

**(9th Group, 46th Session)**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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

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

**Thursday, the 1st December, 2022**

170. **\*Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**  
(Deferred during 45th Session)

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the details of the officers of grade-17 and above appointed during the last five years, alongwith their names, qualifications in the relevant field, details of procedure adopted for appointments?*

**Minister for Climate Change (Ms. Sherry Rehman):** During the last five years, M/o Climate Change made the following recruitment for BS-17 and above:-

S.No.	Name of officer	Designation with BPS	Date of appointment	Qualification	Procedure adopted by MoCC	Remarks
1.	Ms. Mehvish Rauf	Assistant Secretary (Wildlife) (BS-17)	11-03-2019	M.Sc. (Zoology)	Appointment made by FPSC	--
2.	Mr. Mukhtiar Ali Mirbahar	Assistant Inspector General (BS-18)	28-10-2019	M.Sc. (Forestry)	As above	Appointed made by FPSC, however, the officer relieved, because, the officer retained lien with his parent department.
3.	Dr. Raja Muhammad Omer	Dy. Inspector General (Forests) (BS-19)	21-02-2020	Ph.D/MSc (Forestry)	As above	--
4.	Mr. Ghulam Qadir Shah	Inspector General (Forests) (BS-21)	22-06-2022	MSc (Forestry)	As above	--

82. **\*Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**  
(Deferred on 17-11-2022)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the total value of transferable and non-transferable assets of Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE), Islamabad?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** Federal Board of intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) is an autonomous organization enacted by the Parliament in 1975 with the main objective is to hold Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) level examinations, declaring results and issue certificates thereof. Being an Autonomous Body, FBISE generates its own funds under the provision of FBISE Act 1975 with no funding from Federal Government and the funds of FBISE are not processed through AGPR. The total value of transferable and non-transferable assets of FBISE are as under:—

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Value (Rs. in Millions)</b>
Transferable	7,615.824
Non-transferable	69.574
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,685.398</b>

83. **\*Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**  
(Deferred on 17-11-2022).

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 202 Senior Computer Teachers (SCTs) were hired in January, 2018 under the “ICT for Girls Project” in the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad who have not been regularized so far; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said project was ended on 20-01-2022 but the above said Teachers are continuously working without salaries on the verbal directions regarding extension of the project for further three years and to continue*

*their work; if so, the details thereof and reasons for non-payment of their salaries; and*

- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to regularize above said teachers; if not, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a)

- It is submitted that FDE did not hire computer teachers but it was a collaboration of M/o IT through Universal Service Funds (USF) (a subsidiary of M/o IT & Telecom) to assist Girls Education in ICT and collaborated with FDE through M/o FE&PT as a Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) initiative.
  - USF engaged these teachers through Pak Multi Services (Pvt) Limited a third-party service provider which was funded by USF till 31 January, 2022. 226 computer labs in girls' educational institutions i.e. 107 in Phase-I and 119 in Phase-II along with hiring trained human resources and provision of broadband services for these labs.
  - As these teachers were not hired through public money/recurring budget/ any PSDP project so their regularization was not possible under the rules.
- (b) • For the sustainability of the project and its academic benefit, FDE prepared/ tabled a PC-I in consultation with other stakeholders for a duration of 3-years to be funded through PSDP titled "Sustainability of Computer Labs Established by the Universal Services Fund (USF) along with Retention of 202 Computer Teachers in Girls Schools/Colleges of FDE" and it was approved from the competent forum on 12.04.2022 with a capital cost of Rs. 441.774 Million. FDE requested 178 teachers to continue their work.
- FDE and M/o FE&PT requested relevant fora for arranging funds but it could not be materialized as it remained unfunded during FY 2021-22.

- (c) • The case for the release of salary and issuance of the offer letter is decide in project Steering Committee (PSC) on 02-11-2022 as currently the project is funded in FY 2022-23.
- Project Steering Committee (PSC) through its sub-committee has completed scrutiny/verification of antecedents and performance avaluation.
- The appointment letter as Project/contract staff in PPS-05 has been issued.

95. \* **Ms. Nasiba Channa:**  
(Deferred on 17-11-2022).

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.117 replied on 10-08-2022 and to state:*

- (a) *the location-wise names of projects developed, so far in the country at Federal level for the conservation, regeneration and safety of wild life during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the benefits accrued to wild life from said projects?*

**Minister for Climate Change (Ms. Sherry Rehman):** (a)  
Following two projects are being implemented at Federal level for conservation of wildlife in Pakistan:

1. **Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme (TBTTP):** The project is sponsored by Government of Pakistan and executed by Forests and Wildlife Departments of all provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). The total cost of the project is PKR 125.1843 billion in which PKR 15.59296 billion is allocated for conservation of wildlife. The duration of project is five years, from 2019 to 2023. Under TBTTP, 'Protected Areas Initiative' was launched on 29th June, 2020. The initiative aims to improve flora and fauna, improve governance and promote eco-tourism in Protected Areas.
2. **Pakistan Snow Leopard & Ecosystem Protection Program (PSLEP):** It is a Global -Environment Fund (GEF)-funded project and is being executed by an NGO viz Snow Leopard

Foundation Pakistan (SLF) in collaboration with Ministry of Climate Change and snow leopard range of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir. The total cost of project is USD 4.64 Million and duration is five years, from 2018 to 2023.

(b) Following benefits have been ensued from the above-mentioned projects:

1. Enhanced management and coverage of Protected Areas of Pakistan. Under Protected Areas Initiative, 68 new Protected Areas have been notified till January 2020 throughout Pakistan extending over 36111.52409 Square Kilometers **(Annex-I)**.
2. Better monitoring and surveys of wildlife species to assess populations of snow leopard, urial, markhor, Ibex and blue sheep etc.
3. Enhanced capacity building of provincial/territorial wildlife departments for better implementation of wildlife laws for protection of wildlife across the country.

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

96. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**  
*(Deferred on 17-11-2022)*

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

- (a) the locations of the universities established in the country and the names thereof;*
- (b) whether the Government intends to establish new universities in the country;*
- (c) if so, the locations thereof and the time by which same will be established?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

98. **\* Ms. Nasiba Channa:**  
(Deferred on 17-11-2022).

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

- (a) *whether there is any Rest House in Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad alongwith the purpose for which it set up/buildup;*
- (b) *if so, the number of its rooms alongwith the persons staying therein?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) Yes, there is only one guest house in the premises of FBISE, H-8/4, Islamabad. The guest house is primarily meant for use of the official guests of the Board including visiting delegates, BoG Members, guests from sister educational boards of the country, guests from the affiliated schools and colleges of FBISE on payment of standard rent.

(b) Total number of rooms is 10, consisting of Ground and 1st floor. Persons stay in the room according to the occupancy of the available room(s).

100. **\* Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**  
(Deferred on 17-11-2022).

