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SENATE SECRETARIAT

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DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*[Questions Nos. 36, 39-A and 39-D were deferred on 16th July, 2021
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(Def.) *Question No. 36 **Senator Seemee Ezdi:**

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Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of Pakistan's "Look Africa Campaign" initiative started by the incumbent Government and the advantages/ benefits accrued so far there from?

Minister for Commerce: The total population of Africa is approximately 1.3 billion, *i.e.* 15% of the world's population, inhabiting 54 countries. Pakistan must rise to the African opportunity as Africa's growth is surpassing even East Asia's growth. China, USA, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, etc. are becoming increasingly important trade partners of Africa. Africa which is moving towards economic integration — through a number of sub-regional organizations — these organizations could become a launch pad for Pakistan's enhanced engagement with Africa in terms of multilateral diplomacy, Africa has always been important. With 54 countries, it forms a very important voting bloc in global forums. As the U.S., Europe and China step up their diplomatic activism in Africa, Pakistan cannot afford to stay away from a friendly and inviting economic space. Many in the world believe that Africa, after decades of ruinous conflicts, is about to turn the corner. Pakistan needs to develop a more sustained political effort if it wants to stay at the front in an area of great strategic significance.

Pakistan's trade with Africa had been stagnant at around US \$ 3 billion per year for many years. Main reason of this low trade volume has been low level of engagement of Pakistan with Africa. Africa is huge market for exports of Pharmaceuticals, surgical, engineering goods etc. Furthermore, Services form an integral part of almost all African economies. There is a significant potential of export of IT Services to Africa. NADRA has completed multiple National Database and Passport Services projects in Kenya, Sudan and Nigeria etc.

Africa is also home to some of the fastest growing economies in the world like Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania, which have recorded persistent growth rates of more than 5% in the last decade.

In light of the above, Ministry of Commerce launched its "Look Africa Policy initiative" in 2018, to enhance focus and increase engagement with Africa, the second largest continent with a collective GDP of \$2.20 trillion. The Policy includes the following interventions:

- (a) Enhancing engagement with top ten African economies *i.e.* Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Senegal and Tanzania, as they together constitute 73.4% of total African GDP.
- (b) Opening five new commercial sections in Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Senegal and Sudan.
- (c) Granting accreditations and appointing TDOs in more African countries
- (d) Initiating negotiations in bilateral/multilateral trade agreements for enhancing market access in Africa,
- (e) Formation of Joint Working Group (JWGs) on trade
- (f) Establishment of Africa Cell in TDAP Karachi
- (g) Enhanced facilitation by the government for the Pakistani companies participation in trade fairs in Africa;
- (h) Pakistan can enhance exports to Africa by concentrating on the following six sectors:

- i. Pharmaceuticals and surgical instruments
- ii. Engineering goods
- iii. Rice, wheat, corn etc.
- iv. Textiles
- v. Cement and construction materials
- vi. Services

- (i) Special facilitation to delegations to/from Africa
- (j) 2% additional duty draw back on selected items exports to Africa.

PAKISTAN-AFRICA BILATERAL TRADE:

Pakistan's total trade with Africa has witnessed increase since 2017-18. In 2019-20, the exports increased by 7% as compared to in 2018-19, while imports reduced by 7.3%.

In the period July-May 2020-21, there has been a decrease in exports due to decrease in exports of Rice, which is the major exported item from Pakistan to Africa. Recently, Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan has claimed that India is exporting Rice in large quantities, with huge subsidies, which is adversely impacting Rice exports from Pakistan, Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand etc., as Pakistani. Rice is sold at around US\$ 450/tonne, while India is selling at US\$ 360/tonne. Moreover, demand in Africa has decreased as tourism and economy is adversely affected by Covid-19 pandemic. However, during July-May 2020-21, exports of textiles and Pharmaceutical to Africa have increased significantly. Details are provided **at Annex-I**.

