satellite TV channels are obliged under Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements) Code of Conduct, 2015 to ensure that, unbiased balanced and accurate information/news is aired. Nothing should be aired which falls under definition of Disinformation and Misinformation and representation of all the relevant quarts be ensured while airing news and conducting Talk Shows. Copy of Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements) Code of Conduct 2015 is attached herewith.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Measures to Ensure Laws Alignment with Best International Practices

27. ***Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) an overview of each law including rules made thereunder currently overseen by the ministry, including the departments under its jurisdiction, recent evaluation of each law and the date of the last evaluation of each law;*
- (b) if such evaluation has been conducted, the specific findings, particularly highlighting areas within these laws and rules that require improvement;*
- (c) whether the ministry consulted the above laws with the ministry of law or other legal entities to address these shortcomings, if the improvements and corrections are necessary in any of law; and*
- (d) what measures are being taken by the government to ensure that these laws must align with international best practices to maintain their relevance in the contemporary context?*

Reply not Received.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Measures to Install Street Lights Dhoke Jilani, Bhara Kahu, Islamabad

2. Ms. Aliya Kamran:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there are no street lights from the main road to Dhoke Jilani, Bhara Kahu, Islamabad; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *what corrective measures are being taken by the Government to install street lights in the aforementioned locality as soon as possible?*

Reply not received.

Measures to Ensure Safety of Human Loss and Property in E-16 and E-17, Islamabad

76. Ms. Aliya Kamran:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that rain flood water and waste water enters Cabinet Division Employees Cooperative Housing Society, situation in Sectors E-16 and E-17, Islamabad, from waste open area of Tarnol Nala via Mousa Town in a shape of heavy flood damaging houses, roads infrastructure and other properties of the residents;*
- (b) *if so, the details of protective measures have been taken by the District Administration Islamabad to ensure safety of human loss, properties of the residents and road infrastructure etc. of the society?*

Reply not received.

Availability of Drinking Water through Dam in H-13, Islamabad

36. Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a huge water tank reservoir for supplying drinking water has already been constructed in front of Sain Mirchoo Darbar in Sector H-13, Islamabad, which is functional but drinking water is not being provided to the area where afore mentioned water tank has been built;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof; if not the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *whether the Government is considering any proposal to install water tube wells for the supply of drinking water to aforesaid areas, where a large number of people have been deprived of said facility; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *the time by which supply of drinking water will be made available to the said areas either through already constructed huge water tank reservoir or by installing water tube wells?*

Reply not received.

Dilapidated Conditions of Public Parks in Shahzad Town, Islamabad

37. Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the public parks in Shahzad Town, Islamabad are in dilapidated condition since long and no work of maintenance has been carried out till date;*
- (b) *the detail of budget allocated for parks in Shahzad Town, Islamabad, during financial year 2023-24;*
- (c) *the action taken against the officers responsible who made embezzlement in the budget of aforesaid parks alongwith the steps to be taken for the rehabilitation of parks?*

Reply not received.

Inquiry Committee of CDA regarding Pakistan Citizen Portal Complaint

39. Ms. Aliya Kamran:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that inquiry committee has been constituted by CDA in compliance of the Ministry letter No.F10/1/2021 MOI PMDU CDA I, dated 21-10-2021 regarding Pakistan Citizen Portal Complaint;*
- (b) *if so, the details of the inquiry report and the action taken by the Government and reasons for making delay in the matter?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) & (b) It is submitted that there is no any detail about the property including property number / ownership proof etc. Thus it is requested that exact details of the property may kindly be intimated / provided in order to proceed further in the matter and to reach a just conclusion. Without proper information this office is unable to prepare or provide detail in this regard.

Construction of Pakistan Movement Park in H-8, Islamabad

40. Mr. Mohammad Ilyas Choudhary:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan Movement Park is being constructed in H-8, Islamabad;*
- (b) *if so, the total area as well as cost thereof; and*
- (c) *its benefit to the country and nation?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Yes, Tehreek-e-Pakistan / Pakistan Monument Park is being constructed in Sector H-8, Islamabad.

(b) The total area of land is approximately 3 Acres and cost to be incurred for construction of Pakistan Monument Park is Rs. 38.618 million.

(c) The Park is being developed to showcase the milestones of Pakistan Movement and its related historical background. It will promote knowledge and events of history in pictorial form.

Development Work in P-Block, IBECHS, Islamabad

3. Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that development work in P-Block has been pending since 2009 in Intelligence Bureau Employees Cooperative Housing Society (IBECHS), Islamabad; if so, who is responsible for that;*
- (b) the name of allottees of the said Block at present alongwith the amount deposited for plots in said block and profit earned therefrom;*
- (c) whether plot number is being changed day by day in said Block; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) the time by which possession to be provided to allottees in said Block?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) As per report of Society a significant portion of P-Block has been developed and a few allottees have already taken possession and are residing there. The Society is committed to completing the remaining development in a timely manner. However, some land owners, during the development phase, in certain portion of the Block-P created hurdles, disputes and stopped the development work by the way of filing litigation in the civil courts and delayed the development work. As a result, the Society is legally restricted from initiating further development in these sections until the matter is resolve. It is assure that the Society is actively monitoring the legal proceedings and is I continuous dialogue with the concerned parties to expedite a resolution and is hopeful that the issue will be resolved soon, allowing us to proceed with the necessary development work.

(b) As per report of Society the plots in Block-P are in thousands. It is clarified that the IB Employees Cooperative Society is focused on the welfare of its members, particularly employees of Intelligence Bureau.

The society has undertaken the noble initiative of providing plots of land to its members at subsidised rates, ensuring that the pricing structure is based on the “no loss, no profit” principle and is not looking to make financial gain from the transaction and is working to provide affordable housing options to its members.

(c) As per report of Society due to changes in the planning of the block, the society was required to revise the plot numbers. However, in 95% of the cases, the locations of the plots remained unchanged and only the plot numbers were updated.

(d) As per report, the society is fully committed to fulfilling its obligations to the allottees. We are actively working to resolve all pending matters and remain dedicated to ensuring that the interests of our valuable members are prioritized. We are confident that, with continued effort and progress, we will be in a position to hand over possession to the allottees within the next 2 to 3 years.

Shifting of NADRA office at Takhti Nusrati, Karak to a Central Location of the City

4. Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that NADRA office located at Takhti Nusrati, Tehsil Headquarter of District Karak, is proposed to be shifted to a rural area of the Tehsil, potentially hindering connectivity and accessibility for residents seeking to obtain their documents from NADRA;*
- (b) whether such a proposal exists, the rationale behind it; whether any assessment has been conducted prior to proposing this move;*
- (c) whether NADRA has incurred any expenses related to the relocation of the office; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) what measures are being taken by the Government to ensure that the office remains centrally located within the Tehsil to maintain smooth connectivity for all residents?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Shifting of NADRA office Takht-e-Nasrati is under process, however, we would like

to bring on record that the newly selected location (Union Council Chokara) is not much different than the existing location in terms of urban development. Further, as far as the connectivity and accessibility is concerned, no issue has been found at the proposed location.