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

- (a) *the precautionary steps being taken by the Government to tackle the issue of international environmental changes; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that glaciers of district Chitral are melting;*
- (c) *what steps being taken by the Government to safeguard the illegal cutting of lands and trees of Chitral River; and*
- (d) *what steps are being taken by the Government to protect the population from the damages due to melting of glaciers?*

**Minister for Climate Change (Ms. Sherry Rehman):** (a) Pakistan is facing disproportionate challenges with respect to climate change. Though Pakistan is a very low contributor to the problem (**0,8% contributions to Global Green House Gas (GHG) emissions as per GHG inventory, 2018**), yet Pakistan continues to suffer as one of the most impacted countries. In 2021, Pakistan was categorized as one of the three countries that have continuously remained in the top 10 list of most impacted countries over the past decade. Pakistan has also been ranked as the **8th most vulnerable country** to climate change according to “**Global Climate Risk Index 2021**” (report by German-watch) in terms of climate related challenges including water stress, desertification, glacier melting, extreme events and spread of diseases.

**Precautionary Measures/Steps Taken to tackle Climate Change in Pakistan:**

Government of Pakistan being fully cognizant of the worst impacts of climate change has set clear climate priorities and has taken following major steps in the form of policy, interventions to cope with the negative Impacts of climate change in the country:

- i. Formulation of **National Climate Change Policy, 2021** (includes recommendations for various sectors to reduce climatic impacts)
- ii. Submission of **Pakistan Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) revised 2021** under the Paris Agreement
- iii. **National electric vehicle policy, 2019** (for paving shift towards electric automobiles)
- iv. **Hazardous Waste Management Policy, 2022** (for efficient disposal of solid waste)

**Important flagship projects / initiatives:** Pakistan has responded a well-articulated climate change agenda which consists of following flagship initiatives:-

- a. **Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Project** for afforestation (1-8 billion plants planted so far)

- b. **Protected Area Initiative to conserve** ecologically important areas
- c. **Eco-system Restoration Initiative** for (i) facilitating transition towards environmentally resilient Pakistan (NDC); and (ii) attaining Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN).
- d. **Recharge Pakistan** for climate resilience and water security through cost-effective ecosystem-based adaptation.
- e. **Glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF-II)** for continuation of GLOF-I and to mitigate GLOF related risks.
- f. **Pakistan Clean Air Programme (PCAP)** to mitigate air pollution.
- g. **Climate Resilient Agriculture:** US\$ 35 million GCF grant was signed with FAO for Punjab and Sindh for transforming the Indus Basin with Climate, Resilient Agriculture and water management targeted to provide nature based solutions to small and subsistence farmers.
- h. **Banning plastics** to curb use of polythene bags etc.
- i. **Capacity Building on Water Quality Monitoring and SDG 6 (6.1) Reporting** for water quality monitoring and enhancing its infrastructure.
- j. **National Adaptation Plan:** Under the National Adaptation Plan process, Pakistan will develop a strategy for comprehensive medium and long-term adaptation planning process for which work has already been initiated.
- k. **Gender and climate mainstreaming:** Pakistan has prepared Pakistan's first **climate and gender action plan** with the help of GCF and IUCN which is an important step in recognizing, planning and providing relief for the disproportionate effects of climate stress that women face.
- l. **Climate Resilient Urban Human Settlements Unit** to cater challenges of urban development and sustainable cities (detailed brief is provided as annex).



- m. **Overhaul of EPA:** restructuring of Environment protection agency is underway.

**New initiatives:**

- i. **Living Indus River Initiative:** Living Indus River initiative for restoration of River Indus for climate resilient future
- ii. **Prime Minister Task Force on Global warming and heat-wave** was constituted to effectively coordinate efforts to cope with the climate change related extreme events
- iii. **Policy-based lending** under World Bank Group to bring various climate change related **policy reforms**
- iv. **Program and Project support under Asian Development Bank's climate sector development program (SDP)** to bring various climate change related policy reforms and invest in climate related projects.

**Precautionary Measures taken by the Government to tackle the issue of International Climate Change:** The developed countries of the Global north are responsible for about 92 percent of the total carbon emissions as per Lancet Planetary Health article in 2020 yet the poorest countries of the world (Global South), whilst registering the lowest industrial pollution levels, are most susceptible to the damage produced by climate change (Global Climate Risk Index 2021). The only way to tackle the issue of international climate change is to reduce emissions. Mitigating Pakistan's negligible share of carbon emissions (0.8% share in the global carbon emissions) will not solve the issue. Despite this-fact, Pakistan is focusing on adaptation as well as achieving mitigation targets committed in the NDCs (shifting to renewables, ban on imported coal etc). Pakistan is also utilizing global forums (such as COP 27) to urge the Global North to reduce emissions as well as loss and damage and climate reparations. Pakistan is also enhancing its capacity to develop pre and post disaster risk responsiveness to reduce damages caused by climate induced disasters.

(b) The glaciers are melting all across Pakistan and Chitral is no exception. From 2018-2021, the frequency of GLOF events in KP was 2-3 per annum, however, only in 2022, KP has seen 09 GLOF events, resulting in catastrophic damages to infrastructure, livelihood and livestock in Chitral valleys (Madaklasht, Arkari and Reshun).

(c) Pertains to Forests Department, KP.

(d) The Government of Pakistan and Ministry of Climate Change has an agenda to make climate change and GLOFs as integral part of its policy interventions and decision making. In this regard, the Ministry of Climate Change is leading with its flagship project of Soling-up of Glacial Lake Outburst Flood risk reduction in Northern Pakistan (GLOF-II). GLOF-II project implemented with the support of Green Climate Fund as funding Partner and UNDP Pakistan as Executing Partner. The project has footprints in 24 valleys (list attached) in Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa in 18 districts, 10 of which are also declared as calamity-hit by Government of Pakistan in recent floods. GLOF-II Project is an adaptation project with a scope to enhance institutional capacity of government partners, strengthening of vulnerable communities through multi-sectorial development, and acceleration of installation of Early Warning Systems, comprising of automatic weather stations, rain gauges, water depth gauges, water discharge gauges, snow-depth sensors, and warning posts, which will be centrally integrated to the master control rooms. This will enable the Government of Pakistan for a better forecasting and simulation for devising future action-plan, and timely protecting the vulnerable communities against the risk of GLOFs. Project is also protecting communities against GLOFs through establishing small-scale mitigating infrastructure (check-dams/gabion wall etc.) and is rehabilitating existing irrigation channels in Project valleys for channelization and to provide community access and drinking to water for irrigation addition, GLOF-II has formed Community Based Disaster Management Committees and Hazard . Watch Groups (HWG) in all project valleys, which acts as a first line of defense in the wake of GLOF disaster. The Early Warning System has reached Pakistan in October 2022 and is ready for installation. Currently Construction of its base platforms is in process in 02 valleys in GB (Shisper (Hunza), Darkhut (Ghizer) and 02 valleys in Chitral-KP (Reshun and Madaklasht). Kumrat in Swat-KP will be next for installation. All installations is planned to complete by June-July 2023 and efforts are expedited to achieve this target.