Years	Pakistan Exports	Pakistan Imports	Total Trade
2016-17	1281.382	1919.376	3200.76
2017-18	1514.608	2744.163	4258.77
2018-19	1384.51	2919.972	4304.48
2019-20	1480.37	2705.94	4186.31
2019-20 (July-May)	1429.17	2548.17	3977.34
2020-21 (July-May)	1237.05	2697.99	3935.04

Source: FBR/PRAL

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF LOOK AFRICA POLICY:

The following activities have been performed on the aforementioned interventions:

1. Eight Trade Missions in Africa are operational, while the Trade Mission in Khartoum, Sudan will become operational soon.
2. Trade & Investment Officers in Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and Sudan have further been accredited thirty two (32) African countries, including major trading blocs like African Union, East African Community (EAC), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and South African Customs Union (SACU). The details are provided at Annex-II.
3. Negotiations have been undertaken to have Framework Agreements and establish Joint Working Groups (JWGs) on Trade/Joint Trade Committees (JTCs) with East African Community (EAC), Ethiopia, Rwanda, Nigeria, Senegal, Morocco, South Africa, Cameroon, Mozambique and Tanzania.
4. Joint Working Group on Trade with Egypt and Joint Trade Committee with Kenya have been established and inaugural meetings have been held and being followed up.
5. Negotiations on Pakistan-Tunisia Preferential Trade Agreement are in progress.
6. Africa Cell has been established in TDAP.
7. 80% subsidy is being provided to Pakistani exporters for participating in exhibitions in Africa.
8. Look Africa Trade Forums in all major cities of Pakistan have been organized to create awareness about the potential of African markets.
9. 1st Pakistan-Africa Trade Development Conference was held in Nairobi, Kenya on 30th & 31st January 2020. African

government and business delegates from 26 African countries attended the Conference, which was inaugurated by the President of Kenya. More than 1800 B2B meetings also took place between African buyers and more than 100 business delegates from Pakistan.

10. 2nd Pakistan Africa Trade Development Conference and Single Country Exhibition is scheduled to be held in 23rd 25th November 2021 at Lagos, Nigeria.
11. TDAP participated in the 38th International Fair Khartoum, Sudan in January 2021. 16 companies from Pakistan participated in the event and secured export orders worth approximately US\$ 5 million
12. After the on-set of Covid-19 pandemic and consequent restrictions on commercial activities, Ministry of Commerce, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan and Trade & Investment Officers abroad have organized around forty two (42) webinars on specific countries and products, to inform and aware Pakistani business community regarding trade regulatory regimes in African countries and potential sectors/products for exports to specific African markets.
13. Trade delegations from Nigeria, Tanzania and Kenya have successfully visited Pakistan during 2020-21.

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The benefits of the Policy, accrued so far are mentioned below. However, new commercial sections have been established only one year back and then. Covid-19 pandemic started. Hence, at least 3 to 5 years of active commercial presence will yield the actual impact.

1. Pakistani exports to Africa have increased in 2018-19 and 2019-20.
2. During the period July-May 2020-21, exports of Pharmaceuticals, Textiles, Cement, Tractors, Sugar Confectionary, Paper & Paperboard and Tarpaulins has witnessed growth as compared to the corresponding period in 2019-20, despite Covid-19 pandemic.

3. During the period 2019-20, Pakistani exports to Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Mozambique, Somalia, Djibouti, Ghana, Senegal and Togo recorded significant growth despite Covid-19 pandemic.

Annex-I

BILATERAL TRADE OF PAKISTAN WITH AFRICA (US\$ MILLION)

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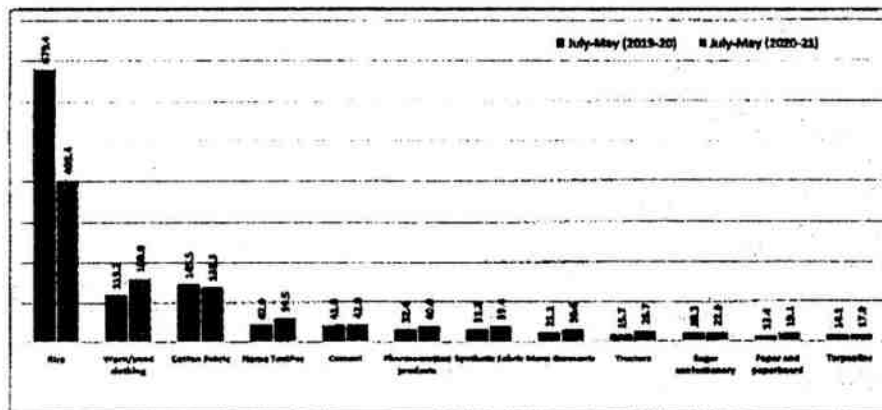
Source: FBR/PRAL

ANALYSIS OF EXPORT TREND OF JULY-MAY 2020-21

The decline in exports to Africa region during July-May 2021 is due to a stark decrease in the exports of Rice, from US\$ 679.4 million in July-May 2019-20 to US\$ 403.4 million in July-May 2020-21. Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan has conveyed that India is exporting Rice in large quantities, with huge subsidies. Under the WTO rules, flooding international markets with subsidised food, particularly rice, is an offence. It has adversely impacted exports of Rice from Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar and Nepal.