(b) Prior detailed assessment of the current location vis-à-vis the proposed location was carried out through physical visits by NADRA teams and the following had been found:-

- Covered area of existing building is 792 sqft (pathetic condition, no boundary wall, no drinking water facility and absence of proper female waiting area).
- The proposed building is 2682 sqft (newly constructed and secure).
- The accessibility to Government offices, hospital and the large number of adjacent densely populated villages from the proposed location is better as compared to the existing location.
- Distance of the new location from Indus Highway is only 2KMs, whereas existing building is 9 KMs from the said highway.
- NADRA follows fair tendering procedure through competitive bidding process for hiring of buildings by inviting bids from general public and there is no such mechanism of direct contracting with the building owner.
- All proposals submitted in response to the tender process were evaluated by the Technical Evaluation Board, on the basis of feasibility, convenience and NADRA's operational requirements. Proposal was accepted after due process and proper approval of the Competent Authority. During the tendering process, physical inspection of the new building was also carried out by Technical Evaluation Board, and after detailed comparative evaluation the proposed building was selected.
- It may please be noted that for the hiring of building for NRC Takht-e-Nasrati, previously 3x tenders were published. First 2x tenders were scrapped due to technical disqualification, as

no suitable building at proper Takht-e-Nasrati Town participated in the tender process. However, the said building was hired through 3rd tender.

(c) Renovation of newly hired building is already under process and will be completed soon.

(d) The Deputy Commissioner District Karak also supported the plan of shifting of NRC and helped NADRA in addressing the concern of Locals of Takht-e-Nusrati and Chokara through a number of meetings with the community. A resident of Takht-e-Nusrati also filed a case (Suit No.21/14 of 2023, dated 3rd May, 2023) in the civil court against shifting of NADRA office; however, the same was dismissed by the court in favor of NADRA.

Status of Time Scale Promotion in CDA

5. Ms. Shagufta Jumani:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the status of time scale promotion in Capital Development Authority (CDA) at present;*
- (b) what is the status of promotion case against the vacant post in CDA; and*
- (c) how many promotion cases made during the last three years against promotion posts of Engineering Wing, especially Sub-Engineers to Assistant Director?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Capital Development Authority (CDA) Board in its 5th Board meeting held on 24.04.2022, approved Time Scale Promotion method in principle in CDA for employees having no line of promotion/having clear line of promotion. Criteria for the employees working in BPS-01 to BPS-19 only regarding minimum length of service in each scale would be ten (10) years service for being eligible for time scale promotion to next scale / grade (copy attached). Pursuant to aforementioned decision of CDA Board, Time Scale Promotions are being granted to employees who have completed 10 years or more than 10 years regular service in same posts after fulfillment of other conditions and recommendation of Departmental Promotion Committee.

Total cases where CDA has granted time-Scale promotion to the eligible officers & official during last three years are as under:

Officers: 327

Officials: 4442

(b) Cases of regular promotion are also being processed upon occurrence of vacancy position and completion of other codal formalities Viz. Completion of requisite length of service Seniority-cum-fitness, Clearance of report from FIA & NAB etc.

Officers: 173

Officials: 1215

(c) No promotions from post of Sub-Engineer to Assistant Director (Engineering) were made the last 03 years as the matter regarding bifurcation of professional and non-professional engineers is under process and a departmental committee has been constituted to probe this matter.

Reasons for delay in Deciding the Appeals Pending from 2023 in CDA

6. Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Capital Development Authority (CDA) is bound to decide an appeal under Section 22 of the Islamabad Land Disposal Rules, 2005 within a specified period;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that several cases related to canceled plots and allotment of alternative plots in Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market Sector 1-11/4, Islamabad are pending with CDA for a long time and non-availability of concerned staff;*
- (c) what are the logical reasons for the delay in deciding the appeals pending from 2023 and the reasons for not presenting the appeals to CDA Board meetings for final decision?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Chapter-VII, Section-22 of Islamabad Land Disposal Regulations 2005 is reproduced as under:

Appeal-Any person aggrieved by an order may within 3 Months of such order, appeal to the Board whose decision shall be final.

It is submitted that there is no time frame / stipulated time set for the CDA Board to make a decision in this regard.

(b) No. As per record only one case in respect of Plot No.340, F&V Market, Sector I-11/4, Islamabad was received in this office on 2023 in which file was referred to law wing CDA for legal opinion and Law wing has rendered following legal opinion:-

The matter was decided after personal hearing by the DDG (Estate) & Director EM-II in compliance of High Court directions in Writ petition No.2423/2022 and the case was closed as there is no justification to consider the case for allotment. There is no point to place the matter before the CDA Board when the matter is already decided by the Competent officer as per law, there should be no point to time and again part of closed matter.

(c) It is submitted that matter above mentioned matter was already decided by the DDG (Estate) & Director EM-II through speaking orders dated 06-9-2022, main part of the orders are reproduced as under---

Considering the discussion above, the following are the findings / decision of the case:

- (i). The petitioner's reliance on 4 June 1985 (read with section 24 (ii) is not substantiated with solid arguments. The Authority closed the case on 4 June 1985 and communicated to the petitioner that no liability was incurred to the Authority to which the petitioner repeatedly referred (Section 24 ii of the Islamabad Disposal Regulations 1993.). Nothing on record could assist the undersigned in determining that the Authority had incurred any liability in the form of allotment of plot to petitioner.
- (ii). The petitioner has no locus standi for the allotment of plots under the given circumstances, and the existing Islamabad Land Disposal Regulations 2005 is in vogue, which prohibits

the previous practice of the Authority for allotment of plots through receipt of applications etc. Initial and fresh allotments are to be made through an open public auction, and there is no exception to this under existing regulations.

- (iii). *The petitioner's case is without merit and has no locus standi for further proceeding.*

In these circumstances, this is a closed and past transaction wherein the Authority has already conveyed the closure of the case in its letter of 4 June 1985, and I concur with the earlier decision of the Authority.

Since the matter has already been decided in line with the rules and regulations of CDA therefore there is no pendency of appeals regarding subject matter is a settled and closed case.

Pension Details of Retire Employees of EOBI

7. Ms. Aliya Kamran:

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether Rs.12,000/- are being given to retire employees by Employees Old-Age Benefits Institute (EOBI) since long;*
- (b) *if so, the detail of retired employees of Government transport plying in Islamabad; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase it; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Chaudhary Salik Hussain): (a) It is apprised that the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Government of Pakistan vide Notification No. I (4)023-EOBI dated 17-08-2023 in exercise of powers conferred by Sub Section (a) of Section-2 of EOBI Act, 1976 increased the minimum pension from Rs.8,500/- per month to Rs. 10,000/ per month along with 17% increase in formula pension to existing pensioners w.e.f. 1st July, 2023. (Annexure A-I & A-II).

