

**(8th Group, 52nd 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*

**Wednesday, the 9th August, 2023**

204. **\*Mr. Salahuddin**  
*(Transferred from 51st Session).*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of lecturers have been engaged Rs.180/- per period for evening shift in IMCB/IMCG's;*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the existing rate of remuneration by 100%;*
- (c) if so, when will the existing rate of Rs.180/- of remuneration of lecturers be increased by 100%?*

Reply not Received.

205. **\*Ms. Shakila Luqman**  
*(Transferred from 51st Session).*

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

- (a) the year-wise total number of advertisements of EHSAAS Programme broadcasted on TV channels and published in newspapers during the last two years till date; and*

- (b) *the year-wise total expenditures incurred thereupon during the said period?*

Reply not Received.

210. **\*Ms. Asiya Azeem:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*).

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the qualification and criteria on which analysts making analysis on news and events are appointed in Pakistan Television (PTV) News, their number and names along-with payment per programme being paid and the number of programmers they participated in each month?*

Reply not Received.

292. **\*Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

*Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any data showing the numbers of widows, single mothers and divorcees in the country or not; and*
- (b) *the details if we provide them any social protection due to their vulnerability in the society?*

**Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (Ms. Shazia Marri):** (a) Yes, the data of widows and divorcees all over Pakistan was collected through door-to-door National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER) survey of BISP in 2022. Presently, data of 253,374 divorcees and 2,141,971 widows is available in the National Socio-Economic Registry.

In BISP's regular Unconditional (*Benazir Kafaalat program*), Conditional Cash Transfer programs {*Benazir Taleemi Wazaif [Education]* and *Benazir Nashonuma [Health & Nutrition]*}, the inclusion is based on the Poverty Score assessment, Currently, **58,179 divorcees** (out of registered of 253,374) and **569,889 widows** (out of registered 2,141,971) **are beneficiaries** of Benazir Kafaalat.

351. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**  
*(Transferred from 51st Session)*

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to conduct research on effects of electromagnetic radiations, emitting from Mobile Phone Towers, on human health; and*
- (b) the steps are being taken to remove the Mobile Phone Tower from the public areas?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) **International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP)** provides scientific advice and guidance on the health and environmental effects of non-ionizing radiation (NIR) to protect people and the environment from detrimental NIR exposure. The ICNIRP Guidelines on Limiting Exposure to Electromagnetic Fields are for the protection of humans exposed to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (RF) in the range 100 kHz to 300 GHz. In this regard, it is pertinent to mention that:

- (i) Ministry of Information Technology & Telecom (MoIT & Telecom), adopted ICNIRP Guidelines of 1998 for public and professional exposure to radiation, as a national standard for Pakistan.
- (ii) In pursuance to aforesaid Policy Directive and national standard, “**Protection from Health Related Effects of Radio Base Station Antennas Regulation, 2008**” has been Gazette notified on 19th January, 2009.
- (iii) PTA alongwith FAB checks the Power Level of BTSs (Towers) in accordance with said Regulations. So far, 5 planned surveys have been conducted in 36 cities wherein power level of **2,429 BTSs (towers)** have been checked.
- (iv) Additionally, complaint based surveys are also carried out along-with FAB. During, 2022 a total of 89 cities surveyed wherein in power level of **245 BTSs (towers)** have been checked.

(b) The BTSs (Towers) of all Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs) and Wireless Local Loop Operators (WLLOs) are transmitting power within the prescribed limits defined in Regulations and hence are not harmful for human health.

352. **\*Ms. Nuzhat Pathan:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that PIA had acquired two aircrafts on lease which are parked at Jakarta airport for the last six months for maintenance and the fare is being paid monthly to that country;*
- (b) *the time by which said planes will be brought at Pakistani Airport;*
- (c) *the number of PIA aircrafts which are grounded for maintenance; and*
- (d) *since when said planes have been grounded?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) PIA acquired the subject two aircraft on lease from Air Asia Capital Limited (AACL) and operated the same for the lease period. These Aircraft are at Maintenance Organization located in Jakarta, Indonesia for re-delivery to the Lessor. No rent is currently being paid by PIA. Payments will remain subject to the redelivery course finalized between PIA and Air Asia Capital Limited.

(b) As the natural outcome of any aircraft redelivery, these aircraft will be returned to the lessor. However, they may become part of future PIA fleet where Lessor and PIA will conclude the redelivery negotiations with aircraft title transfer to PIA and the same remains economically beneficial to PIA. The buy-out option will be subject to availability of Foreign Exchange.

(c) & (d) Only Eleven (11) aircraft are grounded awaiting spares subject to availability of finances as per following details:

S. No.	Aircraft Type	Grounded Since	Total
1	B777	02 in 2020 01 in 2021	03
2	A320	02 in 2021 03 in 2023	05
3	ATR.	01 in 2020 01 in 2022 01 in 2023	03

353. **\*Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**  
(Transferred from 51st Session)

*Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state the details of new programmes started through Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) for the poor by the present Government?*

**Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (Ms. Shazia Marri):** Following new programmes/ initiatives have been launched during the tenure of present Government:

**Transgender Policy:** Previously only women who are or have been married were eligible to receive cash assistance under BISP Benazir Kafaalat Program. BISP Board recently approved the policy to include transgender persons in Benazir Kafaalat program. Transgender persons are required to obtain CNICs from NADRA wherein gender is mentioned as trans gender. Their survey is mandatory at Benazir Dynamic Registration Centers established at BISP Tehsil Offices. However, PMT cut-off restrictions are relaxed *i.e.* all transgender persons whose survey is conducted successfully, are eligible for inclusion in the program. After validation/ verification of data by NADRA, transgender persons are declared as beneficiaries and they can start receiving cash assistance through BISP's partner banks.

In addition, Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) has also designed following three new programs to enhance digital literacy and financial management of funds provided to its beneficiaries through its Benazir Kafaalat Program. These programs will be launched as pilot in selected districts during July, 2023.

