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SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on

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[Question No. 17 was deferred on 22nd January, 2021 (306th Session)]

(Def.) *Question No. 17 **Senator Seemee Ezdi:**

(Notice Received on 14/12/2020 at 2:20 PM) QID: 37660

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that State Bank of Pakistan is providing loans to the tune of Rs. 25 Million under the Kamyab Jawan Program to entrepreneurs from Information Technology and E-Commerce sectors, if so; and*
- (b) the details of loans provided under the said scheme during the Covid-19 pandemic till now indicating also the details of firms along basic eligibility criteria of applicants for availing the said loans?*

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: (a) Government has launched Prime Minister's Kamyab Jawan Program Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme (YES), through which subsidized loans are being provided to the un-employed youth by the commercial banks for businesses including information Technology and E-Commerce sectors. Size of the loan is segregated in to the tiers, as under;

Tier 1 (T1) loans – Rs. 100,000 to Rs. 1 million.

Tier 2 (T2) loans – above Rs. 1 million and upto Rs. 10 million.

Tier 3 (T3) loans – above Rs. 10 million and upto Rs. 25 million.

(b) All citizens of Pakistan holding CNIC, aged between 21 and 45 years are eligible for the loan. However, for IT and E-Commerce related businesses, the lower, age limit is 18 years. So far (31st March, 2021) total 8,871 loans have been disbursed amounting to Rs. 6,924 million under PM Kamyab Jawan Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme. A total of 183 loans amounting, to Rs. 65.3 million have been disbursed to IT and E-Commerce sectors up-till (29-01-2021) as detailed below:

S #	Sectors	No. of loans disbursed	Amount disbursed (PKR) million
1	IT	143	50.9
2	E-Commerce	40	14.4
total		183	65.3

*Question No. 17 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice Received on 6/04/2021 at 12:40 PM) QID: 37774

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the details of digital payment system "Raast" launched by the Prime Minister on 11th January, 2021?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: (a) Raast, previously known as the Micro Payment Gateway (MPG), is an initiative of State Bank of Pakistan towards modernization of payment systems and to drive payments digitation at both retail and institutional levels. Raast is an Instant Payment System (IPS) that is an advanced category of payment infrastructure that supports faster processing and settlement of retail transactions to support ordinary consumers and businesses in Pakistan. The system is being implemented as part of SBP's National Payment Systems Strategy (NPSS) that was launched in November 2019.

Historically, Pakistan has had low electronic transactions due to a number of factors like low banking penetration, lack of trust and awareness of digital payment methods, limited inter-operability, accessibility and ease of use in current payments infrastructure and high cost of transactions. SBP is already operating the Real Time Gross Settlement System (RTGS), which provides instant payment settlements

for large value and corporate transactions. Further, the private sector is also operating gateways like 1 link, which offers Interbank Fund Transfers Facility and ATM switching. However, these private sector systems are based on legacy design and are generally considered difficult to use. The new Faster Payment System (MPG) will address these in-efficiencies by offering the following features:

- Receivers/beneficiaries will be able to receive their funds instantly, like cash.
- New service providers, government institutions and other businesses will be able to access the system using advanced Application Programming Interfaces (APIs).
- Customers will be able to send and receive funds using identifiers other than account numbers like Mobile phone number and CNIC.
- Customers will be able to request payments from payers, commonly known as pull payments.

Use-cases of Raast:

There are 3 use-cases of Raast project, combination of which covers most of the conventional payment transactions in Pakistan's retail payments landscape:

1. Bulk Payments:

Bulk Payments use-case of Raast enables institutions to process large volume of payments in a fast, secure and reliable manner. This use-case supports both Government to Person (G2P) payments and disbursements for private entities like dividends, mutual funds payments, B2B batch payments, or pay-roll payments.

This use-case is functional since 11th January, 2021 with 17 participants. Central Depository Company (CDC) currently processes dividends payments *via* Raast on behalf of their issuers.

A second batch of remaining banks is progressively being on-boarded to widen the receiving spectrum. On-boarding

discussions and activities with Government and other private entities as well as corporates are also underway.

2. **Person to Person (P2P) Payments:**

This use-case is for enablement of individuals to transfer payments to other individuals; their family members or friends across the country *e.g.*, domestic remittances. These payments would be instant (within few seconds) with confirmation of credit from receiving party; to build users trust on digital payment channels.

P2P payments use-case of Raast also supports Alias-based payments *i.e.* the sender doesn't need to remember account number of the receiver, they could send payment to simple identifier *e.g.*, phone number, email, name, etc. This **Person to Person (P2P) Payments** functionality is currently in development phase and will be live for customers this year.