At Present, EOBI pensioners are drawing minimum Pension @ Rs.10,000/- to maximum Rs. 29,6001- per month based upon formula provided by Schedule of EOB Act, 1976:

(Monthly wages X No. of years of insurable employment / 50)

Further, it is stated that EOBI pensions are governed by Sections 22 and 23 of the EOB Act, 1976. Any change in the pension needs amendments to Sections 22 and 23 of the EOB Act, 1976. Besides, as per Section 21 of the Act, any change in the benefits and contributions needs an actuarial valuation.

Furthermore, it is clarified regarding the reference to the rate of minimum pension of Rs. 12,000/- in question the same is applicable on the civil pensioners of the Federal Government including civilians paid from defense estimates as well as armed forces personnel and civil armed personnel and not applicable on the pensioners of EOBI. Reference is made to the O.M. No. F-15(1),-Re 9.61.2023-dated, 05-07-2023 of Finance Division, Regulation Wing **Annexure-‘B’**)

(b) It is apprised that a number of 576 pensioners of IWs Punjab Urban Transport Corporation under Registration No.BIA00817 Sub Code No.FA004 and Punjab Road Transport Corporation Intercity under Registration No.BIA00817 Sub Code No. FA017 are drawing pension under the jurisdiction of Islamabad capital territory @ Rs. 10,000/- per month. The said establishment was closed in 1997 and are getting minimum pension as the employees were falling under minimum pension category at the time of closure of establishment.

(c) As required under section 21 of EOB Act, 1976, increase in EOBI pension is subject to Actuarial Valuation which is reproduced hereunder:

“21. The Institution shall, at intervals, of no more than three years, have an actuarial valuation made in the prescribed manner of its assets and liabilities and no change in rate of contribution or benefit under this Act shall be made without proper actual valuation”.

In this regard it is apprised that the Valuation is under process and shall be put up before the Board of Trustees of EOBI for its deliberation and decision.

If the increase in pension is recommended by the Board, the matter will be referred to Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development for getting the ultimate approval from the Federal Government.

(Annexures have been placed in the national Assembly Library)

Installation of New Filtration Plant for the Residents of Islamabad

8. Ms. Shaista Khan:

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the filter of filtration plants was replaced last time in Islamabad;*
- (b) the time by which filtration plant will be installed near G-7/2, Street No.7, Islamabad;*
- (c) whether is there any proposal under consideration by the Government to install more filtration plants near the accommodation of government employees in order to facilitate them?*

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): (a) Filter media of Filtration Plant i.e Cartridge Filters is changed on monthly basis. Last time it was changed on 05-11-2024 and quality of water is ensured as per WHO standard by collecting water samples from each Filtration Plant on monthly basis.

(b) Estimate for installation of Filtration Plant in street No. 07. Sector G-7/2, Islamabad has been prepared and been principally approved from Competent Authority. Now case file is in Finance Wing CDA for allocation of funds. As soon as the funds are allocated, filtration plant will be installed.

(c) A case for installation of 09 new public filtration plants at different places in Islamabad is under process to facilitate general public for safe drinking water in the Federal Capital.

Maintenance and Repair work in 'C' type Quarters in G-6/2, Islamabad

1. **Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of applications submitted, during the last one year, by allottees to the management of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) in respect of maintenance and repairing of "C" type Government quarters in Sector G-6/2, Islamabad;*
- (b) *the total number of quarters where maintenance and repair work has been carried out;*
- (c) *the detail of quarters where in such work is not carried out by the CDA alongwith respective dates including name of its allottees thereof; and*
- (d) *the time by which the aforesaid maintenance and repair work would be carried out?*

Reply not received.

Details of Roshan Pakistan Housing Society, E-16, Islamabad

2. **Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Roshan Pakistan Housing Society exists in Sector E-16, Islamabad;*
- (b) *if so, the number of residential plots with names of allottees, plot numbers and the number of houses constructed there so far;*
- (c) *details of the total number of commercial plots available in its main Markaz with names of allottees and amount received so far against commercial plot from respective allottees; and*
- (d) *when the possession of commercial plots in main Markaz will be handed over to its allottees?*

Reply not received.

Details of Auctioned Plots, Sector-wise by CDA

3. **Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of sector-wise residential/commercial plots that have been auctioned by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) during the last five years;*
- (b) *how many funds have been generated by the CDA through the above mentioned auction; and*
- (c) *whether the CDA employees have been awarded any honorarium/ commission on the sale of above said plots; if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

Details of Contribution Amount to Workers Welfare Fund

4. **Syeda Shehla Raza:**

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of initial amount of contribution made by the Government to the Workers Welfare Fund (WWF); and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for further contribution in the WWF alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Chaudhary Salik Hussain): (a) An initial contribution of **Rs. 100. Million** (One time) was made by the Federal Government to workers Welfare Fund in installments and further resources are being raised from public/private sector.

(b) The Workers Welfare Fund established under the Workers Welfare Fund Ordinance, 1971 derives its receipts/contributions from the following two (2) sources:-

➤ **Workers Welfare Fund Ordinance, 1971**

2% of Income of industrial establishment having total annual income not less than 500 thousand, to be collected by FBR and maintained by the AGPR.

“WWF Scheme applies to all companies engaged in industrial undertaking in the country. “Industrial undertaking” means an institution, organization enterprises or establishment which involves to use the electrical, mechanical thermal nuclear or any other form of energy transmitted mechanically and not generated by human or animal agency which is engaged in any one or more of the following operations, namely:

- (i) The subjection of goods or materials to any manufacturing, assembly, finishing or other artificial or natural process, which changed their original condition or adds to their value;
- (ii) Ship-building;
- (iii) The transformation, generation, conversation transmission or distribution of electrical energy, including hydraulic power; and
- (iv) The working of a mine, oil well or any other source of mineral deposit, including blending, refining and purification of oil and gases;
- (v) Companies engaged, in marketing and distribution of gas or oil in the carriage of man or goods by sea or air;
- (vi) Any other institution, organization, enterprises or establishment which the federal government may, by notification in the official gazette declare to be an Industrial undertaking for the purpose of this scheme.

➤ **Companies Profit (Workers Participation) Act, 1968**

Left-over amount of 5% of profit after distribution amongst eligible workers, to be directly transferred to WWF Trust Fund Account maintained by AGPR.

“WPPF scheme applies to Industrial undertaking which satisfy only one of the following conditions shall pay 5% of its net profits to workers through Board of Trustees, equally represented by workers an management of the establishment level to allocate of funds to three categories mentioned in WPPF Act, 1968 (4:2:1 ratio) and transfer remaining funds to the WWF Trust Fund Account.

- (i) The member of employees by the company at any time during a year is 50 or more; or
- (ii) The paid-up capital of the company as on the last day of its accounting year is Rs. 20 lakhs or more; or
- (iii) The value of the fixed assets of the company (at cost) as on the last day of the accounting year is Rs. 40 laks or more.”

Details of Tea Stalls, Restaurants in Shakarparian, Islamabad

5. **Mr. Naveed Aamir:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Kiosks/Tea Stalls/Hotels/Restaurants set up in the area of Shakarparian, Islamabad at present;*
- (b) *the area of land under the occupation of each of the above said; and*
- (c) *the area of land under the illegal occupation of each of the above said?*

Reply not received.