Apart from this, exports of textiles, Cement, Pharmaceuticals, Tractors, Sugar Confectionary, Paper & Paperboard and Tarpaulins have witnessed increase in July-May 2020-21 as compared to the corresponding period in 2019-20. The details are provided below:

Trend of Top Exports to Africa (July-May) – USD Million



Source: PRAL

Accreditations of Trade & Investment Officers in Africa

Following accreditations have been approved and circulated:

- i. **Algiers, Algeria:** Mali, Burkina Faso and Mauritania
- ii. **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:** African Union (AfCFTA), Djibouti, Somalia.
- iii. **Cairo, Egypt:** Libya & Chad
- iv. **Nairobi, Kenya:** Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda
- v. **Casablanca, Morocco:** Tunisia
- vi. **Lagos, Nigeria:** Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Niger, Togo, Cameroon, Ghana, Benin and Gabon
- vii. **Dakar, Senegal:** Guinea, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau
- viii. **Johannesburg, South Africa:** South African Customs Union (SACU), Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Mozambique and Swaziland
- ix. **Khartoum, Sudan:** South Sudan, Eritrea, Central African Republic and Republic of Congo

(Def.) *Question No. 39-A **Senator Walid Iqbal:**
(Notice Received on 30/06/2021 at 1:55 PM) QID: 37992

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of the Government's current export promotion policies for future growth?

Minister for Commerce: The details of Government's current export promotion policies for future growth are given as under:

i. **PM PACKAGE OF INCENTIVE FOR EXPORTERS:**

In 2018, Pakistan's export had been adversely affected due to high energy costs, exchange rate appreciation and high import tariffs on inputs. To arrest this declining trend of exports, the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet approved Prime Minister's Package of Incentives of PKR 180 billion for exporters of Textile and Non-Textile sectors on shipments made from 16th January, 2017 to 30th June, 2018, which was specifically aimed at improving competitiveness of the export sector. As a result of this incentive, country's export competitiveness showed signs of positive growth. Hence, to keep up the momentum of this growth trajectory, the Package, with the approval of the ECC of the Cabinet, was further extended for three consecutive years. The Drawback

schemes expired on 30th June 2021. The MoC has conduct an impact assessment study of the schemes and is in the process of formulation of a new scheme to replace the previous one.

ii. **TARIFF RATIONALIZATION THROUGH NATIONAL TARIFF POLICY:**

The first ever National Tariff Policy (NTP) 2019-2024 was approved by the Federal Government on 19th November, 2019. In order to meet the objectives of the NTP and to remove distortions in the tariff structure, in line with the requests received from the public and the private sectors, tariffs were rationalized as per details given below:

- **Implementation of National Tariff Policy 2019-24 (FY 2020-21 Performance)**
 - (a) ACD on 1623 Tariff Lines, consisting of basic raw materials, was removed.
 - (b) CD on 90 Tariff Lines, consisting of intermediate goods/inputs, not manufactured locally, was reduced from 11% to 3% and 0%.
 - (c) In order to implement the “Make in Pakistan Initiative” of the Government, tariffs were rationalized on 112 Tariff Lines.
 - (d) RD on 36 Tariff Lines of Iron & Steel Sector was reduced.
 - (e) ACD and RD on 164 Tariff Lines of Textile Sector, not locally manufactured, were removed in order to increase the share of Man-Made Fiber (MMF) in textile exports.
 - (f) In order to meet the demand of value-added Textile Sector, 5% CD and 5% RD on import of Cotton yarn was removed till 30th June, 2021.
 - (g) ACD on 152 tariff lines pertaining to raw materials, mostly chemicals, used by the local manufacturing sector was removed.

- **Implementation of National Tariff Policy 2019-24 (Budget FY 2021-22 Performance)**
 - (a) Reduction of ACD from 7% to 6% in 20% slab.
 - (b) Tariff Rationalized of Tourism Industry as per request of Pakistan Tourism Corporation Development (PTDC).
 - (c) Tariff Rationalization of the Textile sector as per study conducted by Tariff Policy Centre.
 - (d) Individual tariff rationalization requests, received from various industries, have been taken into account by the Tariff Policy Board in line with the objectives of the NTP.
 - (e) Customs Duty reduction from 11% to 3% & 0% on items not locally manufactured.
 - (f) Tariff Rationalization of Pharmaceutical sector as per request of MoNHSR&C and Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association.
 - (g) Tariff Rationalization of flat products of Iron and steel sector as per recommendations of Tariff Policy Centre.
 - (h) Reduction of Customs duty from 3% to 0% on items not locally manufactured.
 - (i) Duties on raw materials, used by the manufacturers of Covid-19 related items, have been removed at the request of MoNHSR&C.
 - (j) RDs on non-essential items, as per recommendations of FBR, have been increased.
 - (k) Tariff rationalization of Auto Sector as per recommendations of Ministry of Industries and Production.