**Launch of Benazir Dynamic Registry:** After successfully completing the NSER-Update, which involved (door-to-door) data collection from more than 35 million households, BISP has launched Multi Entry Localized Access (MELA) - Benazir Dynamic Registry on 25 February 2023 to update the National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER) on regular basis. The new approach involves establishing Benazir Dynamic Registration Centers (BDRCs) throughout the country which has now enabled the ongoing collection and updating of socio-economic data for households. BDRCs cover roster updates, missed-out households, resurveys of existing households and re-certification of existing BISP beneficiaries. 617 BDRCs centers are functional all over Pakistan through support staff of 1,400 Data Entry Operators and 1,250 Supervisors for providing registration services to community.

**Digital and Financial Literacy Program:** The program aims to familiarize beneficiaries with use of digital technology for withdrawing payments from regular banking channels such as bank accounts/cheque books, ATMs, Debit Cards. This initiative will create awareness about savings and micro-investments for increasing welfare of the households.

**Benazir Social Protection Account:** A customized Benazir Social Protection Account (SPA) has been launched under the new payment model. The Account will be based on State Bank of Pakistan's Asaan Account and will familiarize BISP beneficiaries with the use of conventional bank account for depositing and withdrawal of payments relating BISP programs. Beneficiaries will have choice of banks (initially only 4 banks for Pilot Phase) to open a bank account.

**Hybrid Social Protection Scheme (HSPS):** HSPS will be launched to promote savings amongst beneficiaries who have exited the program on attaining better socio-economic status. This program will encourage exited beneficiaries to save a portion of their income on regular basis. BISP will provide matching grants to attract beneficiaries to the initiative. The initiative will also be piloted to ascertain the efficacy for the beneficiaries.

**Establishment of Mobile One Window Services (OWS) in Balochistan:** Mobile one window services in Balochistan are being established through provision of 25 Mobile Registration Vehicles in collaboration with German Development Cooperation (GIZ). This facility will substantially enhance the Benazir Dynamic Registry coverage to the remotest and hard areas where it is difficult for masses to reach out to the established BDRCs. Moreover, a fleet of 500 Mobile Registration Motor Bikes is also included to enhance coverage of community in Benazir Dynamic Registry at grass-root level.

354. **\*Ms. Shakila Luqman:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to improve the standard of PTV programmes and dramas as compared to private channels?*

Reply not received.

355. **\*Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

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

- (a) *what is the Government policy in future to connect new cities with the main cities of the country through PIA or any private airline;*
- (b) *whether Chitral is also included for the said purpose;*
- (c) *if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *if not, the reasons thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) PIA being the national flag carrier operates the largest domestic network and caters for primary, secondary and socio-economic routes as detailed follows:

1	Karachi-Islamabad-Karachi	11	Karachi-Turbat-Karachi
2	Karachi-Lahore-Karachi	12	Karachi-Bahawalpur-Karachi
3	Karachi-Peshawar-Karachi	13	Islamabad-Quetta-Islamabad
4	Karachi-Quetta-Karachi	14	Islamabad-Gilgit-Islamabad
5	Karachi-Faisalabad-Karachi	15	Islamabad-Skardu-Islamabad
6	Karachi-Multan-Karachi	16	Islamabad-Chitral-Islamabad
7	Karachi-Skardu-Karachi	17	Islamabad-Sukkur-Islamabad
8	Karachi-Rahimyarkhan-Karachi	18	Islamabad-Multan-Islamabad
9	Karachi-Sukkur-Karachi	19	Islamabad-Turbat-Islamabad
10	Karachi-Gawadar-Karachi	20	Lahore-Quetta-Lahore
		21	Lahore-Skardu-Lahore

(b) PIA has already started flight operation to Chitral *w.e.f.* 1st June 2023 with one weekly flight that will be expanded to two weekly flights once 3rd ATR-42 is made operational after engine repair/procurement.

(c) & (d) As stated above (b).

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

*(Transferred from 51st Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Article 25-A of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan provides right of free and compulsory education to all children having the age of five to sixteen years;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that section 2 (g) of the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012 requires the state to incur all costs of education including expenditure on stationery, school bags and transport; and*
- (c) the present status of facilities given to the children in accordance article 25-A read with aforesaid Act?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) Yes, it is fact.

(b) In pursuance of Article 25-A of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 and in terms of Section 3(2) of “Right to Free



and Compulsory Education Act, 2012” all types of payment in the form of fee, charges, expenses etc. from students of Class-I to X (from age 5-16 years) in all the educational institutions have been abolished.

(c) Federal Directorate of Education is responsible to impart quality education through its 432 educational institutions in Islamabad Capital Territory. FDE is providing equitable access to quality education for the residence of ICT and adjoining areas. FDE is mandated to provide the formal education to the residence of ICT. In pursuance of Article 25-A FDE is providing free education including Textbooks upto Secondary level. To enhance literacy rate in Islamabad Capital Territory Federal Directorate of Education is providing free education to the students of Class Prep to X in Federal Capital Area. In this regard:

- (a) Flexible admission policy is issued to admit maximum number of students as per institution intake capacity.
- (b) Moreover, facilitation is also provided to parents in terms of incomplete documentary evidence. Provisional admission is granted with directions to provide complete documents within 03 months after admission is granted.
- (c) Age relaxation of three months in the upper age limit has been made for admission in Class-Prep and one.
- (d) No tuition fee is charged in all educational institution from Class Prep to X.
- (e) Free textbooks are provided to the students from Class Prep to X.

357. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**  
(Transferred from 51st Session)

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

- (a) *what is the status of pledges made in the Geneva Conference on flood losses in Pakistan; and*

- (b) *what were the total pledges received and percentage of loan and grant thereof?*

Reply not received.