Details of Passport Printing Per Day by Each Passport Machine in the Country

6. **Mr. Naveed Aamir:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the city-wise detail of Passports being printed out per day by each Passport printing machine in the country, at present?

Minister for Interior (Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi): It is submitted that Passport Production Facility is centralized and located at Passport Headquarters, Islamabad.

The Passport personalization and printing process is automated and linked with central passport database. Passports are being printed/ personalized as per nature of their category/urgency of dates applied in systematic sequence, across country and Pakistan Missions abroad. Total number of Passports printed and dispatched from September to December, 2024 is **2,404,001**. City-wise detail of printed Passports is placed at **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Promotion of Sanitary Workers in the office of Chaklala Cantonment Board, Rawalpindi

7. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *what is the promotion criteria for the Sanitary workers who are working in the office of Chaklala Cantonment Board (CCB), Rawalpindi till to date;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that some Sanitary workers are not promoted after serving 20 years service in the same grade;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the reason for not promoting the above mentioned;*
- (d) *the action taken against the officials/officers who are involved in such unauthorized delay for promotion; and*
- (e) *when the official will be promoted in the next grade?*

Reply not received.

Non-functional Street Lights on Park Road and Lehtrar Road, Islamabad

8. **Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that street lights on main Park Road and Lehtrar Road Islamabad, are not functional due to which the residents of the ar*
- (b) *ea are facing difficulties;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof along-with the time by which the street lights on above roads will be installed and made functional on these roads?*

Reply not received.

**ANNOUNCEMENT REG: PRESENCE OF STUDENTS AND
FACULTY MEMBERS FROM BEACON HOUSE SCHOOL SYSTEM,
WAH CANTT IN THE GALLERY**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Announcement. May I have the attention of the House. The honourable Members are informed that the students and faculty Members from Beacon House School System, Wah Cantt are sitting in the visitors' gallery. We welcome them.

**CITATION REG: PRESENCE OF GROUP OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
INTERNS IN THE GALLERY**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Citation. May I invite the attention of the House. I am pleased to announce the presence of a group of National Assembly Interns in the visitors' gallery. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these interns and in appreciating their enthusiasm and dedication to learning and serving the democratic ideals of the nation.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Leave applications.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Syed Javed Ali Shah Jillani has requested for the grant of leave for 13th and 14th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Nazir Ahmed Bhugio has requested for the grant of leave for 13th, 14th and from 20th to 27th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Ms. Nosheen Ifkikhar has requested for the grant of leave from 13th to 15th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Raja Qamar Ul Islam has requested for the grant of leave for 14th and 15th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur has requested for the grant of leave from 14th to 17th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Asad Qaiser has requested for the grant of leave for 15th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Faisal Amin Khan has requested for the grant of leave for 15th and 16th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel has requested for the grant of leave from 15th to 17th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Khawaja Izhar Ul Hassan has requested for the grant of leave for 16th and 17th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Ahmad Raza Maneka has requested for the grant of leave for 16th and 17th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Waseem Qadir has requested for the grant of leave for 16th and 17th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Malik Muhammad Aamir Dogar has requested for the grant of leave for 16th and 17th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Muhammad Nawaz Khan has requested for the grant of leave for the whole current Session. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Syed Hussain Tariq has requested for the grant of leave from 20th January, 2025 till the conclusion of the Session. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Ms. Zeb Jaffar has requested for the grant of leave for 13th and 14th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Anwar-Ul-Haq Chaudhary has requested for the grant of leave for 15th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Ms. Sabheen Ghoury has requested for the grant of leave for 16th and 17th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Bhatti has requested for the grant of leave for 16th and 17th January, 2025. Is leave granted?

(The leave was granted.)

**ANNOUNCEMENT REG: PRESENCE OF RENOWNED WRESTLER
MR. ATHER ZAHID IN THE OFFICIAL GALLERY**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Announcement. May I have the attention of the House. We have renowned wrestler Mr. Ather Zahid. He has defeated Indian wrestler Singham Dubey in Nepal. We welcome him in official gallery.

**CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE REG: SERIOUS DISRUPTIONS IN
RICE EXPORTS FROM PAKISTAN TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
RESULTING LOSS TO THE EXCHEQUER**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Item No. 3, Calling Attention Notice.
Ms. Sharmila Sahiba, please move.

محترمہ شرمیلا صاحبہ فاروقی ہشام: شکریہ ڈپٹی سپیکر صاحب۔ میں Calling Attention Notice

لینے سے پہلے آپ سے request کرنا چاہتی ہوں۔ If you could bear with me for two

minutes. میری گزارش ہے کہ Question Hour کے دوران اگر quorum point out ہو

جاتا ہے اور آپ House adjourn کرتے ہیں۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: آپ Calling Attention Notice پڑھیں، اس کو چھوڑیں۔

محترمہ شرمیلا صاحبہ فاروقی ہشام: سر! یہ اہم بات ہے۔ اگر House adjourn ہوتا ہے for

include میں Question Hour، اس کو twenty minutes or thirty minutes

کیا جائے، اس کو exclude کر دیا جائے۔ یہ سوالات ہم انتہائی محنت سے ڈالتے ہیں اور public

importance کے سوال ہوتے ہیں۔ اگر House adjourn ہوتا ہے آدھے گھنٹے کے لیے، پھر

House in order ہوتا ہے، پھر ہاؤس شروع ہوتا ہے۔ سر! ہمارا اٹائم ضائع ہو رہا ہے۔ میری آپ سے

request ہے، آگے آپ بہتر سمجھ سکتے ہیں۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: آپ Calling Attention Notice پڑھیں۔

Ms. Sharmila Sahiba Faruqui Hashaam: Thank you Mr. Speaker! I invite attention of the Minister for Commerce to a matter of urgent public importance regarding serious disruptions in rice exports from Pakistan to European countries resulting loss to the exchequer, causing grave concern amongst the public.