iii. **e-COMMERCE POLICY:**

Pakistan announced its first ever e-Commerce Policy, prepared by Ministry of Commerce, on 1st October, 2019. The Policy aims to provide a launching pad to Pakistan's e-Commerce market and its exports, while proving to be a driver of youth empowerment and employment generation, export development and increase investment/FDI in Pakistan through digital connectivity. An e-Commerce business facilitation hub will be created, by ensuring facilitation for free-lancers, e-Commerce initiatives and startups through effective coordination with SECP, FBR and SBP. Pak e-SME program will be initiated to identify, train, enable and connect 50,000 e-SMEs of the remote areas of Pakistan to online market places for promoting e-Commerce. An e-Commerce Aggregator will be developed with Public Private Partnership to show-case e-Commerce companies of Pakistan to the world. Moreover, Pakistan has been added officially in the sellers list of Amazon on 21st May, 2021 - one of the world's largest e-Commerce platform.

iv. **ENACTMENT OF GI LAW AND NOTIFICATION OF GI RULES:**

The Geographical Indications (GI) Law was finalized after consultation with public and private sector stakeholders and forwarded to the Ministry for enactment by the Parliament. Accordingly, the Geographical Indications (Protection and Registration) Act, 2020 was passed by the Parliament in March 31, 2020. GI Rules there under were notified on 28th December, 2020. Pakistan received the geographical indication (GI) tag for its Basmati rice on January 26, 2021. GI tag will provide protection to Pakistani Rice against misuse or imitation, hence, will guarantee that its share in the international market is protected. Chounsa Mango, Sindhri Mango and Kinnow have been approved by the Cabinet on 13th April, 2021 to be registered as Pakistan's Geographical Indication (GI). Geographical Indication (G.I) registration has been processed for "Pink Salt".

Accession to Madrid Protocol: Pakistan joined the Madrid system of international registration Trademarks, on 24th February, 2021. With the accession to the Madrid system, the Trademark holders of Pakistan will be able to protect their trademarks in more than 100 countries by filing a single application at WIPO via IPO Pakistan. The business community of member countries will also be able to get

protection of their Trademarks in Pakistan by using Madrid route. It is win-win situation for traders of both Pakistan and its trading partners to get protection of Intellectual Property Rights to promote genuine businesses in their markets as well as instilling confidence in potential foreign investors.

v. **STRATEGIC TRADE POLICY FRAMEWORK 2020-2025:**

The Ministry of Commerce (MOC) has prepared the Strategic Trade Policy Framework (STPF) 2020-25 that aims to enhance export competitiveness of Pakistan through a framework of interventions having an impact across the value chains. The STPF intends to make the policy implementation unidirectional by correcting the chronic policy fragmentation related issues that have undermined the effective implementation of previous Trade Policy Frameworks. The ECC of the Cabinet in its meeting held on 31st March, 2021 has Approved the formulation of National Export Development Board (NEDB) envisaged under the STPF to oversee its implementation. The NEDB has been notified on 8th July 2021.

vi. **TEXTILE POLICY 2020-2025:**

In tandem with STPF, the 3rd Textile Policy 2020-25 is also being launched by the Ministry of Commerce. The Policy is aimed at utilizing the potential of home-grown cotton augmented by Manmade Fiber / Filament to boost value-added exports and become one the major players in global textile supply chain. The Textile sector will provide a conducive business environment; consistent, predictable and foreseeable measures will be taken to create a level playing field for the domestic and export-oriented textiles value chains.

vii. **IMPROVED EFFICIENCY OF TRANSIT THROUGH PAKISTAN AND REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY:**

New border points opened for trade with Afghanistan and Iran Ghulam Khan BCP opened for ATT, Kharlachi notified as rebatable BCP to enhance exports, Customs & banking facilities being established at all BCPs. The Protocol No. 6 for extension of Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA-2010) for the period of six months was signed on 8th July, 2021. Furthermore, National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee (NTTFC) has been reactivated and the meetings are being held regularly to ensure progress on TIR and other trade related transport and

logistics issues). TIR Rules being rationalized, ATT bulk shipments allowed thru Gwadar port, Joint Check Posts of all agencies established at BCPs to reduce clearance time, Scanning regime rationalized and removal of transshipment restrictions.