List of GLOF-II Valleys:

<b>Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa</b>	
<b>District</b>	<b>Valleys</b>
Notified Early 2020	
Swat	1. Gabral (Utror)
	2. Matiltan

Lower Chitral	3. Madaklast
	4. Arkari
Upper Dir	5. Kumrat
Notified December 2020	
Upper Chitral	6. Reshun
Upper Kohistan	7. Kandla
Swat	8. Mankeyal, Bahrain

<b>Gilgit-Baltistan</b>	
<b>District</b>	<b>Valleys</b>
Notified Early 2020	
Ghizhar	1. Badswat
	2. Dharkot
Ghanche	3. Khaplu
	4. Barah
Hunza	5. Ghulkin
Kharmang	6. Ghundus
Astore	7. Rupal
Notified December 2020	
Hunza	8. Shisper/Ultar
Hunza	9. Shimshal
Diarner	10. Muthat
Skardu	11. Strangbut (Bashoo)
Nagar	12. Hisper
Gilgit	13. Haramosh
Ghizer	14. Sosat
Astore	15. Parashing
Shigar	16. Arindu

106. **\*Ms. Shams Un Nisa**  
(Deferred on 17-11-2022)

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Government to counter the challenge of climate change considering the vulnerability of the country to the effects from climate change especially after the recent devastating floods?*

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108. **\*Ms. Aliya Kamran**  
(Deferred on 17-11-2022)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that public sector universities are receiving Rs.1,500/- (non-refundable) from the candidates as registration fee for admission in BS, Programmes;*
- (b) *the details of fees by each university during the last three years;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the public sector universities start admission process to the BS Programme before the announcement of final result of F.Sc by the respective boards of education;*
- (d) *whether it is further a fact that after registration, the candidates are provisionally admitted on the basis of result of the first year of F.Sc, with a condition that if they fail in any subject, their admission will be cancelled; and*
- (e) *what steps are being taken by the Government to simplify the procedure of admissions in BS, Programme by starting the process after announcement of final result of F.Sc by the respective boards?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) The Question was forwarded to Higher Education Commission (HEC) for reply. The reply of HEC has not yet received because the requisite information has to be collected from 145 public sector universities which requires additional time for compilation.

109. **\*Mr. Usman Ibrahim**  
*(Deferred on 17-11-2022)*

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

- (a) the circumstances leading to impose ban on PIA for its international flight operation to Europe and America;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that American Agency Air Route Traffic Control Centers (ARTCC) has allowed PIA to resume its flight operations;*
- (c) what measures PIA has taken in this respect, so far;*
- (d) whether it is also a fact that European Agency European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) has not yet cleared PIA for its flight operation;*
- (e) the reason for this delay and the measures taken by PIA to meet the conditions imposed by EASA;*
- (f) whether it is further a fact that Overseas Pakistanis, have suffered extra ordinary inconvenience due to ban on National Carrier; and*
- (g) what alternative steps PIA have been taken by the Government to provide traveling facility to Overseas Pakistanis?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a)

- (i) Since the year 2009, PIA remained compliant with EASA regulation and operated flights to/from EU states safely till 30th June 2020. In between, EASA undertook regular two-yearly safety audits in 2015, 2017, and 2019. Various observations that surfaced during these audits, were amicably addressed as per defined timeline.
- (ii) Two Pakistani airlines namely; PIA and Vision Air have EASA-TCO (third Country Operator) authorization. PIA is maintaining EASA-TCO authorization since 2016 while Vision Air obtained this authorization in 2020. Flight operation of both airlines to EU member states were



suspended from 1st July, 2020 primarily because of irregularities in pilot-licensing process. However, while suspending PIA authorization, EASA has also quoted some SMS compliance issues pending since last audit of 2019.

(b) Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) is in contact with American FAA, and as & when the issues of technical assessment are settled between both countries, air traffic would start. ARTCC controls air traffic within American airspace and has nothing to do with granting permission to PIA or any other airline from Pakistan, as this is the domain of American FAA.

(c) Consequent to suspension effective since 1st July, 2020, PIA has embarked upon a swift recovery plan. The steps include but are not limited to the following actions:

- (i) On 02nd December 2020, EASA accepted all deliverables submitted by PIACL for closure of Level-1 finding related to Organizational SMS but linked the re-instatement of Third Country Operator (TCO) Authorization with safety concerns on licenses issued by PCAA.
- (ii) On 31st March 2021, EASA once again accepted and appreciated the steps taken by PLACE regarding organizational SMS, but extended the suspension for an indefinite period amidst Significant Safety Concern (SSC) raised by ICAO regarding certification and oversight capabilities
- (iii) of Pakistani Aviation Regulator, i.e. PCAA. ICAO USOAP audit of PCAA was conducted from 29th November 2021 to 10th December 2021 during which PIACL facilities were also visited by the audit team for verification of compliance with applicable ICAO SARPs & PCAA regulations on Flight Operations, Safety and Air Worthiness Management areas, hence PIA has been cleared by IOSA with 97% satisfaction ratio.
- (iv) ICAO vide letter Ref: AN 19/42.71, dated: 04th January 2022 informed that the actions taken by Pakistan (Regulatory & Industry) were adequate enough and the raised SSC stands

resolved. PIACL updated the ICAO letter on EASA portal and also informed EASA vide letter of 07 January, 2022 regarding resolution of ICAO SSC and requested for uplifting of suspension.

(v) EASA, on 20th January, 2022 has linked the lifting of the suspension of PIA operations to Europe with following:

- Evaluation of USOAP audit report from the standpoint of robustness of certification and oversight capacity of PCAA expected shortly.
- In succession, EASA will plan an audit of PIA in coordination with European Safety Commission in depending on the security and COVID-19 Pandemic conditions.

(vi) Meanwhile the UK Department for Transport (UK DFT) has linked the lifting of suspension of PIA Operations to the UK with the following

(vii) The successful conduct of USOAP audit with positive outcome specific to Personal Licensing, Airworthiness and Flight Ops.

- Effective implementation of Aviation Act 2021 by PCAA.
- PCAA and PIACL are actively pursuing with EC (European Commission and UK DFT).

(d) Yes. The clearance by European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is still awaited as European Commission is still engaged with PCAA for verification of PCAA's pilot licensing certification process & SMS oversight capabilities.

(e) PIA has met all conditions of EASA and over final response submitted in December 2020 was accepted by EASA, as assessed as satisfactory for closure of finding related to organizational SMS. However, for reinstatement of TCO authorization, EASA has demanded that same shall be considered after restoration of confidence in certification & oversight capabilities of PCAA. In this regard, PCAA has cleared a full scale USOAP audit conducted by ICAO in November-

December 2021. Since then PCAA is following up this issue with European Commission which is expected to be resolved soon,

After restoration of European Commission's confidence in certification & oversight capabilities of PCAA, EASA will share the schedule for conduct of compliance audit of PIA to verify compliance with Part-TCO regulations.

(f) To overcome the difficulties due to suspension of flights to Europe and UK as well as to facilitate overseas Pakistani, PIA continued to facilitate the customers through a charter operation to UK & Paris.

(g) PIA has recently entered into code-share agreement with Turkish Airline and will start PIA flights operation to Istanbul from Islamabad with 04 weekly flights and 02 weekly flights from Lahore. PIA will operate upto Istanbul and transfer passengers for onward destinations in UK, USA and Europe (29 destinations).