جناب ڈپٹی سیکرٹری ذوالفقار بھٹی صاحب۔

جناب ذوالفقار علی بھٹی: جناب سیکرٹری صاحب! فاضل ممبر نے disruption کے بارے میں بالکل ٹھیک بات کی ہے۔ ہماری جو total shipments تھی، وہ thousands میں تھی European Union کو۔ Last year, 61 interceptions ہوئیں۔ اس سال 105 interceptions ہوئیں۔ پاکستان کا globally 11% share ہے rice export میں، اور 50% ہماری total agro کا، ٹوٹل جو export ہے اس کا 13% ہمارا rice ہے۔ ہمارے جو competitors ہیں، وہ انڈیا ہے، ویت نام ہے، تھائی لینڈ ہے۔ یہ disruptions ہیں۔ ایک تو اس کی وجہ ہے کہ 2023 میں انڈیا نے اپنے domestic price control پر، مودی نے الیکشن کے دوران rice export پر پابندی لگائی تھی۔ اب انہوں نے پابندی اٹھادی ہے۔ جو ہمارا main competitor ہے وہ انڈیا ہے اور پوری دنیا میں وہ ہم کو compete کر رہا ہے۔ اس وجہ سے ہمیں جو مارکیٹ میں benefit ملا تھا انڈیا کی پابندی کی وجہ سے ہمیں گلوبلی فائدہ ہوا اور ہمارے rice buyers زیادہ بنے۔ اس کے بعد جو دوسرا issue زیادہ بنا، وہ یہ ہے کہ DPP جس کو ہم Department of Plant Protection کہتے ہیں۔ ان کے certification and SPS standards تھے، اس میں مسائل آئے اور European Union میں جو ہماری 105 ships میں detection ہوئی۔ کسی میں ہماری pesticides detect ہوئی۔ اسی طریقے سے sanitation کے issues آگئے۔ اس کے باوجود پاکستان کی rice کی export میں ہمارا اب بھی rise ہے۔ In future ہمیں اس پر اپنے steps لینے پڑیں گے۔ اس میں ہم نے ایک کام یہ کیا کہ جب انڈیا دوبارہ مارکیٹ میں آیا تو انہوں نے چاول کو سستے داموں بیچنا شروع کر دیا۔ اس پر جو minimum export price تھی، اس کو بھی ہم نے کم کیا۔ ہم نے پچھلے سال MEP کو بھی کم کیا۔ تاکہ ہمارا exporter بھی compete کر سکے۔

ہم نے SPS certification کو strengthen کیا۔ ہم نے اس میں export compliance کو بھی improve کیا۔ اس کے علاوہ ہم نے exporters کو جو European Union کے جو standard ہیں ان میں ان کو awareness دی۔ ہم نے اس میں ایک یہ کیا کہ جو DPP تھا وہ technically اور اس کے ایک standard نہیں تھے۔ اس پر انٹرنیشنل صاحب نے بڑا سخت ایکشن لیا ان لوگوں کے خلاف، جن لوگوں نے اس میں غفلت کی تھی۔ اور اس میں ہمارے 17 Inspectors جو ہیں ان کو FIA نے معطل کیا اور ان پر FIRs ہوئیں۔ اور اس کے بعد ایک اور ماڈل جو ہے وہ in process ہے جس میں بالکل ایک standard کی labs اور اس standard کا ایک پورا mechanism ہم develop کر رہے ہیں۔

تو اس طریقے سے ہم نے DPP کی restructuring کو بھی اس میں ہم نے مد نظر رکھا۔ اب ان شاء اللہ تعالیٰ یہ جو ہمارا competition ہے یا ہم فی الحال جو rice ہے اس کی export میں ہمارا deficit نہیں ہے۔ لیکن جو سابقہ standard ہے یا اپنی سابقہ مارکیٹ کو maintain کرنے کے لیے ان شاء اللہ تعالیٰ جو حکومت اب steps اٹھا رہی ہے، وہ ان شاء اللہ تعالیٰ ہم پورا کریں گے۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: شکریہ۔ شرمیلا فاروقی صاحبہ، ایک سوال پوچھیں۔

محترمہ شرمیلا صاحبہ فاروقی ہشام: سر! دیکھئے۔ 2024 کے اندر پاکستان نے چھ لاکھ میٹرک ٹن چاول export کیا ہے۔ جس کی foreign exchange میں ہمارے پاس چار بلین ڈالر آئے ہیں۔ اور حکومت کا جو تخمینہ ہے جو کوشش ہے وہ یہ ہے کہ 2030 تک اس کو 10 بلین ڈالر تک لے جائیں۔

اب issue یہ آرہا ہے کہ جو rice exporters ہیں ان کو facilitate نہیں کر رہی گورنمنٹ۔ ان

کے ساتھ ایشویہ ہو رہا ہے کہ اب انڈیا نے کیونکہ rice export سے ban ہٹا دیا ہے that's going to

be fierce competition کیا یہ بتا سکتے ہیں کہ کوئی مزید un-tapped markets کو انہوں نے touch کیا ہے یا جو exporters کو Phytosanitary Certification کی issuance کے اندر تاخیر ہوتی ہے اس کے حوالے سے انہوں نے کوئی اقدامات اٹھائے ہیں یا جو stakeholders ان کے ساتھ بیٹھے ہیں quality standards کو maintain کرنے کے لیے؟ اس میں compliance کو یقینی بنانے کے لیے وہ اقدام اٹھائیں۔ یہ تو generic سے سارے جواب آرہے ہیں۔ We need results because پاکستان جو ہے وہ دوسرے نمبر پر سب سے زیادہ زر مبادلہ کماتا ہے rice export سے۔ اور اگر یہ ہماری مارکیٹ چلی گئی کیونکہ پاکستان کی credibility is also at stake اور پاکستان کے چاول کی export is also at stake. لیکن اگر پارلیمنٹری سیکرٹری صاحب اتنے معصوم سے ہیں، اب میں ان سے کیا سوال پوچھوں۔ اگر یہ بتادیں ہمیں کہ how is the government facilitating the rice exporters?

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: شکریہ۔ ذوالفقار بھٹی صاحب۔

جناب ذوالفقار علی بھٹی: میری معصومیت تو اپنی جگہ پہ ہے میں یقیناً معصوم بھی ہوں۔ لیکن میں یہ بات کر رہا ہوں کہ جو ہمارا exporter تھا۔ اسی exporter نے جو DPP کو پیسے دے کے اس SPS کو انہوں نے بلکہ پورے European Union میں ہماری بدنامی ہوئی۔ ہم نے REAP کے ساتھ ایک ملاقات کی ہے۔ ہم exporters کو پوری سہولتیں دینے کو تیار ہیں۔ اور ہماری یہ اپنی پوری کوشش ہے لیکن ہم یہ کبھی نہیں کر سکتے کہ ہم جو DPP سے پیسے لے کے وہ غلط سرٹیفکیٹ انہوں نے دیے۔ جس کی وجہ سے پوری دنیا میں پاکستان کی بدنامی ہوئی۔ European Union میں ہم black میں جانے کو تیار ہو گئے، پاکستان کی اتنی بدنامی ہوئی۔

تو میں یہ سمجھتا ہوں کہ آپ مجھے یہ بتائیں، میرے فاضل ممبر یہ بتائیں کہ کون سی ہم نے exporter پہ قدغن لگائی۔ اگر انہوں نے غلط کام کیا، FIA میں ان کے خلاف FIR ہوئی، انہوں نے over react کیا۔ اس over reaction کی وجہ سے DPP نے over react کیا standard کو maintain کرنے کے لیے۔ ہم تو DPP کے متبادل اس کا ایک ماڈل لارہے ہیں تاکہ وہ digitally بھی ہو اور اس کے پورے ایک سسٹم میں rapidness بھی آئے اور اس کا standard بھی maintain ہو۔ تو اس کے اوپر ہم بالکل کام کر رہے ہیں۔ میرا نہیں خیال کہ ہم نے اپنے exporter کو کسی قسم کا مایوس کیا ہے۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: شکریہ۔ جناب خورشید احمد جو نیجو صاحب، ایک سوال پوچھیں۔