358. **\*Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**  
(Transferred from 51st Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Printing Corporation of Pakistan (PCP) does not upload gazette of Pakistan and all parts thereof on its website regularly, neither such gazette is circulated amongst Ministries;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to upload the circulations on regular basis?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Printing Corporation of Pakistan regularly uploads updates about Gazette of Pakistan at [www.pcp.govt.pk](http://www.pcp.govt.pk)) and delivers gazettes to the concerned Ministries/Divisions. A large numbers of notifications are printed but similarly more notifications continue to pour in on daily basis. Hence, pendency cannot be avoided. The printing of gazette notifications is delayed due to non-receipt of 75% advance payment from the Ministry concerned for procurement of paper, plates and inks etc. It is worth mentioning here that annual billing of printing gazettes comes to Rs. 11,171,950/- approximately which is received after the printing/delivery of gazettes. Being a self-finance corporation, PCP has to meet, besides the expenditure of gazettes, salaries, procurement of material etc. Furthermore, the printing work of gazettes has to be halted when PCP has to accomplish the job of printing of ballot paper. During 2021-2022, PCP remained, busy in the printing of ballot papers for Local Government Elections in KPK, Balochistan and AJK besides a number of bye-elections.

- (b) The position has been explained in detail above.

(c) Now, a Special Cell under the Deputy Manager (Production) has been established which is working in two shifts to clear the backlog of uploading the pending gazettes.

359. **\*Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

*Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state the details of steps taken by the Government through Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal for the assistance of deserving and needy persons in the country?*

**Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (Ms. Shazia Marri):** Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is a body corporate established in 1992 through an Act of Parliament. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is a premier public sector social safety net of the federal government, working under the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Board (BMB). Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is working for the welfare of marginalized segment of society through its various pro-poor programs, projects and schemes in the field of healthcare, education, women empowerment, child protection, rehabilitation of the differently abled persons etc. Details of steps taken by the government through Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal for the assistance of deserving and needy persons in the country are as under:

#### 1. **SHELTER HOMES**

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has established shelter homes to provide temporary/ overnight stay with two meals, to homeless, unemployed, laborers, daily wagers, transit passengers, attendants of the patients, students etc. Facility for female accommodation is also available in all of the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal's shelter homes. Moreover, separate rooms for accommodation of old transgender persons are also allocated in Tarlai shelter home, Islamabad as a pilot project. At present, **18** shelter homes are working throughout the country.

## 2. **ROTI SAB KEY LIYE**

Food vehicles under “ROTI SAB KEY LIYE” Program are also operational on different routes of districts Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Multan, Bahawalpur, Karachi, Khairpur, Hyderabad, Peshawar, Khyber Agency, Mardan, Dera Ismail Khan, Swat and Muzaffarabad to provide meals (lunch and dinner) nearest to work places of labourers and daily wagers who cannot access shelter homes. At present, **19** foods vehicles are operational.

## 3. **ORPHANAGES TITLED AS “PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL SWEET HOME”**

Pakistan Bait-ul Mal has established **46** orphanages titled as “**Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Sweet Home**” for orphan children to provide them home like environment through provision of free boarding, food, clothing and education upto **Matric Class**. Each centre accommodates upto 100 orphan children. Special individual attention is given on the physical, mental and psychological condition of the children. Province/region wise detail is as under:

S. #	Province / Region	No. of Sweet Homes	No. of Resident Children
1	Punjab	8	732
2	South Punjab	5	462
3	Sindh	07	701
4	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	8	748
5	Balochistan	4	386
6	Islamabad & Azad Jammu and Kashmir	11	1128
7	Gilgit Baltistan	3	294
<b>Total</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>4451</b>

#### 4. **ORPHANS AND WIDOWS SUPPORT PROGRAM (OWSP)**

The “Orphans & Widows Support Program” (OWSP) is a “Conditional Cash Transfer” (CCT) program focused on orphan’s education with emphasis on **girls’ education**. The objective of the orphans and widows support program is provision of home and family based services, improvement in literacy rate and reduction in dropout ratio through conditional cash transfer. The program supports families to meet their daily consumption through sponsoring their children’s education. Families of enrolled children are entitled to **Rs. 8,000/ month** and **Rs. 16,000/ month** having one child and more than one child respectively, upon meeting compliance of **75%** school attendance. Payments to registered families are made on quarterly basis. A total No. of **1,681** children of **1,007** families has been paid an amount of **Rs. 35.93** million during the tenure of present government *i.e.* period 19-04-2022 to 09-06-2023.

#### 5. **SCHOOLS FOR REHABILITATION OF CHILD LABOUR (SRCL)**

It is Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal’s initiative to pull out the children from child labor and impart education to them, in line with the United Nations’ & International Labor Organization’s Conventions. **159** schools for rehabilitation of child labourers are functional all over the country. The children involved in child labor are enrolled in these schools and given free education up to primary level. They are provided free books, stationery, uniform / shoes and stipend / parents’ subsistence allowance. Out of **159** schools for rehabilitation of child labours, **46** are in Punjab, **20** are in South Punjab, **37** are in Sindh, **24** are in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, **14** are in Balochistan, **13** are in Islamabad / Azad Jammu & Kashmir and **5** are in Gilgit Baltistan. Presently **18,707** children are enrolled in these schools. So far **50,062** students have been graduated.

## 6. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CENTERS

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has established “Women Empowerment Centers” throughout the country at district level from 1995. These centers are providing free vocational training to widows, orphan and poor girls in skills like, dress designing, embroidery, basic & advance computer courses, beautician course, tie & dye and fabric painting. **164** Women Empowerment Centers have been established throughout Pakistan.

Currently, **130** Women Empowerment Centers have been modernized with computerized labs (having **20** computers in each), throughout the country.

The successful trainees are awarded “Certificates of Proficiency” after completion of each full course or a part, accredited by National Vocational & Technical Training Commission.

Trainees of Women Empowerment Centers are being paid stipend of **Rs. 50/-** per day on attendance basis thorough biometric verification system (BVS) / electronic payment system (EPS).