110. **\* Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto**  
(Deferred on 17-11-2022)

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

- (a) *whether the Government has conducted a review-cum-audit of the performance of the educational institutions/universities established, through Acts of Parliament in recent years, particularly with reference to their quality of education in various disciplines, their fee structure, and also with regard to compliance with other codes of conduct either laid down for them in an Act of Parliament or prescribed by the HEC;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the said institutions/universities charge exorbitant fees and it is difficult for so many students to pay such exorbitant fees;*
- (d) *if so, what corrective measures are being taken by the HEC in this regard?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a), Higher Education Commission (HEC) is

performing the quality assurance review of the universities on regular basis. So far, 133 Universities (Annex-I) across the country have been reviewed on standards set forth by HEC.

(b) Higher Education Commission (HEC) by virtue of its Ordinance {Section 10-1(b) is empowered “to cause evaluation of the performance of Institutions”}.

Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) of HEC is mandated to initiate several programs to safeguard minimum standards of Quality among Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the country. Institutional Performance Evaluation (IPE) is one of the key components of QAA-HEC Pakistan to safeguard standards and to provide a platform for improvement and promoting a culture of quality in the higher education sector across Pakistan. IPE is a holistic evaluation program that provides a platform to have an institution wide review of the HEIs. It is a Peer Review Process that aims at improving the overall institutional quality IPE consists of eleven (11) standards and these standards are used to review overall institutional development and effectiveness of teaching and learning. The standards include Mission Statement and Goals Planning and Evaluation, Organization and Governance, Integrity, Faculty, Students, Institutional Resources, Academic programme and Curricula, Public Disclosure and Transparency, Assessment & Quality Assurance and Student Support Service.

IPE review is a five-year cyclical activity to evaluate institutional performance on the aforementioned standards. IPE (the review process) is divided into three steps: first being the pre-review step (data collection process through University Portfolio Report (UPR)). The second step is execution of review (physical inspection) and third step is post review activities that includes sharing of IPE review report with the varsities.

(c) Universities [Public as well as Private] are corporate and self-governing entities as prescribed in their Act or Ordinance. Universities have a specific stipulated authority to demand and receive such fees and other charges as they may determine as per statutory process. The fees are generally low in case of public sector university as they receive partial support from the Government. Whereas, the fees of private sector universities (profit and non-profit) varies depending on the quality of education. Considering the fact that the quality of faculty labs, infrastructure, learning experience and management process significantly

vary across Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), regulating or managing fee level is a difficult proposition. The legal authority vested in them also enables them to adjust fee. The\_ overwhelming focus may preferably be or improving access, quality of higher education and research in the country by adequately funding higher education sector and instituting such scholarship programs that extend support to needy students.

To cope with the increasing operational and development costs of institutions, research and undertake new initiatives necessary for innovation, commercialization, joint venture with community & other agencies and match/exceed the minimum quality standards, it is becoming difficult to sustain the required expenditure levels without fee increase, as fee and other charges constitute most part of the revenue of the universities.

(d) As narrated above.

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

201. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the domestic and international airlines standards of flights fares with the country; and*

(b) *if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) Globally, Air-Fares are determined by market forces of demand and supply. These market forces determine the price, quality and range of air services options. The responsibility of the states is usually limited to safety, security and efficiency related matters. As per policy in vogue, same air-fare system is implemented in Pakistan and domestic & international air-fares in Pakistan are determined by way of competition and accordingly vary with variation in demand & supply.

202. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

(a) *the names of functional and non-functional airports in the country at present;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that new airports are under construction in the country; if so, the locations thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which they will be completed/functional?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) The list of Functional / operational and non-functional / scaled-down and closed airports are attached as “**Annexure-A**”.

- (b)
  - (i) Yes, Gwadar International Airport is under construction under the umbrella of CPEC at Gwadar, Balochistan.
  - (ii) An aerodrome / airport is also under construction in Muridke, Punjab.
- (c)
  - (i) Gwadar International Airport is expected to be completed by September 2023.
  - (ii) The completion date of Muridke aerodrome is 10th February 2023.

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

203. **\*Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the details of losses to wildlife and their habitat in flood affected areas during the recent flood in the country alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Climate Change (Ms. Sherry Rehman):** As reported by the provinces, a total of 37,452 acres of wildlife habitat has been affected with estimated loss of Rs. 1418.163 million to infrastructure (**Annex I**).

The above information is based on the reporting made by the provinces. The Ministry of Climate Change has requested the Chief Secretaries to, carry out detailed assessment & verification of losses and share the outcome with this ministry.

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

204. **\*Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**

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

- (a) the present status of implementation/enforcement of the cybercrimes, legislation/rules in the country; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Ministry to reduce incidents of cybercrimes?*

**Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication (Syed Amin-ul-Haque):** (a) Ministry of IT & Telecom has already made legislation on cyber crimes namely “Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016, likewise **Blocking of Unlawful Online Content (Procedure, Oversight and Safeguards) Rules, 2020** have also been promulgated mandating PTA and Cyber Crime Wing (FIA) to fix Cyber Crimes. The said law and rules are implemented in letter and spirit. However, on the observations of court and Law Enforcement Agencies, Prime Minister of Pakistan has constituted National Social Media Coordination Working Group (NSMCWG) to review the legal regime to enforce the same more effectively. The composition and ToRs of the said Group is placed at Annex-A. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group, PECA and the rules made thereunder, shall be accordingly amended to ensure its effective enforcement.

(b) Cyber Security Policy has been promulgated by MoITT and CERTS rules are under consultations with the essential stakeholders. Once it is approved it shall further mitigate the incidence of cyber- crimes.

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

205. **\*Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) the procedure being adopted for promotion in commercial and PHS departments in PIA; and*
- (b) the procedure and criteria being adopted for foreign postings in the said department?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) Standard promotion policy is applicable in all departments (except Pilots & Aircraft Engineers due to specific nature of duty) of PIACL including Commercial

and PHS, the same is attached at **Annex-I** wherein criteria for each pay group viz a viz composition of competent promotion board is given in detail.

(b) Most of the Commercial related trainings are organized by PIA Training Center and conducted locally based on the nature of job description. Where professional training is mandatory.

Some specialized trainings may be scheduled abroad by different service providers. Such trainings are attended exclusively by officials working on the related assignments/mandatory to perform certain duties.

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

206. **\*Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.116 replied on 10-08-2022 and to state:*

- (a) whether there is possibility to promote and develop tourism culture in the country in near future; and*
- (b) the steps, plans and incentives are being taken by the Government to promote tourism in Pakistan?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Government of Pakistan has assigned top priority to the tourism sector as an engine of economic growth and employment generation. In this connection, Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) has been revamped and re-structured in order to play an, effective role in promoting tourism in the country. PTDC is now working on various initiatives to promote tourism in Pakistan in collaboration with provincial tourism departments. .

(b) PTDC has undertaken concrete steps to project a positive image of the country and strengthen the tourism industry, such as:

- Formulation of National Tourism Strategy (2020-23).
- Formulation of National Minimum Standards (NMSO) for Tourism & Hospitality sector.
- Development of E-Portal to provide one window access to tourism related information and services.
- Development of Tourism Brand of Pakistan.