Moreover, Pakistan-Uzbekistan Transit Trade Agreement finalized. Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) with Uzbekistan & Afghanistan under advanced stage of negotiations; Negotiations have been resumed with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) for Free Trade Agreement (FTA) after 13 years. MoU on Establishment of Border Sustenance Marketplaces with Iran was signed on 21st April, 2021 in Tehran.

viii. **MARKET ACCESS INITIATIVES:**

The Ministry of Commerce has been in the continuous process of formulating market penetration strategies in collaboration with TDAP and Trade Missions for Potential / Non-Traditional Markets *i.e.*, South Asia, Central Asia, Africa, South America, Russia and South East Asia etc. to promote and facilitate exports to the untapped markets which hold immense potential for Pakistan to enhance its market share.

To have better market access for Pakistani products, the Government has taken the following initiatives:

Pak China FTA Phase-II: Pakistan has signed the second phase of Pak-China FTA, effective from 1st January, 2020, under which duty on 313 Tariff Lines will be reduced to zero by China. The enhanced market access will further diversify Pakistan's export in these Tariff Lines.

Implementation of Phase-II of the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement from 1st January 2020 followed by awareness campaign through ten seminars to apprise the business community of Pakistan about the benefits of this Agreement. Moreover, holding of Trade & Investment Conference in November-2018 in Shanghai-China and in April 2019 in Beijing during visits of the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Settlement of mutual financial claims with Russia: An Agreement was signed between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Government of the Russian Federation on settlement of mutual financial claims and the obligations on operations of the former USSR. A 39-year-old trade dispute has been settled in which it was decided that Pakistan would return USD\$ 93.5 million within 90 days of the

signing of the agreement. NBP has been instructed to complete all codal formalities and the disperse the amounts as per Cabinet's decision.

Pakistan Turkey Business and Investment Forum: The first ever Pakistan Turkey Business and Investment Forum was held on 13-14th February, 2020 to promote trade and investment opportunities in Pakistan for the Turkish side. 40 Turkish companies participated and around 450 meetings were held for possible Joint Ventures and to explore avenues of cooperation.

Entry of Pakistani Rice in Russian Market: Russia has recently allowed import of Pakistani rice; initially four firms have been allowed and more will be allowed after virtual inspection by Russian Authorities.

Re-entry of Pakistani Kinnow into UK market: Due to the continuous efforts of this office, Pakistan Secured re-entry of Pakistani Kinnow into UK market.

Resumption of Flights by British Airways: The commercial section with collaboration of Pakistan High Commission London managed to convince the British Airways authorities to resume their flights to Pakistan.

Virtual International Rawal Expo: Virtual International Rawal Expo (VIRE) 2020 was held by Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce virtually, enabling the Dutch companies to attend the event.

Pak-Italy Textile Technology Center Pak-Italy: Textile Technology Center was established in Faisalabad in December 2020. The Center will focus on technology upgradation and skill development in textile exports. The textile machinery for the center was secured free of cost from Italian Government/Italian trade Agency (ITA). Master Trainers were also arranged from Italy.

Pak Italy Footwear Technology Center: Pak Italy Footwear Technology Center was established in Lahore in October 2020. The center focuses on upgradation of manufacturing and training facilities in footwear exports.

Export of Services Mode IV in Italian: Labour market Pakistan export of Services Mode IV in Italian labour market was revived after

exclusion of Pakistan from the list of countries that are eligible to export labour services to Italy.

Export of Medical services Mode IV: Italian authorities agreed to allow as well as review and accommodate Pakistani Doctors and paramedics on long term basis, thus opening of export of Medical services Mode IV allow Pakistani Doctors and paramedics to practice in Italy.

Adventure tourism: Italian climbers, skiing, trekking and rafting clubs were approached to promote adventure tourism in Pakistan. Italian Team of climbers Headed by Ms. Tamara Lunger was sent to Pakistan for winter ascent of K2 in Dec. 2020.

Market Access by China on Yarn, Rice and Sugar: The Chinese Government has granted one-time duty-free buying arrangement of US\$ 01 billion access to Pakistan in yarn, sugar and rice.

Enhanced Market Access offered by Indonesia: As a result of concerted negotiations, Ministry of Commerce has been able to get market access from Indonesia on additional 20 tariff lines. Exports in these 20 tariff lines will further diversify Pakistan's exports to Indonesia, for Pakistan's global export in these lines amount to US\$ 4 billion.