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has established a central point / display centre at F-9 Park, Islamabad on pilot basis. It is under consideration that 75% of the sale proceeds would be given as an incentive to respective teachers and trainees. Rest 25% of the sale proceeds would be utilized to purchase equipment and meet other day to day expenses.

The outcome of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mat’s effort for Women Empowerment is very positive as the graduated trainees are able to earn their livelihood in a respectable way.

Furthermore, the effective, efficient and transparent electronic money transfer mode for payment of stipend to trainees is under practice. **298,898** trainees have graduated since inception.

## 7. **INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### a. **Individual Financial Assistance-Medical**

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is executing an Individual Financial Assistance-Medical policy wherein, poor/ deserving people suffering from fatal diseases like cancer, heart disease, hepatitis, tuberculosis, vital organ surgeries and kidney diseases are provided financial assistance upto **Rs. 1 million** per patient for treatment through government hospitals. Individuals having monthly income equal to or less than **Rs. 30,000/-** are eligible to get medical financial assistance.

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has distributed **Rs. 1,663.27 million** to **9,695** patients during the tenure of present government *i.e.* period **19-04-2022 to 09-06-2023**.

### b. **Individual Financial Assistance-Education**

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal provides education assistance to deserving students of government schools, colleges and institutes. Deserving students are paid education stipend once a year in the beginning of new academic session in both annual and semester system. As per education policy, upto **Rs. 100,000/-** is given as grant in a calendar year. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has distributed **Rs. 164.78 million** to **5,104** students during the tenure of present government *i.e.* period **19-04-2022 to 09-06-2023**.

### c. **Individual Financial Assistance-Special Friends**

To provide social protection to the marginalized segment of the society specially focusing on differently abled persons, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal provides **Wheel Chairs, Hearing Aids, Artificial Limbs and Financial Support**. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has distributed **1,342 Wheel Chairs** to differently abled persons and dealt with

**564 cases of Hearing Aids** amounting to **Rs. 22 million**, **140 cases of Artificial Limbs** amounting to **Rs. 21 million** and **2,969 financial support** cases of differently abled person's families amounting to **Rs. 81 million** during the tenure of present government *i.e.* period **19-04-2022 to 09-06-2023**.

d. **Individual Financial Assistance - Sewing Machine**

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal provides sewing machines to deserving orphan girls, widows and poor destitute women, for their economic empowerment. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has distributed **2,171** sewing machines to **2,171** applicants during the tenure of present government *i.e.* period **19-04-2022 to 09-06-2023**.

e. **Individual Financial Assistance-General**

The eligible applicants are provided financial assistance on first come first serve basis. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has distributed **Rs. 129.08 million** to **6,379** applicants during the tenure of present government *i.e.* period **19-04-2022 to 09-06-2023**.

## 8. **COCHLEAR IMPLANT**

It is a medical procedure which uses an electronic device that stimulates the auditory nerve through electrodes, placed in the cochlea of the inner ear, allowing severely deaf children to perceive sounds. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal provides financial assistance of **Rs. 1 million per patient** per family to the public as well as private empanelled hospitals for "cochlear implant surgeries" of deaf and mute children. In this regard, the children requiring cochlear implant surgeries are registered online through Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal website [www.pbm.gov.pk](http://www.pbm.gov.pk) on first come first serve basis. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has distributed **Rs. 49 million** to **49** Patients during the tenure of present government *i.e.* period **19-04-2022 to 09-06-2023**.



360. **\*Ms. Aliya Kamran:**  
*(Transferred from 51st Session)*

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration by the Government to upgrade the Elementary School Teachers (EST) posted in the educational institutions across the country including the Federal Capital, Islamabad which is managed by the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad and the Federal Government Educational Institutions Cantonment Directorate;*
- (b) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that a new formula has been adopted for the promotion and induction of EST teachers in which 25% of teachers will be recruited through promotions and 75% through direct recruitment;*
- (d) if so, whether it is not unfair to the thousands of teachers who have been waiting for their promotions for 15-20 years;*
- (e) if so, what corrective measures are being taken to rationalize the ratio of promotion to give maximum benefit to already serving teachers?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) There is no any proposal for up-gradation of the post of EST.

(b) The post of EST has already upgraded from MTT (BS-09) to EST (BS-14).

(c) The post of EST is the lowest cadre in teaching faculty under FDE, hence recruitment made on 100% direct quota basis including 10% posts reserves for deputations.

(d) Nil.

(e) Nil.

361. **\*Ms. Saira Bano:**

*(Transferred from 51st Session)*

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

- (a) details of salary and all other benefits that are given to each employee of Pakistan International Airline (PIA) either in cash or in any other manner, especially, those who are paid 0.5 million or more and detail of each thereof;*
- (b) the procedure for fixing such pay and other benefits with the benchmark on which these are fixed;*
- (c) the statutory forum of PIA empowered to determine the salaries and other benefits of employees of PIA alongwith names and designations of its members;*
- (d) whether it is a fact that this forum has increased its own salary and other benefits at present; if so, when these were increased alongwith details thereof; and*
- (e) whether the recent notification of increase in salary of PIA employees has materialized or not; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) A detailed list is attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) PTA's salary structure for regular and contractual employees is primarily derived from PIA's own salary structures and market-based demands. The salaries and perquisites of regular employees are approved by the PIACL, Board of Directors similarly, for contractual employees, the same is vested to the CEO by the Board.

(c) A list of the Members of the Board of Directors is attached at **Annex-II**.

(d) No raise in salary / remuneration of the Board of Directors has been awarded.

(e) Since PIACL is an autonomous public sector company the recent notification of Govt. of Pakistan regarding the ad-hoc increase of 30 to 35 percent does not apply to PIACL.