جناب خورشید احمد جو نیجو: السلام علیکم سر۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: شکریہ۔ وعلیکم السلام۔

جناب خورشید احمد جو نیجو: پارلیمنٹری سیکرٹری نے جو جواب دیا ہے سر! وہ unsatisfactory جواب ہے۔ اب rice کی جو export ہوتی ہے وہ تقریباً پاکستان کے جتنے بھی exports ہیں، ٹیکسٹائل اس میں نمبر 2 ہے۔ مگر اس کو ابھی تک انڈسٹریل کادرجہ نہیں دیا گیا ہے، اور جبکہ زر مبادلہ جو تقریباً four billion ہے جو ہے last year وہ کمایا تھا ڈالرز میں۔ اور تقریباً 9 million tons یہاں سے export ہوتا ہے۔ اس میں سے 3 million tons پنجاب کے ہوتے ہیں، 6 million tons سندھ کے ہوتے ہیں۔ جس میں باسمتی پنجاب کرتا ہے، سندھ جو ہے IRRI-6, IRRI-9, IRRI-8 اور جو China ہے وہ کرتا ہے۔ یہ shipment ایک گئی تھی اٹلی کے اندر۔ وہ shipment جب گئی وہ پنجاب سے گئی باسمتی کی اور اس میں interception وہاں پر ہوا۔ اب interception جو ہے وہ ہوتا رہتا ہے، it's a normal thing وہ China کا بھی ہوتا ہے، India کا بھی ہوتا ہے، Thailand کا بھی ہوتا ہے، Burma کا بھی ہوتا ہے۔ یہ ہوتا رہتا ہے۔ مگر وہاں کے

جو ہمارے ambassador Sahib جو تھے انہوں نے یہاں پر آ کے شکایت کر دی پاکستان میں گورنمنٹ میں کہ وہاں پر اس میں pesticides استعمال ہوتا ہے۔ اب وہ pesticides جو بھی ہے ظاہر ہے کہ وہ grower استعمال کرتا ہے۔ عموماً جو exporter ہوتا ہے وہ تو صرف اس کو husting کر کے اور اس کی polishing کر کے وہ export کرتا ہے۔ اب انہوں نے کہا کہ RND میں ان کے پاس تقریباً 12 billions پڑے ہوئے ہیں۔ اب وہ 12 billions ابھی تک، وہ ان لوگوں نے اپنے پاس رکھے ہوئے ہیں۔ اب جو ہمارا export ہوتا ہے چاول، اس میں سے 0.25 جو ڈالر ہوتے ہیں وہ اس میں جمع ہوتے ہیں E&D میں۔

اب plant protection کی جو بات کی ہمارے Parliamentary Secretary نے، اب اس میں ان کے پاس سٹاف نہیں ہے۔ ان کے پاس کنٹرول اتھارٹی نہیں ہے۔ کنٹرول کوئی چیز نہیں ہے۔ پیسے ہیں، مگر ان کے پاس کوئی بھی سسٹم نہیں ہے۔ اب وہ سسٹم تو ان کو پیدا کرنا چاہیے۔ جب یہ پیدا نہیں کریں گے تو ظاہر ہے یہ چیزیں آگے نہیں بڑھیں گی۔ اور ادھر ظاہر ہے جب تک آپ growers تک نہیں جائیں گے ہماری agriculture country ہے 37 million metric ton جو ہماری land ہے وہ irrigated ہوتی ہے۔ مگر اس میں کبھی وہاں پہ expert گئے ہیں ان کو پتہ ہے کہ بھی کتنا آپ لوگوں کو DAP دینا چاہیے، urea دینا چاہیے۔ سب دو نمبر آرہی ہے۔

اب یہ سب چیزیں جو ہیں آپ کے پاس یہ جو چاول ہے، آغا صاحب آپ منہ میں رکھیں گے تو میں آپ کو گارنٹی دیتا ہوں کہ آپ کو وہ زہر لگے گا۔ اب وہ ہم لوگ export کرتے ہیں۔ تو ظاہر ہے اس میں یہ مسئلے تو آئیں گے۔ اس پہ آپ کو یہاں پر کام کرنا چاہیے نہ کہ ہم لوگ جو ہے باہر پہ کام کریں۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: ٹھیک۔ ذوالفقار بھٹی صاحب۔

جناب ذوالفقار علی بھٹی: میرے دوست نے جو بات کی ہے بالکل میں اس پہ agree ہوں۔ دیکھیں جو rice کی production ہے۔ اس کی بھی quality اور standard کو کس نے maintain کرنا ہے؟ دیکھیں، Ministry of Commerce، جو ہے، وہ نہ تو جا کے صوبوں میں rice کو grow کرا سکتی ہے۔ اور دوسرا DPP بھی Ministry of Commerce کے under نہیں ہے۔ وہ آپ کی منسٹری جو ہے agriculture کے under ہے، ہمارا تو فیڈرل ہے۔ اور اس میں میں آپ کو بتاؤں کہ دوسری چیز یہ ہے کہ صوبے جو ہیں مجھے بتائیں کہ پاکستانیوں کو بھی pesticide کے بغیر rice ملنے چاہئیں کہ نہیں، جیسے میرے فاضل ممبر نے کہا ہے۔ مجھے بتائیں کہ provinces کے ساتھ ہم cooperation میں ہیں۔ لیکن provinces اس میں کیا role ادا کر رہے ہیں؟

مجھے یہ بتائیں کہ سندھ میں کیا کوئی DPP یا Certification یا کوئی ایسا نظام ہے۔ اگر DPP نے کام نہیں کیا، تو اس پہ ہم اس کا متبادل ایک پورا سسٹم کھڑا کر رہے ہیں، تاکہ ان کی labs بھی ہوں، staff shortage بھی پوری ہو، technical بھی ہو، digital بھی ہو، rapid بھی ہو اور فارم سے لے کے اس کے grow کرنے سے لے کے marketing تک، اس کی shipping تک، اس کے standard کو maintain کیا جائے۔ جو ہماری ڈیوٹی ہے ہم وہ پوری کر رہے ہیں۔ لیکن جو ہمارے stakeholder ہیں، provinces بھی ہمارے stakeholders ہیں۔ انہیں بھی چاہیے کہ وہ بھی اپنی ڈیوٹی پوری کریں۔ پاکستان کے لوگوں کو بھی pesticide سے free rice چاہیے، صرف export کا نہیں چاہیے۔ مجھے کوئی بتادے کہ وہاں پہ اپنے provinces کیا اپنی ڈیوٹی کر رہے ہیں؟

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: مرزا اختیار بیگ صاحب ایک سوال پوچھیں۔ اختیار بیگ صاحب کا مائیک کھولیں۔