3. **Person to Merchant (P2M) Payments:**

This use-case will enable individuals to make electronic payments to merchants through alternate payment channels *e.g.*, Quick Response (QR) codes. This use-case also includes a relatively newer and innovative payment type called Request to Pay (RTP). These transactions provide a better user-experience when it comes to digitization of P2M payments when compared to QR payments as well as lower fraud cases that are prevalent in conventional pull based payments.

*Question No. 18 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice Received on 7/04/2021 at 2:44 PM) QID: 37778

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the value of annual exports of the country during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the steps taken or being taken by the present Government for enhancing the exports?*

**Minister for Commerce: (a) VALUE OF ANNUAL EXPORTS
FROM PAKISTAN DURING THE LAST 5 YEARS**

Year	Exports (in Million USD)
2015-16	20,787
2016-17	20,422
2017-18	23,212
2018-19	22,958
2019-20	21,394
2020-21 (July'20 to March'21)	18,687*

** Provisional values*

- (b) ■ There has been an increase of 7.14% (in USD terms) in the total value of exports for the period July-2020 to March-2021 compared to the same period of FY-2019-2020. Compared to March, 2020; the increase in exports for the month of March; 2021, is 30.66% (in USD terms).
- The government is making concerted efforts to promote exports through facilitation of the industrial sector; to reduce its costs, duties on raw materials have been rationalized. In addition to that, for export-oriented sectors gas and - RLNG prices have been rationalized at Rs.852/MMBtu and \$6.5/MMBtu respectively.
 - To support local industry, electricity has been provided at 9 cents/kWh to export-oriented sectors including textile and apparel, and that the government has announced 50% relief in electricity tariff until June 2021 for SMEs.
 - To provide easier financing, the mark up on Long Term Financing Facility (LTFF) and Export Fiance Scheme (EFS) has been continued at 5% and 3% respectively.
 - Tariff Policy Board (TPB) under National Tariff Policy (NTP) decided to rationalize tariffs, through the Finance Act, 2020, on almost 2000 Tariff Lines. Additional Customs Duty of 2% on 1623 Tariff Lines, Consisting of Basic raw material used by the industry, has been removed.

- The Federal Government is providing incentives on exports of commodities through payments of duty drawbacks and Drawback on Local Taxes and Levies (DLTL).
- In order to implement the “Make in Pakistan Initiative” duties have been reduced on 112 Tariff Lines, consisting of input/intermediate goods, used by the exporters in the domestic production.
- With the view to incentivize the textile sector, Textile Policy 2020-2025 is in the final stages of formulation, under which electricity will be provided at 9 cents/kWh, and gas and RLNG at a concessionary rate to the industry.
- Duties on 90 items have also been reduced from 11% to 3% & 0% on intermediate goods which were not manufactured locally.
- The government is conducting intensive trade diplomacy and trying to obtain access to new markets for local traders and industry through Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs). The government is already working on PTAs with Afghanistan and Central Asian Republics (CARs).
- Formulation of Strategic Trade Policy Framework (STPF) 2020-25 is in the final stages, which will cover the policy interventions aimed at creating competitiveness, tariff reform, investment in export-oriented production, integration into global value chains, enhanced market access, institutional strengthening, etc.
- To further enhance the market access, the Government has taken the following initiatives:
 - Look Africa Policy initiative to promote exports to non-traditional markets in the African Region.
 - 02% draw back on exports of eligible products to non-traditional market.
 - Second phase of China-Pak FTA has been finalized. The FTA would provide market access to the exporters of Pakistan. Investment and transfer of technology is part of broader collaboration under CPEC.

- Pakistan has gained market access to Indonesia under the Pakistan-Indonesia PTA.
- Pakistan is in the process of negotiating FTAs with other countries like Thailand, Iran, etc.

***Question No. 19 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 12/04/2021 at 12:48 PM) QID: 37808

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Federal Government to announce National Finance Commission (NFC) Award, if so, the time by which it would be announced and details thereof?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: Article 160(1) provide that National Finance Commission (NFC) is required to be set up at intervals not exceeding five years. The 10th NFC has been constituted on 12-05-2020 and reconstituted on 21-07-2020, which has started deliberations for NFC Award. The NFC, in its inaugural meeting held under the Chairmanship of Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue on 18th February 2021, has set up seven (7) Sub-Groups to work on various aspects of the TORs and submit recommendations to the NFC.

NFC Award is concluded with consensus and mutual understanding of the members of NFC. The Federal Government is facilitating and steering the NFC process for early finalization of the new Award.