- Development and publication of booklets on religious tourism in Pakistan.
- Development and publication of publicity material for Tourism Promotion.
- Development of Integrated tourism Plan for Islamabad.
- Formulation of COVID Era Tourism Recover Strategy.

2. PTDC has also organized the following mega events to promote sustainable Eco Tourism in the Country:

- Bicycle Rally on the Independence Day
- 3-Day events on the World Tourism Day
- 2-day Conference on the World Mountain's Day

3. To promote B2B linkages with various countries, a series of webinars are being arranged with representative of tourism industry of different countries such as Central Asian States, China, Turkey, Iran, Sri-Lanka, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea etc.

4. For promotion of Pakistan as a tourist destination at International level, creating a soft image and to increase tourism influx in the country, the Prime Minister of Pakistan has also approved the Annual Business Plan regarding participation of PTDC along with provincial/regional tourism departments and private sector stakeholder in the world's leading tourism exhibitions namely:

- World Travel Mart London, UK (7-9 Nov, 2022)
- Trade and Adventure Show, New York, USA (28-29 Jan, 2023)
- ITB Berlin, German (7-9 March, 2023)
- Arabian Travel Mart, Dubai (1-4 Ma, 2023)

5. A delegation of 42 members including stakeholders from the government and private sectors, of tourism industry participated in the World Travel Mart London, held from 7th to 9th November, 2023, in which B2B meetings\* with 40 stakeholders from various private and government sectors of different countries was held. These meetings created a positive environment for the tourism promotion of Pakistan, which will also create soft image of the country at international level.

207. **\*Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that lot of Housing Societies have been established in the area of Islamabad Capital Territory, with no facilities of Government Primary, Higher Secondary (Boys/Girls) School or Colleges; and*
- (b) *what steps are being taken by the Government to provide the above facilities to these private housing societies?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) In the recent years there has been growth of private housing societies in the jurisdiction of ICT. Despite limited availability of finances in PSDP, still FDE is endeavoring to cater for educational needs of inhabitants of ICT in the priority areas, step by step, where the land has been offered by private housing societies.

Following new educational institutions are in phase of finishing and will be completed by June 2023 but classes have been initiated from academic session 2022-23 in completed part of these Institutions:

- i. Islamabad Model College For Boys (IMCB) in G-13/1
- ii. Islamabad Model College For Girls (IMCG) in G-13/2
- iii. IMCG G14/4 in Federal Govt Employees Housing Society
- iv. IMCB G-15 in Jammu & Kashmir Housing Society
- v. IMCB Pakistan Town under IB Employees Cooperative Housing Society (IBECHS)

(b) IMCB at Margallah Town is being funded and work is in progress at site while PC-I for the establishment of IMSB (VI-X) Multi Garden B-17 and MSG (VI-X) Tele Garden F-17 are in the phase of approval by DDWP.

208. **\*Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**

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

- (a) what were the goals on which FBISE had established a digital attendance and monitoring system, and whether these goals been achieved;*
- (b) whether the programme is running in letter and spirit at present;*
- (c) what are the details of the expense incurred on this programme;*
- (d) whether these expenses have been audited; if so, the details thereof;*
- (e) who is the competent authority to oversee the affairs of the Federal Board who, take notice of reports of alleged embezzlement of funds allocated to the programme and the suspension of the programme at present; if so, the details thereof;*
- (f) if any discrepancies have been found in such audits or evaluations of the programme; if so, details thereof; and*
- (g) what corrective measures are being taken by the Government to address each discrepancies and hold the responsible/accountable to any one?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) is an ISO Certified Organization and continuously strive for taking advantage of the modern day technologies and I.T. tools. FBISE have developed a comprehensive Personnel Management Information System (PMIS); a state-of-the-art mobile application for Digital Attendance Monitoring System (DAMS), a software for Question Items Bank (QIB), a complete package for On-Screen Marking, online facility for GIS Mapping, a comprehensive payment/fee collection mechanism for public facility, Online Applications

for various services and a state-of-the-art One Window Cell (OWC) with delivery time of minutes for various services.

### **Benefits of DAMS**

- Fair & Transparent Conduct of Examination
- Reliability & Convenience
- Time and cost saving
- Control on Impersonation
- Immediate reporting of Unfair Mean Cases
- Attendance of supervisory staff
- Inspection of examination centers

### **Real Time Monitoring of Exam Activities**

- Report of Inspectors from the banks
- Elimination of Fictitious numbers
- Real time result by Practical Examiners
- Eliminating un-necessary human involvement
- Real time dispatch reports of solved answer scripts,
- Prompt action on issues and problems

### **Empowering Parents**

- Absent SMS on Mobile
- Parents facilitation

The goals on which FBISE established DAMS have been achieved.

(b) Yes, the said programme (DAMS) is running in letter and spirit at present and shall continue in future examinations as well.

(c) An amount of Rs 484,300/- with all taxes has been incurred on the development of this software.

(d) The payments/expenses have been made through proper procedure and completing all codal formalities. The expenses have been audited before payment.

(e) There is no compliant regarding embezzlement of funds as a very meager amount i.e. Rs. 484,300/- with all taxes has been incurred. Furthermore, programme has not been suspended, it shall be utilized in future examinations as well.

(f) No discrepancy has been found in payment process as the payment has been made according to procedure and after passing by audit authorities.

(g) No discrepancy has been reported/found. A very meager amount has been incurred on development of DAMS.

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

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

- (a) *total volume of financial deficit of PIA during the period from August, 2018 to October, 2022; and*
- (b) *the number of international routes to which services are being provided by PIA after Covid-19?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) Following table shows the deficit of PIA from August to December, 2022.

S. No.	Period	Revenue	Operational expenses, Finance Cost & Exchange Loss	Taxation	Net Loss
1	Aug- Dec 2018	49,138,106	(78,570,628)	37,588	29,394,934
2	2019	147,500,129	200,861,515	759,776	52,601,610
3	2020	94,989,391	130,343,064	710,862	34,642,811

S. No.	Period	Revenue	Operational expenses, Finance Cost & Exchange Loss	Taxation	Net Loss
4	2021	86,185,394	135,949,142	337,743	50,101,491
5	Jan-Oct 2022	137,770,756	206,472,230	904,825	69,606,676

(b) PIA is serving 22 international destinations after Covid-19.

210. **\*Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the students who applied in any University for further studies or applied for getting the jobs were asked to get their degrees verified from HEC; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the reason for not making law or system that Universities get verified the degrees from the HEC and then issue the degrees to their students;*
- (c) *what strategy is being adopted by the Government for the applicants not to travel to Islamabad personally for the verification of their degrees; and*
- (d) *time by which such strategy is to be made; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) The HEC has not issued any direction to public or private sector organizations to demand HEC's attested copies of degrees from job seekers.

However, HEC has advised all private and public sector universities to confirm the genuineness of previous qualification(s) at the time of granting admissions vide letter No. 15(03)/A&A/HEC-2018 dated September 07, 2018 (**Annex-1**).