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

362. **\*Mr. Salahuddin:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

*Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of registered person's/families of Hyderabad and Karachi in different schemes of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) alongwith amount disbursed to them;*
- (b) *the detail of the cases regarding fraudulent withdrawal of the amount from this scheme; and*
- (c) *details of audit Paras alongwith amount involved and the action taken by the Government against the responsible functionaries during the last three years as per year-wise details?*

**Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (Ms. Shazia Marri):** (a) The details of registered persons/families of Karachi and Hyderabad in different schemes of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) along-with the amount disbursed with time/period are given as under:

Name of Programmes	District/City	No. of Beneficiaries		Amount Disbursed PKR		Time/Period
UCT Benazir Kafaalat	Karachi	*981,742		18,083,866,500		2008-2023
	Hyderabad	*183,618		4,158,649,000		
UCT Emergency Shock Response	Karachi	1,684,587		9,495,231,750		
	Hyderabad	492,952		3,703,926,000		
Benazir Taleemi Wazaif	Karachi	176,280		925,437,750		2013-2023
	Hyderabad	30,046		228,682,500		2015-2023
Benazir Nashunuma	Karachi	Mother Enrolled	Children Enrolled	Amount Disbursed to Mother	Amount Disbursed to Children	2022-2023
		117	175	276,000	519,000	
	Hyderabad	467	342	1,170,000	1,117,000	
Benazir Scholarships for Undergraduates (BSU)	Karachi	11812		2,621,200,000		2019-2023
	Hyderabad	414		40,600,000		
*These beneficiaries are registered for Unconditional Cash Transfers (UCT) Benazir Kafaalat Programme since inception till date. Note: The year wise detail of registered person's of Karachi and Hyderabad under BSU project from is enclosed at <b>Annex-A.</b>						

(b) The details of the cases regarding fraudulent withdrawal of the amount from this scheme are as under:

Complaints Summary					
Region	District Name	Total No. of Complaints	Action Taken	Amount Recovered	Under process/Pending
Sindh	Hyderabad	11	11	0	11
	Karachi	70	70	129000	65
<b>Total</b>		<b>**81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>129000</b>	76

\*\* These complaints are reported during 1st Jan 2022 to 31st Dec 2022-Sindh (Region).

(c) The details of Audit Paras involving suspected fraudulent withdrawal of amounts from BISP Schemes, mentioning amounts involved, latest status and action taken, during the last three years is enclosed at **Annex-B**.

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

363. **\*Mr. Muhammad Jamal-Ud-Din:**

*(Transferred from 51st Session)*

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

- (a) the total number of sanctioned seats/posts of General Manager (GM) and Chief Officers in PIA;*
- (b) details of incumbent GM and Chief Officers with their province/region-wise domicile; and*
- (c) provincial and regional selection quota for the post of GM and Chief Officers thereof?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) The total sanctioned strength of Chief Officers is 12 against which only 10 Chiefs are working. The detail of incumbents is at **Annex-I**.

(b) The total sanctioned strength of General Managers is 57 against which only 53 General Managers are working. Details are at **Annex-II**.

(c) Since the positions of Chiefs and General Managers are executive level and their selection / elevation/ promotion is purely based

on their performance, seniority, relevant experience against the vacant position. All these parameters are evaluated by the Board / Competent Authority. It may be added that regional / provincial quota is not applicable in case of promotions as PIA HR Policy **Annex-III**.

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

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

*(Transferred from 51st Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the promotion mechanism of Government teachers are not being either allowed or followed in letter and spirit in Islamabad;*
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the time by which said teachers will be promoted?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Processional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) It is not a fact. All the promotions were done according to prevailing recruitment rules. The teaching staff of Federal Government educational institutions has ample avenues for their career progression / service growth as a generous quota has been allocated for promotion to higher scales in their Recruitment Rules. Besides, they have particularly been enjoying the benefits of the '**Grant of Higher Time Scale**' at different levels. All promotion of teaching staff has been carried out according to existing Recruitment Rules formulated for the purpose.

(b) Not applicable

365. **\*Ms. Asiya Azeem:**

*(Transferred from 51st Session)*

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of contractual and daily wages workers employed during the last one year in Radio and PTV alongwith the names, designations, responsibilities and remunerations thereof?*

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

PTV has employed **106** employees against Contract/Daily Wages/Resources Person during the last one year from 12.06.2022 to 13-06-2023.

**(Details placed at Annex-A)**

**Radio Pakistan (PBC)**

PBC has employed **55** employees against Contractual and Daily Wages during the last one year from June 2022 to June 2023.

**(Details placed at Annex-B)**

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

367. **\*Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**  
(Transferred from 51st Session)

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

- (a) whether the Pakistan is also the most air polluted country amongst other air polluted country;*
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to control it on emergent basis?*

**Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (Ms. Sherry Rehman):** (a) Pakistan is **3rd most polluted country** after **Iraq and Chad** out of 131 countries as per Air Quality Index Ranking 2022.

(b) After the 18th amendment, the subject of environment including management of transboundary pollution related issues is a devolved subject. Therefore, Provincial Environment Protection Departments are responsible for devising steps for minimizing transboundary pollution. However, Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination has initiated the following steps to curb the issue of air pollution from Pakistan:

- i. **National Clean Air Policy** has been developed to tackle the increasing challenge of air pollution and recurring smog issue in major cities of Pakistan with the following objectives:
  - Framework for improving air quality
  - Improve health of citizens
  - Reduce annual deaths due to air pollution
  - Reduce transboundary pollution
  - Improve food security
  - Expand economic activity

The policy has been approved by the Federal Cabinet in **March 2023**.

2. MoCC& EC is also **facilitating collaboration between Government of Punjab and China to curb smog issue** in pursuance of the directive of Lahore High Court. Working paper for the proposed collaboration has already been shared with the Chinese side and China has shown willingness to help Pakistan to cater to the issues in line with the best practices being followed in Shanghai and Beijing.

3. One of the major causes of air pollution is vehicular emissions. In order to curb vehicular emissions, Pakistan Environment Protection Agency has notified **National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS)** for motor vehicles *vide* S.R.O No. 72(KE)/2009 titled, National Environmental Quality Standards for vehicular emission standards under (NEQS for motor exhaust and noise), 2009. Through this S.R.O, all imported and local manufactured vehicles are bound to be equipped with pollution control devices or other equipment or use of such fuels or undergo such maintenance or testing of motor vehicle that comply with NEQS.