Enhanced Market Access offered by Sri Lanka: In Dec, 2019, three new varieties namely, PK 385 and or Super Kernel grade, 1121 Kianat Rice, PK 198/ D 98 Basmati Rice have been added to the list of Rice having duty free access to Sri Lankan market.

New Markets: To further diversify Pakistan's exports to non-traditional markets, the Ministry of Commerce has launched the "*Look Africa*" policy to promote and facilitate exports to the untapped markets of African region, which hold immense potential for Pakistan to enhance its market share.

Enhanced engagement with top 10 African Economies: The Ministry of Commerce has enhanced interaction with African Ambassadors/ High Commissioners based in Pakistan, and directed the trade officers posted in African countries to intensify engagement with respective Governments and business leaders.

- a. 6 new commercial sections in Egypt, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Sudan, Algeria, and Senegal have been opened. Moreover,

accreditation has been granted to four existing Trade Officers as follows:

- i. Commercial Councilor Kenya (Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Eritrea)
 - ii. Commercial Secretary South Africa (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland)
 - iii. Commercial Councilor Morocco (Tunisia, Mauritania)
 - iv. Commercial Secretary Nigeria (Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Ghana, Benin)
- b. **Arrangement of Look Africa Trade Forums in Major Cities:** “Look Africa Trade Forum” was organized on the sidelines of EXPO Pakistan-2017 at Karachi, attended by hundreds of businessmen from 18 African countries, all African Ambassadors/ High Commissioners in Pakistan, diplomats, government officials and over two hundred Pakistani businessmen. Trade Forums were also arranged in Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Islamabad, with the help of the chambers of commerce.
- c. **Negotiations on Bilateral/Multilateral Trade Agreements:** Trade Negotiation Committees have been formed/reactivated with major African countries. Joint Working Groups (JWGs)/JTC with Tunisia and Kenya have been established, while Egypt has agreed to the establishment of a JWG between the two countries. Bilateral Trade Agreements (BTAs) are in process with Nigeria, Rwanda and Ethiopia. Under these BTAs, JWGs will also be established. Engagement with SACU, ECOWAS and EAC is being initiated.
- d. **Enhanced Subsidy for Africa:** TDAP provides special subsidy (80-90%) to companies/ delegations to encourage their participation in exhibitions in Africa. After the launch of “Look Africa Policy Initiative”, 12 exhibitions in Egypt, Morocco, South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia etc. and 1 delegation of Surgical, Pharma and Sports Goods to Algeria and Tunisia have been sponsored by TDAP under the policy.

- e. **Pakistan-Africa Trade Development Conference:** The event was held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 30-31 January, 2019, with an aim to promote trade and to further strengthen existing trade linkages with the African region.

TDAP has arranged 13 international trade delegations despite lockdown and organized First Virtual International Textile Exhibition in 2020. Multiple Webinars have been arranged by the Commercial Section at the High Commission in London to promote Roshan Digital Account (RDA), and Naya Pakistan Certificate (NPC) in UK. Trade promotion activities has been planned through usage of virtual platforms.

ix. **EXPORT FINANCE SCHEMES TO INCENTIVES EXPORTS:**

State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has been undertaking a wide range of development finance activities besides, its core functions, to promote export led growth in the country. For this purpose, SBP consistently formulates and reviews its various short- and long-term refinance schemes to facilitate banks in meeting credit needs of their borrowers primarily exporters and export led industrialist. The SBP offers following financing support schemes to the exporters:

- a. Export Finance Scheme (EFS)
- b. Islamic Export Refinance Scheme (IERS)
- c. Long Term Financing Facility (LTFF) for Plant & Machinery
- d. Islamic Long-Term Financing Facility (ILTFF) for Plant & Machinery

x. **EXPORT FACILITATION SCHEMES:**

The Government has taken steps to facilitate exporters and increase competitiveness of country's exports in the international markets by promoting ease of doing business and exempting duties and taxes on imported inputs for manufacturing of exports under certain conditions. In this regard the following schemes are offered by FBR:

- a. The Export Oriented Units (EOU) and Small and Medium Enterprises, Rules, 2008
- b. Manufacturing Bond Rules - SRO 450(1)/2001
- c. Duty and Tax Remission for Exports (DTRE) Scheme