مرزا اختیار بیگ: سر! میرا یہی سوال ہے، سوال نمبر 3 تو شرمیلا صاحبہ نے اور میرے ساتھی جو نیچو صاحب نے پوچھا ہے لیکن اس وقت جو میں بات کر رہا ہوں ان تمام سوالوں کے جواب سے مختلف چیز ہے جو میرا اس میں concern ہے۔ Concern یہ ہے کہ ہمارے ہاں مسلسل agriculture crop کا shortfall آرہا ہے۔ Cotton کی crop جو 13 million bales پر پہنچ کر اس سال 6 million bales بھی نہیں ہو پارہی حالانکہ 2 سال پہلے 13 ملین تھی۔ ہمارے rice کی بھی اس بار crop affected ہے، سوال یہ ہے کہ rice کی جو export ہو گئی 2023 میں اس میں ہم نے 4 بلین کمائے اس میں انڈیا کو بہت credit جاتا ہے کہ انہوں نے ban لگایا تھا، ان کے ہاں crop shortfall تھی تو وہ نہیں چاہتے تھے کہ یہ export ہو، ہم نے وہ encash کیا۔ مسئلہ یہ ہے کہ جو ہماری crops collapse ہو رہی ہیں یا کم ہو رہی ہیں، اس کی وجہ کوئی اور چیز ہے وہ دیکھیں وہ ہماری management کو نظر نہیں آرہی۔ اس کی وجہ adulterated seeds ہیں، جعلی بیج، pesticides and fertilizers یہ اربوں روپے کا کھلا business چل رہا ہے جس میں جعلی بیج، جعلی fertilizers اور جعلی pesticides ہیں۔

سر مجھے صرف سوال کر لینے دیں۔ سوال یہ ہے کہ کسی stage پر کوئی checking نہیں ہوتی، معصوم former خریدتا ہے اس امید سے کہ crop آئے گی اور پھر بعد میں اس کی yield بھی تباہ ہو جاتی ہے، quality بھی تباہ ہو جاتی ہے، میری آپ کے فورم سے یہ administrative monitoring management بنائی جائے جو سزا دیں، آپ fine کرتے ہیں وہ pay کر کے دوبارہ آجاتا ہے۔ ایسے آدمی کو سخت سزا ہو جو جعلی بیج، جعلی ادویات بیچتا ہے۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: ٹھیک ہے آپ کا سوال آگیا۔ بھٹی صاحب۔

جناب ذوالفقار علی بھٹی: دیکھیں معزز ممبر نے جو باتیں کی ہیں بالکل % 100 صحیح ہیں، ہم بھی یہ چاہ رہے ہیں کہ جو دوسرے stakeholders ہیں Ministry of Food Security and Research کے under، یہ جو انہوں نے ذکر کیا ہے، انہوں نے pesticides کا ذکر کیا ہے، انہوں نے seed کا ذکر کیا ہے، دوسری چیزوں کا ذکر کیا ہے وہ Ministry of Commerce کے under نہیں آتے۔ جناب سپیکر میں آپ سے request کروں گا کہ آپ اگر کوئی ایسی کمیٹی بنادیں جس میں کیونکہ جو کامرس ہے وہ ایک دکاندار ہے، ہماری shops ہیں، ہمیں تو جو چیز ہمیں ملنی ہے وہ ہم نے بیچنی ہے، بے شک وہ agricultures سے آئے، Agro آئے non agro آئے یا textile آئے۔ آپ ایک کمیٹی بنادیں کیونکہ اس میں جو سارے stakeholders ہیں، provinces بھی ہیں، اس میں Ministry of Food Security and Research بھی ہے، industry بھی ہے، یہ سارے اس میں بیٹھیں۔ ہم تو اپنی coordination کرتے ہیں لیکن ان standard کو maintain کرنا کیلئے کامرس کے بس کی بات نہیں ہے۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: جی Ramesh Lal Sahib to ask one question۔

جناب رمیش لال: شکریہ، جناب سپیکر میری گزارش ہے ہماری honourable پارلیمانی سیکرٹری بھٹی صاحب سے ہے، وہ ہمارے بھائی ہیں لیکن بات یہ ہے ہمارے پاکستان میں agriculture، خاص کر کے جو پنجاب ہو یا سندھ ہو rice اور گندم کا ہے۔ Rice کی دوسرے یا تیسرے سال سے پالیسی نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے، جو زمیندار ہیں اور دوسرے rice millers ہیں، export جیسے میرے بھائی نے کہا، alert کہتے ہیں alert کا یہ حال ہے، ہمارا 72 ہے، چین کا confirm نہیں ہے، انڈیا کا 328 ہے، تو مختلف ہے کیونکہ ہمارے جو exporters ہیں ان کو ہماری FIA ہو یا دوسرے department ہوں، خاص طور پر میں کہوں گا، کامرس

منسٹری کی پالیسی ہونی چاہیے۔ کم از کم agriculture کو ابھی دیکھیں ہم rice miller دو سرے سال سے یا جو زمیندار ہیں ہمیں بڑا نقصان ہو رہا ہے۔ جو ریٹ 3 ہزار روپے تھا وہ ابھی 2500 ہے، 500 روپے فی من نقصان سے کاشتکار بھی تباہ ہو رہا ہے اور جو landlord یا زمیندار ہے وہ بھی تباہ ہو رہا ہے۔

دوسرا ہمارے honourable پارلیمانی سیکرٹری نے کہا، جو Department of Plant Protection (DPP) ہے، بد قسمتی یہ ہے کہ DPP کا پاکستان میں ایک بھتہ خور department ہے، تو پاکستان والے اس کو نہیں مان رہے ہیں، تو یورپ والے کہاں سے مانیں گے۔ جیسے میں آپ کو مثال دے رہا ہوں ادھر PTI کے دور میں PIA کو منسٹر سرورخان نے جو بدنام کیا تھا۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: آپ اس پر سوال کریں، جو Calling Attention ہے اس کا PIA سے کیا واسطہ۔
آپ ایک سوال کریں۔

جناب رمیش لال: جیسے PIA کو بدنام کیا گیا تھا ایسے DPP department بھی ایسا ہے۔ میری گزارش یہ ہے کہ گورنمنٹ پالیسی دے خاص طور پر exporters کو اور rice millers کو تاکہ باہر سے ریٹ صحیح ملے تو کم از کم وہ دھان کاشت کریں گے، نہیں تو اس پالیسی کی وجہ سے آئندہ کوئی rice اور گندم کاشت نہیں کرے گا یہ ملک کیلئے نقصان دہ ہے۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: شکر یہ۔ بھٹی صاحب۔

جناب ذوالفقار علی بھٹی: دیکھیں میرے فاضل ممبر نے دوبارہ supplementary question کو raise کیا ہے، اس کا میں پہلے جواب دے چکا ہوں۔ میں نے یہ عرض کیا ہے کہ DPP کی replacement پر پرائم منسٹر صاحب نے بڑا quick action لیا ہے اور وہ لوگ جو اس میں ذمہ دار تھے ان کے خلاف FIRs بھی ہوئیں، پرچے بھی ہوئے اور اس کا alternate اب بہت جلدی alternate in process میں ہے اور