***Question No. 21 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 13/04/2021 at 1:30 PM) QID: 37801

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) the overall increase in external and internal debt of Pakistan occurred during the last two and half years with year wise break up; and*
- (b) the amount of external debt in dollars discharged during the last two and half years and the new debt obtained by the Government during the same period?*

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: (a) Total public debt increased by Rs. 12.5 trillion during July 2018 to Dec. 2020 as per the following details:

(PKR in trillion)	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Dec 20
- Domestic Debt	16.4	20.7	23.3	24.3
- External Debt	8.5	12	13.1	13.1
Total Public Debt	25.0	32.7	36.4	37.5
Change		7.7	3.7	1.1

(b) External public debt was US\$ 82.4 billion at end December 2020. The details of fresh borrowings and repayments are depicted in the table below:

(\$ In million)	FY19	FY20	Jul-Dec 20
Total Inflows (A)	10,496	13,074	5,703
Total Repayments (B)	7,355	9,043	3,231
Net Inflows (A-B)	3,140	4,031	2,472

*Question No. 22 **Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 13/04/2021 at 1:30 PM) QID: 37802

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state:

- total amount of grant and loans received from abroad by the Government to combat COVID-19; and*
- province wise breakup of the aforesaid grant and loans?*

Mr. Omar Ayub Khan: (a) Details of foreign economic assistance committed for mitigating socio-economic and health impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic, is as follows:

US\$ in Millions			
A. Budgetary Support* (Loans)			
Countries / Organizations	Amount Committed	Amount Disbursed	Recipients
IMF (Rapid Financing Instrument)	1,386	1,386	Finance Division
Asian Development Bank	500	500	Finance Division
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	750	750	Finance Division
Sub-Total (A)	2,636	2,636	

*This general budget support has been provided to Government of Pakistan for mitigating socio-economic impacts of COVID-19.

B. Project Financing (Loans)			
Countries / Organizations	Amount Committed	Amount Disbursed	Recipients
World Bank	510	114.2	MoNHSR&C, MoFEPT, NDMA, BISP and Provincial Governments
Asian Development Bank	350	248	NDMA, BISP, NDRMF
France (Afd)	51.17	21.42	NDRMF, MoCC
Sub-Total (B)	911.17	383.62	
C. Grants-in-Aid			
Countries / Organizations	Amount Committed	Amount Disbursed	Recipients
European Union (EU)	57.34	39.50	INGOs/NGOs
United States of America	41.90	20.87	INGOs, HIS, CDC, UNHCR
Japan	32.33	6.87	MoNHSR&C, NDMA, UNICEF, IOM, UNHRC, IFRC, UNOPS
Asian Development Bank	7.78	0.50	MoNHSR&C, NDRMF
China	4.00	4.00	NDMA
United Kingdom	3.38	3.38	WHO
Canada	2.39	2.39	WFP, UNHCR, OCHA, ICRC
South Korea	0.85	0.85	WHO
Islamic Development Bank	0.42	0.21	Govts. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Sindh
United Nations	0.40	0.40	WHO
Sub-Total (C)	150.79	78.97	
GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C)	3,697.96	3,098.59	

(b) It is pertinent to mention that the Ministry of Economic Affairs, under Rule 56 (2); Schedule-II of Rule 3 (3) of Rules of Business,

1973, only negotiates and arranges the financing on behalf of the Ministries/Divisions/Departments and Provincial Governments and does not receive or distribute aid to provinces or other entities itself but it is directly channeled to the recipients; the following are major recipients of COVID-19 financing:

- i. Ministry of Finance (in case of Budgetary Support).
- ii. Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination (M/o NHR&C).
- iii. Ehsaas Program / Benazir Income Support Programme (Ehsaas / BISP).
- iv. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
- v. National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF).
- vi. Relevant Departments of the Provincial Governments.

***Question No. 23 Senator Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:**

(Notice Received on 14/04/2021 at 3:55 PM) QID: 37818

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names as well as details of development projects launched by the Ministry since the inception of incumbent Government, indicating also that these projects come under ADP and PSDP; and*
- (b) *the present status, if implementation on each of these projects, along-with year-wise details?*

Mr. Asad Umar: (a) Detail of development projects launched by M/o PD&SI since inception of Government is as under:—

Sl. No	Name of Project	ADP / PSDP	Date of Administrative Approval	Total Cost (as per PC-I) Rs. in Million	Status (On-going/ Closed)
1	Integrated Energy Planning (IEP) for Sustainable Development, M/o PD&SI.	PSDP	08-01-2020	438.112	Ongoing
2	Strengthening of Civil Registration and Vital Statistic (CRVS) System, M/o PD&SI.	-do-	18-08-2020	201.917	-do-
3	Strengthening of M/o PD&R in I.T, M/o Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Islamabad.	-do-	19-12-2019	419.538	-do-

