

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 13th April, 2023

4. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**
(Deferred during 50th Session)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the steps being taken by the present Government to increase the literacy rate in the country so far?

Reply not received.

94. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(Deferred during 50th Session)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that PTV has failed to telecast live the Federation International Football Association World Cup 2022, matches played in Qatar; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) whether PTV tried to acquire the rights to telecast the said World Cup;*
- (c) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) whether PTV has estimated the potential loss of revenue that PTV has to bear due to failure to acquire such telecasting rights;*
- (e) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof;*

- (f) *if there has been any negligence on the part of PTV; and*
- (g) *what measures are being taken to hold accountable, the officers/officials involved in such negligence?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb): (a) Yes, (PTVC) has failed to telecast FIFA World Cup 2022 matches live in QATAR.

(b) Disciplinary action has been taken against the concerned officials by the PTV Management for failure to acquire FIFA World Cup 2022.

(c) & (d) Historically, PTVC never missed any FIFA World Cup, and being a state channel, it is an obligation and responsibility to broadcast such a premier event on National TV. No doubt the majority of the population was deprived of watching the most prestigious event in the world and in Pakistan. PTVC could have made a slight profit or break even with the Television and Digital broadcast rights of the event which can further be sub-licensed to cover the acquisition cost. It was mandatory to broadcast the FIFA world cup 2022 as a state broadcaster.

(e) & (f) A three-member committee has been constituted by Ministry of I&B (copy attached at **annexure-A**) to probe further into the matter and necessary action would be taken in the light of findings and recommendations submitted by the enquiry committee.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

122. ***Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**
(Deferred during 50th Session)

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

- (a) *the location-wise details of new archives discovered so far in recent regime; and*

- (b) *the total amount spent in respect of maintenance, restoration, safety and beauty of archives, already existing, in recent regime up till now?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: This does not pertain to the National Archives of Pakistan, however, NAP deals with "A" Category Government files, Quaid-e-Azam Papers, Fatima Jinnah Papers, All India Muslim League Files and Historically significant record in its purpose built repositories in N-Block, Pak. Secretariat, Islamabad, NAP perform its responsibilities as per National Archives Act 1993. This point of question might relate to the Archaeology or National Heritage.

(b) The total amount spent in respect of maintenance, restoration, safety and beauty of Archives is Rs.19,555,888/- since April, 2022 on the following tasks:

- i. IT Section development for the digital database of Archival documents.
- ii. Installation of Security & Surveillance System for the safety of Archival Repositories.
- iii. Digitization of Historically significant, Valuable Archival Record.
- iv. Restoration of Brittle/deteriorated pages of Archival documents.

123. ***Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**

(Deferred during 50th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is no branch of National Book Foundation (NBF) in Sindh; and*
- (b) *what efforts are being taken by the Government to establish NBF branch in Sehwan Sharif, Sindh?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain): National Book Foundation regional office of Sindh is situated in Karachi (NBF Braille Complex Building, Near PTV Station, Karachi), while other outlets are situated at National Book Foundation Public Library, Old Sukkur, Book Shop, Ghari Khatta, University of Sindh, Hyderabad, Main Gate, Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University, Larkana, NBF Bookshop Student Service Center, Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur.

(b) Currently, NBE is facing HR issues as well as financial crunch due to which no outlet option is permissible. To meet the demands of the people, NBF has arranged country-wise book fairs. Here, NBF will also plan mega book fair in Sehwan Sharif, Sindh in coordination with the District Administration, NBF Textbooks & General Books are available with the NSF Retailers throughout the Country.

123. ***Mr. Salahuddin**

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the details of the programmes of Provincial and Regional Languages aired by Radio Pakistan and PTV during the last three years?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb): Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC)

PBC is broadcasting 300 programmes on daily basis. A detail Summary Chart of Programmes of Provincial & Regional languages broadcasted by PBC during last three years is enclosed herewith (**Annex-A**).

Pakistan Television Corporation (PTV)

Pakistan Television Corporation has broadcasted 2540 programmes of provincial and regional languages during last 3 years (*i.e*) 2020-2022. Details of the data is enclosed herewith (**Annex A-G**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)