

**(19th Group, 51st Session)**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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

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

**Monday, the 15th May, 2023**

80. \*Lapsed under Rule 247(3).

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

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Iner-faith Harmony be pleased to state the number of residential schemes developed by CDA for non-Muslims in Islamabad, till date?*

**Minister for Religious Affairs and Iner-faith Harmony (Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood):** Development of residential schemes by CDA for the non-Muslims does not fall within the ambit of this Ministry rather the Capital Development Authority (CDA) may be in a better position to provide such date.

Therefore, the requisite report in respect of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony may be treated as **Nil**.

175. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

*(a) whether is there any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the maximum speed limit of trains up to 160 kilometers per hour in the country at present;*

*(b) if so, the time by which the same will be increased?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) Yes there is a proposal under consideration for raising the maximum speed to 160 Km/h on ML-1 after its planned Up-gradation.

(b) The total time envisaged as per approved PC-I for completion of the project is spans over a total period of Nine (09) years after commencement.

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

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:*

(a) *the yearly amount spent by PARC for the cultivation of tea in the country during the last five years; and*

(b) *the quantum of tea received therefrom?*

**Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Tariq Bashir Cheema):** (a) During the last five years, PARC-NTHRI, Shinkiari spent a total amount of Rs. 338.482 million. The 50% of operational budget *i.e.* 12.24 million was spent on tea and the remaining 50% operational budget was utilized for others Horticultural crops.

YEAR	Establishment (salaries) (Rs. M)	Operational (Rs. M)	Total (Rs. M)
2017-18	60.233	6.146	66.379
2018-19	64.775	3.946	68.721
2019-20	64.925	4.429	69.354
2020-21	58.234	4.327	62.561
2021-22	65.828	5.639	71.467
<b>Total</b>	<b>313.995</b>	<b>24.487</b>	<b>338.482</b>

(b) Total 23,935 kg tea was produced out of which processed black tea production was 6,435 kg and green tea was 17,500 kg.

YEAR	Black Tea (kg)	Green Tea (kg)	Total (kg)
2018	2,750	600	3,350
2019	2,175	3,200	5,375

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Black Tea (kg)</b>	<b>Green Tea (kg)</b>	<b>Total (kg)</b>
2020	780	4,500	5,280
2021	330	4,800	5,130
2022	400	4,400	4,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,435</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>23,935</b>

177. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *the names of trains which have been out sourced at present; and*
- (b) *month-wise details of income/losses of each train during the last six months?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) Details of outsourced train are tabulated below:

1. Mehr Express (127Up/128Dn)
2. Fareed Express (37Up/38Dn)
3. Ravi Express (121 Up/122Dn)
4. Subak Kharam (103Up/104Dn)
5. Rawal Express (105Up/ 106Dn)
6. Faiz Ahmed Faiz (209Up/210Dn)
7. Rahman Baba Express (47Up/48Dn)
8. Mehran Express (149Up/ 150Dn)
9. Ghouri Express (113Up/114Dn)
10. Mianwali Express (147Up/ 148 Dn)
11. Badar Express (111Up/ 112 Dn)
12. Shah Latif + Karachi Circular Railway

(b) The detail of income/loss of each train during six months is as under:

(Rupees in Millions)

Income Revenue of Outsourced Trains						
S. No.	Train Name	Income		Fuel Cost		Variation
		Six Month	Per Month	Six Month	Per Month	Per Month
1	Fareed Express	1135	189	493	82	107
2	Mehr Express	309	51	216	36	15
3	Faiz Ahmad Faiz	21	4	26.5	4	-1
4	Mehran Express	72	12	93	15	-3
5	Badar Express	72	12	43.5	7	5
6	Ghauri Express	79	13	43.5	7	6
7	Mianwali Express	69	12	123	20	-9
8	Rehman Baba	1242	207	710	118	89
9	Subak Kharam	226	38	113.5	19	19
10	Rawal Express	226	38	113.5	19	19
11	Ravi Express	27	4	80	13	-9
12	Shah Latif + Karachi Circular Railway	92	15	72	12	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>3571</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>2127</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>+241</b>

## 178. \*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the quantity, types and value of medicines purchased by the Ministry and its each attached departments during the tenure of the present Government till date?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel):** The hospital wise reply of the question is as under:

## (a) PIMS:

The details of medicines procured in present Government tenure i.e. April to December, 2022 is as under:

Sr. No.	Component	Cost
1.	Islamabad Hospital	132.931 Million
2.	Burn Care Centre	7.963 Million
3.	Children Hospital	33.7761 Million
4.	Mother Care Hospital	7.31 Million
<b>Total:</b>		<b>181.01 Million</b>

List of formulary medicines, component wise is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

**(b) FGPC (Polyclinic):**

The quantity, types and value of medicines purchased by the Federal Government Polyclinic, Islamabad during the tenure of the present Government is attached at **(Annexed-B)**.

**(c) NIRM**

The quantity, types and value of medicines purchased in National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, (NIRM) during the tenure of present government is as under;

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Type of Medicines</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Value in Rupees</b>
1	Gastrointestinal	2,900	Rs. 308,836/-
2	Anesthesia	2,399	Rs. 788,968/-
3	Anti-Allergy	4,250	Rs. 189,990/-
4	Cardio vascular system	8,600	Rs. 40,265/-
5	Anti-Convulstants	1,118,865	Rs. 12,086,092/-
6	Anti-Pyretic/ Analgesics	66,160	Rs. 1,612,049/-
7	Anti-biotic	19,710	Rs. 1,989,412/-
8	Vitamins	66,370	Rs. 2,478,508/-
9	I.V. Fluids	32,570	Rs. 321,273/-
10	Antiseptics	1,259	Rs. 394,050/-
11	Misc General Medicines	560	Rs. 132,250/-
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,323,643</b>	<b>Rs. 20,341,743</b>

**(d) FGH:**

The detail of drugs & medicines as per approved tender is enclosed **(Annex-C)**.