4	Strengthening of Ministry of Planning Development and Reform in Monitoring & Evaluation of PSDP projects, M/o PD&SI.	-do-	08-01-2020	615.772	-do-
5	Cadastral Mapping.	-do-	30-07-2020	1994.00	-do-
6	Competitive Grants Program for Policy-Oriented Research, PIDE, M/o PD&SI.	-do-	30-07-2020	1756.00	-do-

(b) The present status of implementation is as under:—

PSDP S#	Name of Project	Total Cost (Rs. in Million)	Total Expenditure during 2020-21
1	2	3	4
739	Integrated Energy Planning (IEP) for Sustainable Development, M/o PD&SI.	438.112	5.847
740	Strengthening of Civil Registration and Vital Statistic (CRVS) System, M/o PD&SI.	201.917	15.16
741	Strengthening of M/o PD&R in I.T, M/o Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Islamabad.	419.538	52.00
742	Strengthening of Ministry of Planning Development and Reform in Monitoring & Evaluation of PSDP projects, M/o PD&SI.	615.772	80.00
734	Cadastral Mapping.	1994.000	310.337
735	Competitive Grants Program for Policy-Oriented Research, PIDE, M/o PD&SI.	1756.000	53.8

*Question No. 24 **Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 15/04/2021 at 3:25 AM) QID: 37814

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of corruption cases were surfaced during the last five years in the Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan in the country, if so, the province wise details of such cases indicating names of dealing investigation agencies, names of officers and officials involved, actions taken against them and the time by which the inquiries will be completed / closed?

Makhdoom Khusró Bukhtiar: Yes, in last five years, 62 corruption cases were reported. Province-wise details of the cases indicating names of officers / officials involved, action taken against them, names of investigating agencies and present status of the cases are attached at Annexure-A.

List of Cases
PUNJAB PROVINCE

Sr.No	Name of officer / officials	Disciplinary action taken by the department	Name of Dealing Agency	Name of Court	Present Status
1	Syed Mohsin Ali Shah	Show Cause	FIA	Special Judge Central Rawalpindi	Subjudice
2	Malik Amir Hussain, Ex-ASM	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge Central Rawalpindi	Subjudice
3	Muhammad Bilal (ASM)	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Lahore	Subjudice
4	Syed Akbar Hussain Shah (ASM)	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Lahore	Subjudice
5	Manzoor Ali S/O Noor Khan	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice
6	Mazhar Iqbal	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice
7	Muhammad Ajmal	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice
8	Muhammad Akhtar	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice
9	Awais Rizwani	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice
10	Rasheed Ahmed Rasheed	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice
11	Sheraz Aftab	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice
12	Habib Ullah Rajpoot	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice
13	Nazir Ahmed	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice
14	Ghulam Hassan	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice
15	Aurangzaib	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Multan	Subjudice

SINDH PROVINCE

Sr.No	Name of officer / officials	Disciplinary action taken by the department	Name of Dealing Agency	Name of Court	Present Status
16	Officials deputed at US Pak Secretariat, Karachi		FIA	Special Judge Anticorruption, Karachi	
17	Syed Roshan Ali (SM)	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central-II) Anticorruption, Karachi	Subjudice
18	Muhammad Hayyat, (Helper)	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central-II) Anticorruption, Karachi	Subjudice
19	Muhammad Kamran (D.W)	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central-I) Anticorruption, Karachi	Subjudice
20	Dilshad Ali Kalhoro (SM)	Terminated from Service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Hyderabad	Subjudice
21	Muhammad Nawaz Bhatti (DW)	Serving / withholding of annual increment for the period of two years	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Hyderabad	Subjudice
22	Mehboob Ali (DW)	Terminated from service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Hyderabad	Subjudice
23	USC Vs Abdul Manan Abro (ASM)	Terminated from Service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Hyderabad	Subjudice

24	USC Vs Muzaffar Ali Abro (DW)	Terminated from Service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Hyderabad	Subjudice
25	USC Vs Muhammad Azeem Shah	Terminated from Service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Hyderabad	Subjudice
26	USC Vs Ghulam Akbar (DW)	Terminated from Service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Hyderabad	Subjudice
27	USC Vs Alijazz Ahmed (ASM)	Terminated from Service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Hyderabad	Subjudice
28	USC Vs Sanaullah Brijani (SM)	Terminated from Service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Hyderabad	Subjudice