(b) Hundreds of thousands of students graduate from different universities each year. Graduates get transcripts from universities soon after completion of a degree program and apply for jobs, admission, and scholarship. Later, they apply for attestation of transcripts from HEC as per their convenience and requirement. If the attestation from HEC is made mandatory, before the issuance of degrees by universities, graduates may miss immediate opportunities for admission, jobs and scholarship.

(c) The HEC has shifted all normal applications of degree attestation through courier service to discourage applicants to visit HEC from far-flung areas. Applicants submit complete cases along with documents at the nearest office of the designated courier company and the courier company is responsible for attestation of documents from HEC and return to applicants at their home addresses. In addition to this, applicants may also send documents to HEC for attestation from abroad by using the services of a designated courier company.

However, applicants may visit different offices of HEC for degree attestation in case of any urgency. The attestation process is carried out at HEC's head office in Islamabad as well as at its four Regional Centers situated at Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta for the facilitation of graduates.

Applicants apply for attestation of degrees at weblink <https://eservices.hec.gov.pk>. Detailed instructions regarding degree attestation are available at HEC's website <https://hec.gov.pk>.

(d) HEC has already introduced degree attestation at Islamabad as well as its four Regional Centers. Moreover, Degree Attestation through courier service is also in place for the convenience of graduates. Details have already been mentioned vide point (c) above.

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

211. **\*Mr. Salahuddin:**

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

*(a) whether it is a fact that views/consultation with concerned employees OGRA have been made before amendments in their services recruitments rules;*

(b) *if so, reasons for not having consultation as required under the rules; and*

(c) *the reasons of such amendments by said departments?*

**Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) As per Section 14 of the OGRA Ordinance 2022, (1) The Authority may, from time to time employ officers, Members of its staff, experts, consultants, advisers, and other employees on such terms and conditions as it may deem fit.

(2) The Authority shall prescribe by regulations the procedure for appointment, promotion, termination and other terms and conditions of employment of person employed under sub-section (1).

Further as per Section 42 (d).

(1) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, make regulation, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance or the rules, for the carrying out its functions under this Ordinance.

(d) Establishment of terms and conditions of employment and remuneration policies for staff, consultants and advisers of the Authority;

Thus, amendment in the Regulation by the Authority is not conditional to any consultation with the concerned employees.

(b) Nil

(c) Same as reply to part (a) above.

212. **\*Ms. Nuzhat Pathan:**

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

(a) *the total amount released for making Environmental Monitoring System functional in the country including Islamabad, during the last five years, indicating also the details of utilization of the same; and*

(b) *the details of equipments installed in the Environment Monitoring Office, Islamabad?*



**Minister for Climate Change (Ms. Sherry Rehman):** (a) Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency is mandated with its function under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act' 1997, for protection, conservation and rehabilitation of environment in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), after 18th constitutional amendment.

Whereas, to the extent ICT is concerned, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency, Islamabad has not received any release on account of the functioning / maintenance of the Environmental Monitoring System during previous 5 years. However, Pak-EPA has been granted one time supplementary grant: amounting **PKR. 19,304 Million** in the financial year 2016-17 for the repair and maintenance of Environmental Monitoring System (Fixed and Mobile Air Quality Monitoring Stations) for assessing the ambient air quality of Islamabad.

Further, a fix amount of **PKR. 0.5 Million** is being granted to Pak-EPA in every financial year for the purchase of chemicals and other consumables of CLEAN Labs.

(b) An amount of PKR. 19.304 Million released in the financial year 2016-17 was utilized on repair and maintenance of Fixed Air Quality Monitoring Stations including the fixation of following Analyzers for the air pollutants of major concern;

- (i) Ozone, O<sub>3</sub>
- (ii) Carbon Monoxide, CO
- (iii) Sulfur Dioxide, SO<sub>2</sub>
- (iv) Oxides of Nitrogen (NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>)
- (v) Hydrocarbon (CH<sub>4</sub>, NMHC, THC) and
- (vi) Suspended Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)

A list of other environmental monitoring equipment is enclosed at **Annex-I**

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

13. **\*Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**

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

- (a) *total land of Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, which is illegally occupied by the occupants at present;*
- (b) *the names of occupants; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) 298 Acres- (Details attached at (Annex-I)

(b) (Lists are available at Annex-II)

- (c) • On the special instruction of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Government started an Operation on 05/01/2019, to retrieve the QAU encroached land.
- The cultivated land by the settlers was ploughed and the boundary walls of some encroachers were dismantled.
- But the said operation was suspended on the directives of the Ministerial Committee, to frame an evacuation plan for the settlers.
- Since then, no further action has been taken so far in this regard.

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

214. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.20 replied on 27-07-2022 and to state:*

- (a) *details of the total amount spent on Roosevelt Hotel, America for administration and maintenance; and*

(b) *details of the income earned during the last four years therefrom?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) & (b) Due to extreme financial constraints, as a result of influx of Covid-19 pandemic, and in accordance with ECC/Cabinet's decisions dated September 2/4 2020, the Hotel is closed effective December, 18, 2020. Details of amounts spent on Roosevelt Hotel for administration and maintenance, and income earned during the four years i.e from 2016 through 2019 is attached at **Annex-A**.

**Annex 'A'**

Roosevelt Hotel, America

	US\$ "000"			
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Revenues	\$ 96,540	\$ 93,958	\$ 96,065	\$ 95,323
Administration Expenses	\$ 2,825	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,041	\$ 3,346
Property Operation, maintenance and energy cost	\$ 4,144	\$ 4,232	\$ 4,062	\$ 4,183

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

*Will the Minister for National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state whether it is possible to use Urdu language as an official language?*

**Minister for National Heritage and Culture:** Yes, it is possible to use Urdu Language as an official language but the "whole of the Government approach" is needed.

216. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for National Heritage and Culture be pleased to refer the Starred Question No.11 replied on 27-07-2022 and to state:*

- (a) *the locations of the country where archeological sites have been discovered during last five years;*
- (b) *whether any department is working to discover some new archeological sites in the country at present;*
- (c) *if so, the locations thereof?*

**Minister for National Heritage and Culture:** (a) In the last five years the Department of Archaeology & Museums Islamabad has discovered 38 new Archaeological Sites in Islamabad Capital territory. Besides, following six Archaeological Sites are already existed in Islamabad:

1. Ban Faqiran Stupa
2. Mai Qamro Mosque
3. Tomb of Sultan Muqarab Khan
4. Pharwala Fort
5. Rawat Fort
6. Shah Allah Ditta Caves

(b) In the wake of 18th Constitution amendment 2010 all archaeological sites and monuments stood devolve to provinces. The Department of Archaeology & Museums, Islamabad is restricted to Islamabad capital territory with its mandate and functions. The discovery of new archaeological sites is limited within the Territory.

(c) N/A

217. **\*Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that all buildings of Federal Government in the country including Islamabad, are being converted on Solar Energy System under the Ministry during present Government;*

- (b) *if so, the number and names of said buildings which have been converted on solar energy?*

Reply not received.