- d. Temporary Importation Scheme - SRO 492(1)/2009
- e. Export Processing Zone (EPZ) Rules
- f. Determination of Materials and Fixation of Rates

xi. **SUBSIDIZED ENERGY FOR EXPORT ORIENTED SECTORS:**

In order to maintain the competitiveness of Pakistani exports, the five export-oriented sectors textile, surgical goods, carpets, leather and sports goods, are provided subsidized electricity at the rate of 7.5 cents (all inclusive) per unit (kwh) and the mix of local and RLNG at a fixed rate of \$ 6.5 per million British thermal unit.

xii. **EXPORT AND IMPORT FIGURES FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS**

Amount in USD Billion

<i>Year</i>	<i>Import</i>	<i>Export</i>	<i>Trade Deficit</i>
2018-19	53.93	23.17	30.76
2019-20	44.57	21.64	22.93
2020-21	56.32	25.26	31.06

Source: - PBS

(Def.) *Question No. 39-D **Senator Walid Iqbal:**
(Notice Received on 7/07/2021 at 4:51 PM) QID: 38038

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the rules and policies for postings number of the positions of Executive Directors, Directors and Representatives from Pakistan at the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Economic Cooperation Organization, World Trade Organization and any international or regional bodies; and*
- (b) *the details of officers posted on these positions in the last 30 years, clearly mentioning the province and service /cadre to which they belonged?*

Mr. Omer Ayub Khan: (a) The relevant Rules called Civil Servants (Service in International Organizations) Rules, 2016 for posting of Executive Directors. Directors and Representatives from Pakistan at the

World Bank. Asian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Economic Cooperation Organization. World Trade Organization and any international or regional bodies are at **Annex-I**.

(b) The details of officers posted in the above mentioned organizations are at **Annex-II**.

F.No.3/7/2016-R-2
Government of Pakistan
Cabinet Secretariat
Establishment Division

Annex-I

Islamabad, the 7th October, 2016

NOTIFICATION

S.R.O. No. 954(I)/2016.- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973 (LXXI of 1973) read with Notification No.S.R.O.120(I)/98, dated the 27th February, 1998, the Prime Minister is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

1. **Short title, application and commencement.** – (1) These rules may be called the Civil Servants (**Service in International Organizations**) Rules, 2016.

(2) They shall apply to the civil servants seeking employment on reserved and specific posts and open posts and deputation in any international organization including an international non-governmental organization, international financial institution and foreign donor agency whether or not on behalf of Pakistan or with prior permission of the Federal Government.

(3) They shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.** – (1) In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- (a) "Act" means the Civil Servants Act, 1973(LXXI of 1973);
- (b) "appellate authority" means the authority next above the competent authority;
- (c) "appointing authority" means the authority specified in rule 6 of the Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1973 and other applicable rules under the Act;
- (d) "Board" means Special Selection Board constituted under rule 6;
- (e) "cadre" means the strength of a Service or Group as part of Service or Group sanctioned as separate unit and includes ex-cadre posts;
- (f) "competent authority" means the authority competent to approve deputation under these rules;

- (g) "deputation" means assignment of a civil servant to a post with prior approval of the competent authority, in an international organization;
 - (h) "Division" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it under the Rules of Business, 1973;
 - (i) "foreign government" means a Government other than Government of Pakistan;
 - (j) "international organization" means an international governmental organization or organization working in more than one country including United Nations and its specialized agencies, development agencies of other countries, international non-governmental organizations and companies, foreign government organizations hiring functionaries irrespective of their nationality excepting defence, security and intelligence related foreign governmental organizations;
 - (k) "open post" means a post, open to all eligible competing candidates including civil servants not being a post reserved for nomination by the Federal Government;
 - (l) "reserved and specific post" means a post where occupancy is limited to Pakistan's officials or alternate between Pakistan and other countries on their turn;
 - (m) "Rules" means rules made under the Act;
 - (n) "Schedule" means a schedule to these rules;
 - (o) "Secretary" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it under the Rules of Business, 1973;
 - (p) "static list" means a list of officers on deputation beyond five years approved under the Rules;
 - (q) "surety bond" means an undertaking executed by a government servant on the form specified under these rules;
 - (r) "tenure" means time period specified for deputation including approved extension under these rules; and
 - (s) "UN specialized agencies" mean the agencies of United Nations Organization (UNO) included in the Schedule.
- (2) All other words and expressions used, but not defined herein, shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in the Act and the Rules.

3. Bar to seek employment in international organizations.- A civil servant shall not approach an international organization for seeking employment therein without approval of the Federal Government or, as the case may be, the competent authority.