KPK PROVINCE

<u>Sr.No</u>	<u>Name of officer / officials</u>	<u>Disciplinary action taken by the department</u>	<u>Name of Dealing Agency</u>	<u>Name of Court</u>	<u>Present Status</u>
29	Atta Rud (DW)	Terminated from Service	FIA	Special Judge (Central) Anticorruption, Peshawar	Subjudice

BALOCHISTAN PROVINCE

<u>Sr.No</u>	<u>Name of officer / officials</u>	<u>Disciplinary action taken by the department</u>	<u>The agency which dealt with</u>	<u>Name of Court</u>	<u>Present Status</u>
30	Embezzlement / misappropriation in USC Quetta Region	30 Officers / Officials terminated from service	FIA	FIA, Quetta	Subjudice
31	State Vs Fahim Uddin & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
32	State Vs Fahim Uddin & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
33	State Vs Abdul Waheed & Ibrar Hussain & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
34	State Vs Rehmat Ullah & Syed Naseer Shah & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
35	State Vs Allah Wasaya, Muhammad Pannah & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
36	State Vs Baz Gul, Amir Khalil, Salamat Ali, Ghulam Ali, Zareef Khan & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
37	State Vs Baz Gul, Syed Naseer Shah, M. Saqib, Rizwan Ali, Imran Ali & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
38	State Vs M. Azam, Ejaz Ali, Eilawal Hussain & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
39	State Vs Hassan Ali & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
40	State Vs Ghulam Ali & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
41	State Vs Rizwan Ali, Abdul Nabi, M. Ibrahim, M. Naseem Anwar & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
42	State Vs Abdul Wahab & Other	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
43	State Vs Syed Raza Shah & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
44	State Vs Syed Raza Shah & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
45	State Vs Bismillah, M. Azam, M. Riaz & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice

46	State Vs Shahzad Khan, M.Azam, Sana Ullah & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
47	State Vs Muhammad Saqib & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
48	State Vs Inamullah & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
49	State Vs Muhammad Ibrahim & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
50	State Vs Allah Wasaya & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
51	State Vs Rizwan Ali	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
52	State Vs Shahdad Khan & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
53	State Vs Ghulam Ali & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
54	State Vs Hassan Ali & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
55	State Vs Atiab Ali & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
56	State Vs Fazal UR Rehman & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
57	State Vs Amir Khalil & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
58	State Vs Rehmat Ullah & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
59	State Vs Naseer Amed & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
60	State Vs Ayub Raza & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
61	State Vs Ejaz Ali / Sadam Hussain & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice
62	State Vs Fazal UR Rehman / Zahoor Hussain & others	Terminated from service.	FIA	Special Judge, Anticorruption, Quetta	Subjudice

***Question No. 25 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 15/04/2021 at 2:30 PM) QID: 37839

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Directorate General Intelligence and Investigation IR sent 846 investigation reports to field offices in first 9 months of current financial year (2020-2021) reflecting tax evasion of 147 Billion therein, if so, the steps being taken by FBR to curtail tax evasion and steps taken against the tax evaders reported in the said reports?

Reply not received.

***Question No. 26 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 15/04/2021 at 2:30 PM) QID: 37836

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the percentage of people in Pakistan whose income and employment were affected from pandemic Covid-19, indicating also the most affected province in this regard?

Reply Not Received

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue has transferred this question to the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives. The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives has accepted it on 27th May, 2021.

***Question No. 27 Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice Received on 20/04/2021 at 1:40 PM) QID: 37830

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to modernize and upgrade the machinery of Pakistan Mint to enhance production rate, quality of production and improve cost effectiveness, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: The existing minting facility at Pakistan Mint, Lahore was established in 1943. The machinery & equipment and infrastructure is 78 years old. Since its inception, Pakistan Mint has never undergone any major revamping. Thus modernization of

this important national asset is very essential to make it at par with the International Mints.

Keeping in view the dire need of its modernization & up-gradation, a PC-I for PSDP project titled “Modernization & Up-gradation of Pakistan Mint Phase-II-A” worth Rs. 1790 million has been approved by Departmental Development Working Party (DDWP) in its meeting held on 08-06-2020. However, no funds could be allocated for execution of this project in year 2020-2021 due to paucity of time as the project was approved in the mid of June, 2020. The project will come into its execution phase once the required funds of Rs. 100 million are allocated for the next FY 2021-2022.

ISLAMABAD,
the 27th May, 2021

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN,
Secretary.