

**(20th Group, 51st 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*

**Monday, the 22nd May, 2023**

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

*Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to state the total number of unserviceable and non-functional planes with Pakistan International Airline (PIA separately at present ?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** • PIA at present has Following Non-Functional (irreparable) as well as un-serviceable (repairable) Aircraft:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>A/C Type</b>	<b>Un-serviceable</b>	<b>Non-Functional</b>	<b>Total</b>
1.	B-777	2	1	3
2.	A-320	2	-	2
3.	ATR	3	-	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

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

*Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the pilots degrees of each airline company is verified/authenticated and found original in the country at present?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** Minimum educational requirement for acquisition of pilot licence is higher secondary school certificate or equivalent. After the Supreme Court orders in 2018, all licences are issued after receipt of duly verified copies of educational certificates from the concerned Board by PEL Directorate.

184. **\*Mr. Salahuddin:**

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the policy or mechanism relating to internal and external publicity during the last three years?*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb):**

**Internal Publicity:**

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is responsible for promoting state narrative and projects government policies and programs for public awareness. As per Rule of Business 1973, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is entrusted with the responsibility to provide policy guidelines to the state electronic media, relating to internal publicity on national matters, press relations including delegations of journalists and other information media, provision of facilities for the development of newspapers industry and liaison and coordination with agencies and media on matters concerning Government policies and activities. The Ministry is responsible to formulate and implement policies, laws, rules and regulatory framework in respect of print, electronic and digital media. It also promotes national cohesion and projects Pakistan's soft, progressive and democratic image within and outside the country.

**MECHANISM:**

Press Information Department (PID) of Ministry extends professional support to Ministries and Federal Government Organizations for effective projection of the policies and programs of the Government. PID runs media campaigns on government initiatives to create awareness among masses. Alongside promoting soft image, it also counters negative propaganda against the state.

Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) is the official news agency and works for promoting national narrative. DEMP produces documentaries and publishes journals/ publicity material. PTV is the singular terrestrial national channel with maximum outreach. PBC, being national broadcaster counter propaganda against the state in various languages. All these platforms have strong digital footprints.

Internal Publicity, Wing at Ministry level, coordinates work of above-mentioned publicity agencies. It is the leading department in promoting state narrative and countering dis-information and fake news by engaging all media stakeholders through coordination, regular meeting with media persons, dissemination of government initiatives and policies, highlighting Kashmir issue, delivering public service message through PEMRA, awareness campaigns during Covid-19 pandemic, Golden jubilee celebration of 1973 constitution and Kartarpur corridor campaign. The wing provides policy advice and coordinates with attached departments and autonomous bodies of the Ministry of Information. IP-Wing also coordinated with media organizations for improving the projection/ publicity of the Federal Government and provide policy directions to PTVC, PBC, APPC, PCP and PEMRA. IP Wing also keep liaison with the representative bodies of the Media such as Press Clubs, Pakistan Broadcasters Associations (PBA), All Pakistan Newspaper Society (APNS) and Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ). etc.

#### **External Publicity:**

In terms of the Rules of Business, 1973: Revised Amended Edition, 2021: Item No.16: Entry — 11, this Ministry has been entrusted with the responsibility of promoting a positive image of the country abroad through External Publicity Wing (EP Wing). Presently, this Ministry is performing its responsibilities to attain the following objectives through its Information Sections in 21 countries and their headquarters (EP Wing) in Islamabad, using the social and foreign Media:

- Projection of Pakistan’s positive image abroad
- Projection of Pakistan’s point of view abroad on important international issues
- Publicity of Government policies/initiatives abroad
- Promotion of Pakistani culture, heritage and tourism potential of Pakistan abroad

The afore-mentioned responsibilities are being performed using the following mechanism:

- Fostering relations with foreign Media

- Arranging coverage of important national events, conferences/ summits/ sessions in the foreign Media and launching social Media campaigns
- Publishing special supplements/reports/articles/ columns/ interviews in the foreign Media
- Arranging seminars/webinars on national and international issues with scholars/intellectuals/ journalists, etc.
- Arranging interaction of VVIPs with Foreign Media both within and outside Pakistan
- Facilitation of Media teams accompanying the visiting foreign dignitaries
- Inviting and hosting the foreign Media delegations
- Facilitating the Pak-based foreign journalists through issuance of visas, accreditation cards, etc.
- Liaison with foreign Media teams for production of documentaries/films on Pakistan
- Screening of Pakistani films/dramas in other countries
- Monitoring of social/foreign Media
- Countering negative stories/reports about Pakistan
- Processing of Media cooperation MOUs/agreements with foreign countries/organizations

185. **\*Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state that as to why the Federal Educational Institutes are being handed over to Municipal Corporation Islamabad?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** According to 166 clause of Ordinance No. XXXVIII of 2021 Promulgated on 23rd November, 2021 the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) shall report to the Mayor for all purposes of the education to the extent of the Capital Territory of Islamabad (Annex-I).

**This Ordinance was not implemented as Federal Educational Institutions were not handed over to Municipal Corporation Islamabad (MCI). Meanwhile, the Ordinance stood repealed after the expiration of 120 days from its promulgation under rules.** Hence, the educational institutions are not being handed over to MCI.

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

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 21st May, 2023.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”**

**For Monday, the 22nd May, 2023**

40. **Mr. Salahuddin:**  
(Deferred on 28-4-2023)

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

*(a) the details of the petitions filed in the Information Commission of Pakistan;*

*(b) the directions given to the departments;*

*(c) action taken against the responsible functionaries for non-provision of information; and*

*(d) non-implementation of the orders of Information Commission during the last two years?*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Ms. Marriyum Auranzeb):** (a) The Pakistan Information Commission has received 3026 appeals since its establishment in November 2018, out of which 1479 appeals are under process at different stages while 1379 appeals are disposed of after the provision of the information by the public bodies to the appellants.

(b) Pakistan Information Commission gives directions to the department in accordance with Sections 5,6 and 7 of the Right of Access to Information Act. The Pakistan Information Commission has passed 729 detailed orders and these orders are available on the website of the Commission *i.e.* [www.rti.gov.pk](http://www.rti.gov.pk).

(c) Pakistan Information Commission takes action in case of non-compliance of Section 5 and 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

(d) Pakistan Information Commission initiates proceedings under Section 20 (f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 against those departments that do not comply with the order of the Commission. Following are the public bodies whose officials are find for non-compliance with the order of Pakistan Information Commission.

- NADRA
- Pakistan Nursing Council
- Cabinet Division
- Cantonment Board – Nowshera
- Lahore Electric Supply Company
- Pakistan Railways
- ICT — Deputy Commissioner, Islamabad
- Survey of Pakistan
- National Transportation & Dispatch Company
- National Commission of Human Development

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