Total allocation for financial year 2022-23 in the head of account for Purchase of Drugs and Medicines is Rs. 39.5 million. Total expenditure in 02 quarters till to date is 19.75 million.

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

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

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

(a) *whether there is any plan to ply train from Pakistan to China;*

(b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) Up-gradation of Mainline from Karachi to Peshawar (ML-1) of Pakistan Railways has been declared as an “Early Harvest Project” as well as “Strategic Project” under CPEC frame work.

The project also includes the establishment of new dry port near Havelian.

Rail Link between China and Pakistan (Havelian-Khunjrab) and link to Kashgar has been envisaged in long term.

(b) The connectivity with China is envisaged after up-gradation of ML-1 which will take 9 years to complete after commencement.

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

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the number of passenger/goods trains are plying in the country at present?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) At present 84 passenger service trains are plying over the railway network.

At an average daily 10 freight trains run over the network.

181. **\*Mr. James Iqbal:**

*Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:*

(a) *the authority who has approved to increase the prices of items at Utility Stores recently; and*

(b) *the percentage of increase made in the prices of all the items at Utility Stores during the present Government till date?*

**Minister for Industries and Production (Syed Murtaza Mahmud):**

(a) The subsidized prices of the following essential commodities are being fixed by the Federal Cabinet:

- a. Atta
- b. Sugar
- c. Ghee
- d. Rice
- e. Pulses

USC procure the stock of Branded Items from the reputed National/ Multinational Companies. When there is a change in the prices in the open market (National/International) vendors forward a request to USC for revision in price. USC, Price Revision Committee, considers & recommends price revision as per market prices. Committee comprises of the following members:

- a. General Manager (SO&S)
- b. General Manager (Finance)
- c. Concerned General Manager
- d. Manager (Own Brand)
- e. Accounts Manager

On the recommendations of Price Revision Committee, the Competent Authority *i.e.* Managing Director USC approves the recommendations of price revision.

(b) The percentage of increase made in essential commodities during the present Government till date is placed at **Annex-A**.

**THE PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE MADE IN ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES****For Targeted/ BISP Beneficiaries**

S#	Name of Item	%age of Increase / (decrease)
1.	Atta 10 kg Bag	-
2.	Sugar	-
3.	Ghee	15.38

**For General Public**

S#	Name of Item	%age of Increase / (decrease)
1.	Atta 10 kg Bag	62.00
2.	Sugar	7.06
3.	Ghee	88.46
4.	Dal Chana	57.41
5.	White Gram	85.45
6.	Dal Masoor	32.56
7.	Basmati Rice	80.65
8.	Tota Rice	97.65
9.	Sella Rice	75.76

ISLAMABAD:  
The 14th May, 2023.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
Secretary.

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

**“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLIES”**

**For Monday, the 15th May, 2023**

40. **Mr. Salahuddin:**

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

(a) *the details of the Railways Saloon utilized by the Government employees and private persons; and*

(b) *details of amount charged during the last three years?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) At present only 23 saloons/inspection coaches are available on the system. Saloon number with the names of persons who are entitled are as follow:-

#	Saloon No.	Name of entitled persons
<b>Ministry Saloons/ Inspection Coach</b>		
1.	UCR-74 & 75	Prime Minister of Pakistan (PM Secretariat allowed use of these saloons for commercial/tourism purpose.
2.	UCR-37	Federal Minister for Railways.
3.	CR-22	Inspection coach for Secretary/Chairperson Railways
4.	URA-24	Ministry of Railways
5.	UCR-22-A	Ministry of Railways
<b>Federal Government's Saloons</b>		
1.	UCR-27	Federal Government
<b>Provincial Government's Saloons</b>		
1	URA-16	Governor Sindh (Fit at 95 K.M/Hour speed only, cannot be attached with express trains)
2.	URA-47	Governor Balochistan (Fit at 95 K.M/Hour speed only, cannot be attached with express trains)
3.	URA-78	Governor Punjab
<b>Railway Headquarter Officers Saloons</b>		
1.	UCR-15	Inspection coach for CEO/Sr. General Manager (BS-22)
2.	URA-23	Inspection coach for Additional General Managers (BS-21)

3.	UCR-34	Inspector General/Railway Police (BS-21)
4.	URA-50-A	Inspection coach for Federal Government Inspector (BS-21)
5.	URA-50	Inspection coach for Principal Officers
6.	URA-18	Inspection coach for Principal Officers
7.	URA-55	Inspection coach for Principal Officers
8.	URA-39	Inspection coach for Principal Officers
<b>Divisional Superintendents Saloon</b>		
1.	URA-45	Divisional Superintendent/Peshawar (Fit at 95 K.M/ Hour speed only, cannot be attached with express trains)
2.	URA-76	Divisional Superintendent/Rawalpindi (Fit at 95 K.M/ Hour speed only, cannot be attached with express trains)
3.	URA-57	Divisional Superintendent/Quetta (Fit at 95 K.M/Hour speed only, cannot be attached with express trains)
4.	URA-35	Divisional Superintendent/Sukkur Fit for Express trains
5.	URA-57-A	Divisional Superintendent/Lahore Fit for Express trains
6.	URA-33	Divisional Superintendent/Karachi Fit for Express trains

1. These saloons are also used on commercial basis.
2. Pakistan Railway officers are entitled when on duty.

(b) **Detail of amount charged during the last three years is as under:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount Charged</b>
2020	Rs. 2, 235,885/
2021	Rs. 1, 607,430/
2022	Rs. 1, 426,000/-

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 14th May, 2023.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*