218. **\*Mr. Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) *the details of the vehicles with OGRA alongwith name, model, fuel and names of the officers who are using these vehicles;*
- (b) *whether any vehicle impounded by FIA with reasons and details; and*
- (c) *details of the purchase of vehicles during the last two years?*

**Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The reply is submitted as follows:

Total No. of vehicles: 22

Vehicles Make & Model:

<b>Toyota:</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>
	05 x Altis	2018/2021
	05 x Yaris	2021
	02 x GLi	2017
	01 x Revo	2018
<b>Honda:</b>	01 x Civic	2016
	04 x City	2010/2017/2018
<b>Suzuki:</b>	02 x Cultus	2021
	01 x Bolan	2018
	01 x Pick-up	2021

**Fuel:**

All the above said OGRA fleet cars are meant for general pool and being used for operational, protocol, enforcement, court cases & for other general nature of day to day duties of the Authority. No officer or Member including the Chairman is entitled & allocated with any of official vehicle of the Authority.

As regards fuel, it is submitted that every OGRA vehicle has been given the facility of PSO fleet card to operate the official vehicle, for official business of the OGRA.

Names of officers who are using these vehicles.  
(Use of these vehicles)

As submitted above that all official vehicles are reserved in general pool and are meant/being used for operational, enforcement, protocol duties etc. and as such no officer or Member of the Authority or the Chairman is entitled/allocated a dedicated car. The cars are allocated for the purpose as mentioned above as and when required.

It is further submitted that the Authority vide its decision taken in its Admn. Meeting (No. 01 of 2014), dated January 01, 2014 extended the facility and allowed Rs.10/- per km for hiring of its pool vehicles for private use, within municipal limits, in respect of their employees and subject to availability. Pursuant to the said decision, the pool vehicles are being spared occasionally on need basis for private use on payment basis as & when required by the officers & officials of the OGRA (**Annex-I**). Moreover, to keep the record straight and to avoid any audit objection, Log Books of these vehicles are also being maintained properly.

(b) FIA was conducting enquiry in the matter of Oil. crises 2020 which culminated in registration of FIR No.80/2021 and FIR No.81/2021. During the said enquiry, serving as well as retired officers of the OGRA, were attending the enquiry proceeding before the FIA Lahore. On 29-10-2021, vehicle No.GAD-019 was kept in possession by the FIA from the staff car driver namely, Mr. Akhter Munir for traveling along with Ex-Member (Gas) namely) Mr. Amir Naseem, who was attending the enquiry proceedings at FIA, Lahore (**Annex-II**).

The OGRA Filed an application for release of vehicle and the Honorable Court of Special Judge Central-1, Lahore was pleased to order in favor of the OGRA on 08.9.2022. Copy of the Court Order is at (**Annex-III**).

On 28.10.2022, the Honorable Court issued -Robkar for release of vehicle which was handed over to I.O. FIA on 03.11.2022. However, response of I.O. is still awaited. Copy of Robkar alongwith the OGRA's Letter dated 03.11.2022 are attached (**Annex-IV**).

(c) it is submitted that during the last two years, the Authority has purchased 09 x vehicles (01 x Toyota Altis, 05 x Toyota Yaris, 02 x Suzuki Cultus & 01 x Suzuki Pick-up) especially for enforcement duties and allocation for the OGRA Regional offices.

Here attention is drawn to Section 3(2), 4(1), 17 & 18 of the OGRA Ordinance 2002, according to which the Authority is self-competent to decide its administrative and financial matters and fully empowered to incur expenditure in accordance with its budgetary provision duly approved by the Budget Committee. The Finance Division vide its U.O. No. F.7(6) Exp-IV/2011-814 dated 09-12-2011 (Annex-V) clarified that economy measures are not applicable on self-financing organization which do not receive any funds from the Government.

M/o Law & Justice vide its legal opinions tendered on dated 24-12-2019 & 21-07-2022 (**Annex-VI & VII**) explicitly clarified that OGRA is an independent regulator with its own identity distinct from the Federal Government.

Apart from the above, the Establishment Division vide its letter No. 1(3)/97-Dir(R) dated November 13, 2002, has also clearly defined the OGRA's legal status, whereby, it has been stated that the OGRA is an organization independent of the Government control and exclusively empowered to perform its regulatory functions, which fall in its jurisdiction under the Ordinance.

In view of the foregoing, it is clarified that the OGRA has legitimately incurred the expenditure on account of purchase of vehicles in accordance with the powers vested with the Authority under the law to perform its enforcement, operational, general & PR/protocol tasks etc.

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

219. **\*Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the meetings of department at promotion committees have recently been held to promote employees from grades 01 to 16 or equivalent grades as per rules of the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI), and instead of notifying the promotional orders of such promotions;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the matter first sent to the Board of Directors of the University and the BOD formed a committee on it;*
- (c) whether the matter is still pending under one pretext or the other;*
- (d) whether it is further a fact that the inordinate delay is made in finalizing such promotions which is tantamount to depriving the deserving employees from their promotions and also reflects the failure of the University Administration;*
- (e) if so, what remedial measures are being taken to finalize such promotions as soon as possible; and*
- (f) what action is being taken to hold responsible accountable who kept the matter pending under one or the other pretext?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) The detail of meetings of Departmental Promotion Committee of the University convened in 2022 is as under:

S#	DPCs	Date	Decision/ Conclusion	Officers/ Officials Promoted / Upgraded in next Scale/ Rank
1.	Non-Academic employees BPS-01 to 16	04.02.2022 & 07.02.2022 (in two sessions) and 25.02.2022	Officials promoted to next scale / Rank	28



S#	DPCs	Date	Decision/ Conclusion	Officers/ Officials Promoted / Upgraded in next Scale/ Rank
			Officials upgraded in next time scale.	385
2.	Non-Academic employees BPS-1 to 16	22.11.2022	Officials promoted / upgraded next higher scale.	(Minutes under processed)

Promotion Orders of employees mentioned at sr. #.1 have been issued while minutes of last meeting held on 22-11-2022 are under process.

(b) As per Act of the University, it is being governed through Board of Governors (BOG). The Statues/Rules/Regulations are approved by the BOG. The competent authority for approval of promotion of employees BPS-01 to 16 is the President of the University.

(c) There is no pendency in the matter

(d) There is no delay in finalizing of promotion cases. The university holds DPCs after completion of all modalities as per rules.

(e) N/A.

(f) N/A.

220. **\*Mr. Qadir Khan Mandokhail:**

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

(a) *details of the maximum and minimum age limit required to apply for the various posts in Federal Government jobs;*

- (b) *whether there is any specific categorization for age relaxation for the male and female candidates; if so, details of above scale-wise categorization thereof; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration for the relaxation of these age limits after the Covid-19 and current flood crises?*

**Minister In-Charge of the Establishment Division: (a)**

- a. Basic Pay Scale (BPS) wise age limits for posts in Federal Government are as stated below;

Basic Pay Scale	Minimum	Maximum
1-15	18	25
16	20	28
17	22	30
18	25	35
19	32	40
20	37	45
21	42	50

- b. Moreover, age relaxation for government jobs is governed by Initial Appointment to Civil Posts (Relaxation of Age Limit) Rules, 1993. General permissible upper age relaxation with respect to BPS is stated as under:

Basic Pay Scale	General Upper Age Relaxation
1-15	+5 years
16	+ 5 years
17	+ 5 years
18	+ 5 years
19	+ 5 years
20	+ 5 years
21	± 5 years

- c. The rules *ibid* are not applicable to induction through CSS exams, which falls under “**CSS Competitive Exams Rules 2019**”.