4. **Electrical Vehicle Policy 2019** was formulated to curb transport related emissions as it accounts for almost 43% of the airborne emissions in the Pakistan. The policy is currently under implementation in coordination with the Ministry of Industries and Production.

368. **\*Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to refer the Starred Question No.96 replied on 27-02-2023 and to state the steps being taken by the Government to make the education of the University in the country at par with the international standard?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** With reference to National Assembly Starred Question No. 96 (which was about number of universities in the country and steps being taken by the government to establish new universities in the country), it is apprised that currently 253 universities (149 public and 104 in private sector) are recognized by HEC. The names of universities along with their location is attached at **Annex-A**.

The federal government is striving to improve the education system in the country. Higher Education Commission (HEC) is the apex regulatory and standard setting entity w.r.t tertiary/higher education in the country. HEC's vision is to transform Pakistan into a "knowledge economy" by developing a world-class higher education system that is accessible, equitable, relevant, and quality-oriented. The detail of steps taken by HEC for improvement of higher education in the country is at **Annex-B** while major achievements are at **Annex C**.

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

370. **\*Ms. Asiya Azeem:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

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

- (a) *the total number of male/female teachers imparting educational training in the College/Training Institute of Radio foundation of Pakistan; and*
- (b) *the detail of their qualifications and salaries thereof separately?*



**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb):** (a) In the institution total teaching staff number is 27 in which male staff is 08 and female staff is 19. (Detailed placed at **Annex-A**)

(b) **(Detailed placed at Annex-B)**

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

371. **\*Mr. Muhammad Abubakar:**  
(Transferred from 51st Session)

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

- (a) *whether there is any project under consideration to sell out the New Yark Roosevelt Hotel which is considered as a national asset;*
- (b) *if so, the Government intends to sell out;*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to make the said hotel profitable financially to increase domestic revenue and make the hotel fully operational;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that no policy was made to make the hotel operational;*
- (e) *if so, the reasons for not drafting any policy to run the said hotel on rent; and*
- (f) *whether any decision was made to sell the hotel; if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) To the best of our knowledge there is no plan under consideration by GOP to sell out the Roosevelt Hotel.

(b) In July 2020, the Federal Cabinet had decided to redevelop the Roosevelt's site to exploit its true potential. The same was re-iterated in December, 2022.

(c) & (d) On October 18, 2022, the Cabinet had approved re-opening of a limited service hotel of 300 rooms for which efforts were

underway. However, in the meanwhile, a business opportunity in the form of an offer from New York City to house migrants on rent was received which after deliberation and approval of the GoP was availed effective May 12, 2023.

(e) Roosevelt's operations were shut down in December, 2020 on account of Covid-19 pandemic. Recently, ECC at its meeting held on May 10, 2023 had approved execution of a contract with New York City (City) for renting for a period of 3 years (guaranteed business for 18 months). Management would remain with PIAIL/RHC while the facilities as to the rooms and open spaces have been handed over to the City.

(f) To the best of our knowledge there is no plan under consideration by GOP to sell out the Roosevelt Hotel.

372. **\*Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

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

- (a) *the Federal Government has taken notice of the fact that hundreds of employees in various departments under the administration of the Federal Government have been working under different arrangements apart from the regular and despite rendering years of service, they have not been regularized against their posts;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *whether the Government have any proposal under consideration to regularize the services of such contractual employees by the Establishment Division, being concerned Ministry, by placing the matter before the Cabinet for aforesaid decision;*
- (d) *if so, the details thereof and time by which this will be done;*
- (e) *if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Legal framework for appointment and its procedure against civil posts has been

laid down in Civil Servants Act, 1973 and Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1973 according to which all appointments are required to be made in the prescribed manner. The expression “Regularization” has not been provided for in the Act and the Rules *ibid*.

(b) As above.

(c) At present, there is no proposal under consideration in the Establishment Division for placement of the matter before the Cabinet.

(d) As above.

(e) As above.

373. **\*Ms. Shakila Luqman:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

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

- (a) *total number of Federal Public Service Commission examinations conducted since 2018 till date for the recruitment of teachers in the educational institutions under the Federal Directorate of Education; and*
- (b) *the numbers of vacancies of teachers for which the examinations were conducted during the said period indicating also the numbers of candidates declared successful under these exams during the said period?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Fourteen (14) recruitment examinations were held for recruitment against vacancies of teachers under the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) since 2018 to date.

(b) Year-wise detail of the tests/examinations and successful candidates for teaching related posts under Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) is as under:

S#	Year	Applicants appeared	Total Cases	No. of Posts/ Vacancies	Remarks
1.	2018	114	10	14	(Finalized) Successful=6 Unsuccessful=8
2.	2019	14847	10	128	(Finalized) Successful=102 Unsuccessful=26
3.	2020	10	01	01	(Finalized) Successful=1
4.	2021	15880	04	115	Under process
5.	2022	26212	06	298	(Finalized) Successful.=286 Unsuccessful=12
6.	2022	7609	04	78	Under process
7.	2023	11492	03	209	(Finalized) Successful=190 Unsuccessful=19
8.	2023	01	01	01	Under process

374. **\*Mr. James Iqbal:**  
(Transferred from 51st Session)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the details of locations identified where new Government high level educational institutions have been established in the country so far, during the tenure of present Government?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** During tenure of present government, the Act/Charter of following three Public **Sector HEIs** have been enacted by the Parliament and assented by the President of Pakistan:

1. Kalam Bibi International Women Institute, Bannu.
2. Pir Roshaan Institute of Progressive Sciences, Miranshah-Waziristan
3. National University of Pakistan, Islamabad

However, before commencement of academic activities/operations under their own seal & signature, the above mentioned HEIs need to obtain explicit NOC/Accreditation based on affirmative assessment by the

Accreditation Committee of HEC in the light of Cabinet Criteria, 2002 for fulfilment of physical, academic, and financial requirements.