اس کو بالکل جدید خطوط پر، میں نے پہلے عرض کیا ہے digitally بھی، مشینری کے لحاظ سے بھی اور سٹاف کے لحاظ سے بھی اس کو کیا جا رہا ہے۔ باقی جو exporters جس کا Ministry of Commerce کے ساتھ تعلق ہے، میں یہ آفر کرتا ہوں کہ میرے فاضل ممبر مجھے کوئی exporter، ہم نے جن کے ساتھ میٹنگ کی ہے تو اپنا کوئی exporter میرے سامنے بٹھادیں، میں ان کو بٹھادیتا ہوں ان کے جو grievances ہیں، میں دور کرنے کو تیار ہوں۔

جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر: شکریہ، یہ جو Calling Attention Notice ہے اس کو کامرس کمیٹی کو refer کرتے ہیں، کمیٹی کو ہی بھیجتے ہیں Commerce Committee کو شکریہ۔ موسیٰ گیلانی صاحب on Point of Order۔ جی موسیٰ گیلانی صاحب کا mike کھولیں۔

سید علی موسیٰ گیلانی: شکریہ جناب ڈپٹی سپیکر، یہ Calling Attention Notice میں دو دن سے کیونکہ Question Hour چل رہے تھے تو میں Point of Order بھی rice exporter کے لیے ہی لینا چاہ رہا تھا، Parliamentary Secretary for Commerce یہاں پر بیٹھے تھے، یہاں پر جو متعلقہ منسٹر ہیں ان میں رانا تنویر صاحب سب سے important منسٹر ہیں جو National Food Security کے ہیں۔ ان کا ہونا بھی ضروری تھا لیکن ان تک یہ پیغام پہنچ جائے گا۔ دیکھیں ہم سب ٹی وی پر اور یہاں پر آ کر یہ بات کرتے ہیں کہ ہم نے اس ملک کو بچانے کے لیے اپنی سیاست ختم کر دی۔ ہم نے ملک کو بچالیا، ڈیفالٹ سے بچانا ہے لیکن ہم نے سیاست تباہ کر دی۔ ہم نے سیاست کی قربانی دے دی، چاہے وہ نون لیگ ہے، وہ پیپلز پارٹی ہے، ہم سب یہ کہتے ہیں ہم ایک دوسرے کے ساتھ مل کر بیٹھ گئے اور ہم نے اپنی سیاست کی قربانی ملک بچانے کے لیے دے دی۔ مجھے بتائیں پرائم منسٹر صاحب بہت محنت کر رہے ہیں، دن رات economy turnaround کرنے کے لیے محنت کرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے اڑان پاکستان کا ایک پروگرام شروع کیا جس سے پاکستان کی economy کو

turnaround کریں گے، ہم ٹی وی shows پر بیٹھ کر، Floor of the House پر، پارلیمنٹ میں آتے ہیں، جاتے ہیں تو ہر جگہ پر defend کر رہے ہوتے ہیں کہ ہم economy بچا رہے ہیں، ہم economy کو turnaround کر رہے ہیں جس کا انہوں نے ایک اڑان پاکستان پروگرام بنایا۔

میں یہ پوچھنا چاہتا ہوں کہ جو یہ اڑان پاکستان پروگرام ہے، یہ پاکستان میں سرمایہ کاری کو فروغ دینا تھا یا اس کا مطلب ہے کہ پاکستان کے جو exporters ہیں، پاکستان کے لیے جو کام کر رہے ہیں جو پچھلے دس دس سالوں سے top exporters ہیں، ان کی پاکستان سے slide of exporters کیا ہم ان کو وہاں سے بھگانا چاہتے ہیں؟

پارلیمانی سیکرٹری صاحب نے DPP کا بتایا، Department of Plant Protection فیڈرل محکمہ ہے وہ provincial محکمہ نہیں ہے اور وہ extra layer exporters پر لگانے کے لیے، بھتہ لینے کیلئے کہ بھئی یہ certification کرالو، DPP کی total strength 18 لوگ ہیں، انڈیا میں جو DPP ہے وہاں پر اُن کی 1800 لوگ بیٹھے ہیں۔ یہ صرف اور صرف ایک extra layer ہے۔ اس DPP کی certification پاکستان میں کوئی نہیں مانتا تو باہر کے ملکوں میں اُس کو کون مانے گا؟ میں آپ کو یہ بتانا چاہتا ہوں کہ یورپی یونین نے جو ہماری rice ہے وہ 4.2 بلین ڈالر کی export تھی hundred and ninety thousand metric ton کی export تھی India with only 72 rapid alerts کی ایک لاکھ نوے ہزار میٹرک ٹن کی export ہے with 328 rapid alerts ہے تو ہم پاکستان جو ہے وہ compliance میں بھی number one ہے، quantity میں بھی number one ہے۔ اور آج FIA، چاہے وہ Minister for National Food Security ہے، وہ harass کر رہے ہیں ہمارے exporters کو۔ کیا ہم exporters کو بھی harass کریں گے،

ہر جگہ ایک طرح PIA بنانا چاہتے ہیں کہ یہاں پر بیٹھ کر ہم یہ کہیں کہ ہمارے exporters نے DPP کے ساتھ مل کر دو نمبری کی ہے تو export بند ہو رہی ہے، European Union ban نہیں لگاتا۔ European Union صرف rapid alert دکھا کے testing کی جو percentage ہے وہ بڑھا دیتا ہے پاکستان کی آج بھی سب سے کم percentage ہے testing کی۔ ہم ایک normal procedure کو اتنا hype create کر دیتے ہیں اور اس کو اتنا بڑا بنا دیتے ہیں کہ ہم بندے arrest کر رہے ہیں، او بھئی جن کو arrest کرنا ہے ان کو arrest کرو۔

جناب چیئر پرسن: شکریہ گیلانی صاحب آپ کا point آگیا، میری گزارش ہے کہ معاملہ کمیٹی میں refer کر دیا گیا ہے تو we will request کہ گیلانی صاحب کو بھی میٹنگ میں بلا یا جائے۔ آفریدی صاحب کا mike on کیجئے۔

جناب محمد اقبال: جی سپیکر صاحب ایک تو۔۔۔

جناب چیئر پرسن: نہیں جناب! آپ نے quorum کی بات کی آفریدی صاحب آپ quorum کی بات پہ تقریر نہ کریں۔ جی آپ نے quorum point out کرنا ہے تو mike سے کریں۔

POINTING OUT THE LACK OF QUORUM

جناب محمد اقبال: جی quorum پورا نہیں ہے سپیکر صاحب -

Mr. Chairperson: Count be made.

(The count was made.)

(اذان عصر)

Mr. Chairperson: The House is not in order. Prayers break for fifteen minutes.

(The proceedings of the House suspended for 15 minutes for Asr prayer.)

(ایوان کی کارروائی جناب چیئر پرسن (جناب بلال اظہر کیانی) کے زیر صدارت بعد از وقفہ نماز عصر 4 بجکر 5 منٹ پر دوبارہ شروع ہوئی)

Mr. Chairperson: The House is adjourned to meet again on Friday, the 17th January, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

(The House was adjourned to meet again on Friday, the 17th January, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.)