(b) At present, there is no specific categorization in the age relaxation rules for the male and female.

(c) At present, there is no proposal under consideration by the Government for relaxation of these age limits.

221. **\*Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.112 replied on 10-08-2022 and to state:*

(a) *the total number of bullet proof vehicles owned by Cabinet Division at present; and*

(b) *as to whom each said vehicle is under usage at present?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Rule 28 of the Rules for use of Staff Cars 1980, provides that Cabinet Division shall maintain a Central Pool of Cars, consisting of the vehicles of different categories, for use of the visiting delegates, state guests Ministers/Ministers of State/ Advisors & Special Assistants to the Prime Minister (without portfolio) and other dignitaries as specified under Rule 28 *ibid*.

Details about total number of protected vehicles with Central Pool of Cars of the Cabinet Division at present, is enclosed as **Annex-I**.

(b) Rule 24(2) (a) of Staff Cars Rules 1980, states that a protected vehicle can be provided to a vulnerable dignitary, subject to the availability and approval of the Prime Minister.

Details of protected vehicles available in the Central Pool of Cars, Cabinet Division, vehicles allocated to the Prime Minister's Office for protocol / VVIPs duties and the vehicles allocated to the vulnerable dignitaries after approval of the Prime Minister, may be perused at **Annex-I**.

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

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 30th November, 2022.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Thursday, the 1st December, 2022**

50. **Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
*(Deferred during 45th Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Daily Wages/Contingent Paid Staff from BPS-1 to 16 was appointed in the autonomous bodies funded by the Federal Government and were not extended the benefit despite the Supreme Court decision in 2015 SCMR 1257 wherein Supreme Court held that autonomous organizations, whose funding is made by the Federal Government, ought to follow the regularization policy of the Government;*
- (b) that such employees have been lingering for the last ten years with no success despite Islamabad High Court's subsequent judgment dated 21-06-2018 in ICA No.340/2017;*
- (c) what steps have been taken by the Government to regularize the services of such daily wages/contingent paid staff employees; and*
- (d) what actions against management of such non-complying autonomous organizations, funded by Federal Government, have been taken to avoid this injustice?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) The Supreme Court decision 2015 SCMR 1257 relates to employees who were appointed on contract basis. This decision does not relate to Daily Wages/ Contingent Paid Staff.

(b) Not applicable

(c) In terms of Rule-21 of National Vocational Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) Employees Service Regulations-2018 and based upon recommendations of Departmental Selection Committee, services of Contract, Contingent and daily wages employees were regularized vide Notification No. F. No.3-167/2018-Admn dated 24-08-2018.

In Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC), the staff on Daily Wages was engaged and all permissible benefits are being extended to them as per spirit of the rules. The IBCC assures the following of Government policy with regard to regularization of staff.

(d) The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has been asked to provide the information in detail.

29. **Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**  
(Deferred on 17-11-2022)

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

- (a) *the number of buses provided to IMCG, F-7/4, Islamabad, under Prime Minister's Education Reform Programme and the detail of existing buses in working condition;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that students are facing severe problem due to shortage of transport facility and the college administration is not providing the bus facility to higher classes; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *whether college administration take up the case with the Directorate of Education; and*
- (d) *the time by which the problem will be solved?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) 01 bus was provided under the Prime Minister's Education Reform Programme. In addition, 07 buses are functional and in working condition in IMCG F-7/4.

(b) The college administration is providing transport facilities on the routes where seats are available, including higher classes, as per the transport plan of the college.

(c) Yes, the college administration has taken up the case for a Technical Supplementary Grant with the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad.

(d) FDE is in the process of rationalizing its demand for providing additional funds for POL charges.

31. **Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
(Deferred on 17-11-2022)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to refer to the Un-Starred Question No.30 replied on 13-10-2022 and to state:-*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the exact date on which the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) International Islamic University, Islamabad will be held;*
- (b) *reasons for making delay for the last year or more, thus, deserving employees are being deprived from their due right of promotion even after completing the mandatory period of ten years;*
- (c) *the details of the persons working in the HR Wing of the said University and on what date each of the said persons was lastly promoted to the last higher post/grade; and*
- (d) *what corrective measures are being taken in this regard?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) The meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee was held on **22-11-2022**.

(b) University holds DPC meetings in accordance with provision of Statues/Rules/Regulations. The delay occurred due to completion of modalities *i.e.* fulfillment of requirements like, Seniority Lists of each cadre, Qualifying service, ACRs of each qualifying officer, budgetary positions of posts, availability of promotion quota seats in that cadre under

and scrutiny of documents of all officials to avoid any objections/litigation through verification and reconciliation process.

(c) The detailed list is attached (**Annex-1**).

(d) University is abiding by the BOG approved rules and regulations without discrimination.

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

**64. Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that monthly pensions to the retired employees of the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC), have not been paid in time due to which hardships is being faced by the said pensioners;*
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry has made arrangements for timely provision of pensions to the above said pensioners; if so, details thereof; if not, reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

**65. Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Quaid-e-Azam University did not issue degree certificates to students since last six months, who have completed Associate Degrees in various programmes through ICT affiliated colleges with QAU;*
- (b) whether it is not a negligence on part of University management for this long delay;*
- (c) the action taken against the responsible persons for such deliberate delay; and*

- (d) *the time by which degree will be issued to the students who have already been deposited cost of the degrees of Associate Programme?*

Reply not received.

66. **Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**

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

- (a) *Whether it is a fact that students of final semester in Associate Degree have been given zero marks in two papers (Social Policy and Strategy and Human Resource Management) by the Allama Iqbal Open University in final result 2022;*
- (b) *Whether it is also a fact that due to computerized mistake by the management of the University has shown zero marks in two papers; and*
- (c) *The time by which corrections will be made in such papers and degree certificates will be awarded and the action taken against the responsible?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) No student has been awarded Zero marks in final exam of Social Policy & Strategy and Human Resource Management courses of Associate Degree in HRM. The detail is as under:

“A total of **15** students were enrolled in the course code 5423 (Social Policy & Strategy). **12** students appeared in final Exams, out of which **11** were declared pass whereas one student could not qualify the course because he secured 39/100 marks in the Final Exams whereas the passing criteria to pass/qualify a course is at least 50 Marks in the final exam component of the Associate Degree Program.” Whereas, in Human Resource Management (Course code 5431), **23** students were enrolled in the course. **17** students appeared in the final papers out of which all have been passed while as per university records, six students were not appeared and shown failed in their conflated/aggregate marks.



(b) There is no computerized mistake as such, University has not awarded zero marks to the students in the said courses. Only six students of course code 5431 (Human Resource Management), have failed the course, owing to their non-appearance in the Final exam.

(c) The result intimation cards are available at CMS portal of the students. Degrees are issued (once the graduates apply for them) in due course of time.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 30th November, 2022.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*