376. **\*Mr. Salahuddin:**

*(Transferred from 51st Session)*

*Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state:*

- (a) the details of the officers of Grade-17 and above in the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP);*
- (b) the names, designation, grade, CNIC and NTN number, phone and mobile number of official bill payment;*
- (c) details of officials getting monetization allowance for their employees;*
- (d) numbers of vehicles, make, model, fuel and repair charges during the second half of last financial year; and*
- (e) what is status in the first half of the current financial year according to the austerity measures?*

**Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (Ms. Shazia Marri):** (a) The details of the officers of Grade-17 and above in Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) are attached as **Annex-A**.

(b) The names, designations, grades, CNICs of Officers of Grade-17 and above are attached as **Annex-B**.

As per approval of BISP Board, mobile phone allowance is being paid at following prescribed rates to officers of SPS-17 and above of BISP:

<b>Pay Scale</b>	<b>Rate (Rs) Per month</b>
SPS-17	2000
SPS-18	3000
SPS-19	4000
SPS-20	5000
SPS-21	6000

(c) Detail of officers who are getting transport monetization allowance as per policy approved by BISP Board is attached as **Annex-C**

(d) There are 26 x vehicles at BISP HQs and 48 x at BISP Field Offices along with 524 x motorcycles. The detail is attached as **Annex-D**.

Moreover, the detail of fuel and repair charges / expenditure incurred during the second half of last financial year is tabulated as under:-

<b>Detail of Expenditure FY-2022-23</b>	
*Fuel Charges	Rs. 13,944,017/-
Repair of vehicle	Rs. 4,337,978/-

(e) The detail of fuel and repair charges in the first half of the current financial year is as under:-

<b>Detail of Expenditure FY-2022-23</b>	
*Fuel Charges	Rs. 18,943,446/-
Repair of vehicle	Rs. 1,480,848/-

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

377. **\*Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**  
(Transferred from 51st Session)

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

- (a) the number of total teachers working on contract or daily wages in Model Colleges in Islamabad;*
- (b) details of the salaries paid to the said teachers (Lecturers);*
- (c) details of the duty hours of the said teachers; and*
- (d) the facilities other than salary being given to the said teachers?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) 460-(BS-16 & above) daily wage teachers are working in Islamabad Model Colleges.

(b) The teachers working on daily wage basis in Islamabad Model Colleges are being paid remuneration as per provision of Federal Government amounting to RS. 25,000/- per month.

(c) Duty hours of the daily wage teachers are as per Government policy for Educational Institutions.

(d) No other facility is being provided to Daily Wage staff. Furthermore, these Daily Wage staff have been directly engaged by the principal of the institutions without adhering/following rules, regulation and prescribed procedure of recruitment.

378. **\*Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that only one flight operates from Multan to Islamabad on monthly basis;*
- (b) *whether Multan which is centre of south Punjab will always remain backward in regular flight;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that Government intends to make minimum three flights operational weekly from Multan to Islamabad and Karachi;*
- (d) *if no, the reasons thereof; and*
- (e) *the steps being taken by the Government to re-operate the flights of Emirate Airline from Multan; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Aviation (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) Currently PIA has obtained permission 02 (two) weekly flights from Multan to Islamabad which comes out 08 (eight) monthly flights.

(b) Currently, PIA has permission for 08 weekly flights from Karachi to Multan and *vice versa* along with 02 weekly flights from Islamabad to Multan and *vice versa*. Moreover, nine (09) airlines i.e. PIA, Airblue, Saudi Airline, gulf Air, Salam Air, Fly Dubai, Qatar Airways,

Air Arabia and Air Arabia Abu Dhabi are operating international flights to/from Multan.

(c) Operations to/from a primary destination such as Multan are consequent upon commercial considerations of airline operators.

(d) It is the prerogative of the airline to enhance their flight operations to any sector as the airline itself evaluates the route network on regular basis as per, demand and commercial viability and feasibility. However, we welcome and approve enhancement of flights on domestic sector by airlines.

(e) Emirates Airline has suspended their direct flight operations to/from Multan on 1st Nov, 2018 due to operational reasons. However, the airline operates to Multan on Code-Share with Fly Dubai. International flight operations are dictated by respective Air Services Agreements of Pakistan. In this connection, Fly Dubai, an airline of UAE is operating 18 weekly flights between Dubai & Multan. In addition to Fly Dubai, Pakistani- airline PIA and Airblue are also operating scheduled nights between Multan and Dubai.

379. **\*Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*)

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

(a) *whether the Government intends to provide the jobs facilities to the South Punjab, the remotest area, as per the precedent of job quotas given to Sindh Rural and Urban separately at Punjab and Federal levels; and*

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

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:** (a) At present, there is no proposal under consideration to allocate separate quota for South Punjab at the Federal level.

Sub-allocation at the provincial level is the domain of concerned province under Article 141 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.



(b) Currently there is no proposal under consideration to provide the jobs facilities to the South Punjab at the Federal level, as per the precedent of job quotas given to Sindh Rural and Urban separately at Federal level.

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

*Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state the total number of Dar-ul-Ahsas of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal which were closed in present regime; if so, the reason thereof?*

**Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (Ms. Shazia Marri):** The orphanages run by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal are called Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Sweet Homes and none have been closed during the time of the current government.

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

*Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state details the number of people, tehsil and district-wise, who are living below the line of poverty at present in the country?*

Transferred to planning, Development and Special Initiatives Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

ISLAMABAD:  
The 8th August, 2023.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
Secretary.

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**  

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Wednesday, the 9th August, 2023**

41. **Mr. Salahuddin:**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*).

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that OGRA and other departments have been exempted from the austerity measures/instructions;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons for such exemption?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority is constituted under a special law *i.e.* the OGRA Ordinance, 2002, mandated as autonomous sector specified regulator. This special law supersedes/override the other general laws. OGRA being an autonomous body under the law passed by the Parliament generates its own funds and decides its administrative & financial matters to carry out the functions of the Authority.

OGRA Ordinance being a special law provides specific autonomy to the Authority, therefore, general guidelines/instructions of the Federal Government do not generally override the express provisions of the OGRA Ordinance, 2002. However, Finance Division has been requested to further clarify the issue.

- (b) OGRA Ordinance, 2002.

46. **Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto**  
(*Transferred from 51st Session*).

*Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state:*

- (a) *after receiving the Global Gender Gap Index 2022, is there any positive actions to be taken to address the better ranking in the index;*
- (b) *whether Pakistan has any mechanism to monetize the domestic work i.e. home chores, of women of the country;*
- (c) *is there any policy or a mechanism to guage the economic participation of the rural women for converting it, into women economic empowerment ranking; and*
- (d) *whether the rural women of the country's work in the agricultural fields has been counted in our formal economy?*

Transferred to Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

50. Disallowed on re-consideration.

82. **Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**  
(Transferred from 51st Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Federal Directorate of Education (FDE), Islamabad signed an agreement with an NGO named Developments in Literacy (DIL) under which the NGO was bound to provide teaching faculty in the schools run by the Directorate alongwith provision of other facilities; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *Whether it is also a fact that the above NGO pays meager salaries to the teachers @ Rs. 6000/- to Rs.8000/- per month despite announced by the Government policy minimum wage of Rs. 25000/- per month;*
- (c) *if so, whether the FDE have taken notice of the fact; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training**

**(Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) Yes, FDE signed an agreement (LoU) with an NGO named Development in Literacy (DIL) on August, 03, 2022 for the period of three years and they were bound to provide the teaching faculty in 50 Primary school for ECE classes along with other facilities *i.e.*, TLM, Furniture, Fixture, Stationary, Worksheets, ECE book in ECE class rooms, etc.

(b) DIL hired teaching faculty and deployed in educational institutions of FIDE in 50 ECE class rooms as a Supporting staff (Assistant Teacher) on minimum honorarium of Rs. 8000/- and Teachers hired on Rs. 10,000 to 17,000/-.

(c) Yes, FDE has already taken notice in the matter of honorarium increase with DIL according to government policy (Minimum wages Rs. 25000/-). The organization already considered the issue and revising the honorarium as per government policy minimum honorarium of Rs. 25000/- per month. The revised honorarium will be implemented after summer break 2023 as replied by NGO DIL.

**83. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

*(Transferred from 51st Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Financial and Planning Committee and Syndicate of Bacha Khan University, Charsaddah approved disparity reduction allowance for its employees in 2021;*
- (b) the date of enforcement of said allowance and the date for which said allowance is being paid;*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the arrears of six months have not been paid to the employees alongwith the reasons thereof and the time by which same would be paid and the details thereof?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training**

**(Rana Tanveer Hussain):** (a) No, Bacha Khan University, Charsadda is provincially chartered University, hence the University adopted the

Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Salary increase of budget-2021 through statutory bodies (F&PC and Syndicate).

(b) No, Bacha Khan University, Charsadda adopted budget 2021 salary increase *w.e.f.* 01-01-2022, except Ad-hoc relief Allowance-2021 *w.e.f.* 01-07-2021.

(c) The Bacha Khan University, Charsadda approved the Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Salary increase of 2021. However, the arrears of seven months (from June 2021 to December 2021) are liable to pay. However, this payment is subject availability of Funds as per the Syndicate decision notified *vide* Notification No. 77/BKUC/Reg/2022 dated 08-04-2022 (**Annex-A**).

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

**84. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

*(Transferred from 51st Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Zong teams resolved the issue of distorted signals in Sar Dheri Abbas Kalay area of District Charsadda on 4th November, 2021 but the same distortion revived just three days later;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that neither Zong nor Internet signals are available here due to which the students, getting online education, suffer badly;*
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to resolve the said issue on permanent basis;*
- (d) whether there is any proposal under consideration to install “any side” or “Hub side” towers for better signals in the area;*
- (e) if so, the details thereof; if not, reasons thereof; and*
- (f) the time by which the said issue will be resolved?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) In the survey carried out on 4th November, 2021 at Sar Dheri, Abbas Kalay, Charsadda, the Quality of Service (QoS) parameters of network coverage, voice as well as data service of CMPak (ZonG) were found in accordance with licensed standards. Furthermore, no complaint of service quality at said area was received after that. A 2nd QoS survey was carried out on 2nd September, 2022, wherein QoS parameters found well within the licensed standards.

(b) A fresh QoS survey has been carried out jointly with ZonG on 13th June, 2023 at 2 x new locations (*i.e.* Abdul Shakoor Hujra and Ibad Khan Hujra) highlighted by given Point of Contacts. The distance of both locations from serving site is 1.3KM and 1.84KM respectively.

Location	Latitude	Longitude	Distance
Abdul Shakoor Hujra	71.842291	34.156784	1.3 KM
Ibad Khan Hujra	71.847112	34.158242	1.84 KM

The survey results revealed that:

- (i) Voice QoS parameters as well as 3G coverage/signals strength have been found within licensed thresholds at both locations.
- (ii) Mobile broadband through 3G at 1st location and through 4G/LTE at 2nd location is available as per licensed threshold.

(c) During the survey, the site has been optimized through soft measures to maximum possible extent to serve both the locations optimally. Maximum soft optimization done on both sites. Furthermore, hard optimization (*i.e.* antenna tilting etc.) shall be completed by 20th June, 2023 by concerned technical team. However, it is further informed that Mobile Number Portability (MNP) option can also be availed for location No. 2 as very good throughput of Jazz is available at complaint locations.

(d) Since the signal strength is well within licensed parameters hence no new/additional sites are required.

(e) Operators plan installation of sites as per their own commercial viability.

(f) Not applicable.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 8th August, 2023.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*