4. Selection criteria for reserved and specific posts (1) For the purpose of short listing and selecting civil servants seeking employment on reserved and specific posts, the following procedure shall be adopted, namely:-

- (a) for taking up an assignment in an international organization, a civil servant should have completed five years of service in his cadre.
- (b) all Pakistan specific foreign posts that are vacant and available or are likely to become vacant, shall be circulated amongst all eligible officers of the identified services, cadres and occupational groups, clearly specifying eligibility criteria in terms of educational qualifications, experience, age, grade and so forth;
- (c) there shall be a precondition of passing a written qualifying test, but the test shall be organized by the concerned Ministry through a well reputed testing agency and institution hired through open competitive process;
- (d) the minimum qualifying score in the written test shall be set at sixty percent;
- (e) eighty percent weightage shall be given to the written test scores and twenty percent weightage to the interview scores; and
- (f) no minimum passing marks shall be fixed for the interview and no candidate shall be deemed to have failed in the selection process merely on the basis of his performance in the interview:

Provided that an officer nominated against a post of sensitive or strategic importance as set out in the schedule shall be selected in a transparent manner to be determined by the competent authority.

5. Method of selection on open posts.- (1) Subject to rule 3, a civil servant may apply against open post in an international organization.

(2) case of a civil servant, who is selected by any international organization pursuant to application under sub-rule (1), shall be placed before the Board for recommendation before sending it to the competent authority. The Board may call the incumbent civil servant for interview or personal appearance.

6. Composition of the Board.- (1) The following shall be members of the Special Selection Board, namely:-

- | | | |
|-----|--|---------------------------------|
| (a) | Secretary, Cabinet Division | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (b) | Secretary, Establishment Division | <i>Member</i> |
| (c) | Secretary, Economic Affairs Division | <i>Member</i> |
| (d) | Secretary, Foreign Affairs Division | <i>Member</i> |
| (e) | Joint Secretary(Training), Establishment Division | <i>Member - cum - Secretary</i> |
| (2) | Secretary, head of the organization or, as the case may be, representative of concerned department not below BS-21 may be invited as co-opted member of the Board. | |

(3) The Secretary of the Board shall convene meeting of the Board, with the approval of the Chairman. The Board shall consider the offer of appointment and submit its recommendations to the competent authority.

7. Competent authority.- (1) The person specified in column (3) of the Table below shall be the competent authority to approve the cases of deputation to international organizations in respect of civil servants specified in column (2) of the Table, namely:-

S. No.	Civil servants in	Competent authority
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	BS-20 and above	Prime Minister
2	BS-17 to 19	Secretary Establishment Division
3	BS-1 to 16	Secretary of the Ministry or Division concerned

(2) The competent authority may approve the recommendations with or without stipulations deemed expedient including the period of deputation and where applicable extension thereof.

(3) The competent authority may, for reasons to be recorded, refer back a case or cases for reconsideration by the Board.

(4) Where a post for which recommendations have been, or being, formulated is abolished or is withdrawn from circulation for any reason or on any ground, the recommendations of the Board shall be deemed to have lapsed.

8. Ineligibility.- A civil servant shall not be eligible to apply for permission under these Rules, who -

- (a) is held guilty of misconduct or inefficiency under the Government Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, 1973 or convicted of an offence of moral turpitude; and
- (b) has not completed three years of service in his cadre after returning from immediately preceding deputation in international organization.

9. Tenure of deputation.- (1) The deputation shall be made initially for a period equal to the approved tenure of appointment offered by the borrowing international organization.

(2) In case where the period of deputation is not specified, the period shall be three years extendable to maximum period of two years with the approval of competent authority.

(3) In case of retention of a civil servant after expiry of maximum period of five years he shall be placed on static list.

(4) Surety bond shall be executed by the concerned civil servant, that he shall revert to the parent department on completion of the approved tenure of deputation and in case of default he shall render himself liable to be proceeded against for misconduct under the Government Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, 1973.

10. Repeal.- Any instruments and the policy instructions relating to posting and deputation of a civil servant on foreign assignment are hereby repealed and such repeal shall not in any manner affect operation of orders of posting and deputation of civil servants issued before commencement of these rules.


(Masroor Hussain)
Section Officer

Annex-II**ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK (AIIB)**

S. No.	Name	BPS/ Cadre	Position	Province	Tenure
1	Mr. Omar Hamid Khan	BPS-21, Secretariat Group	Alternate Director	Punjab	17-01-2017 to 06-03-2017
2.	Ms. Humaira Ahmed	BPS-21, PAS	Alternate Director	Punjab	06-03-2017 to 22-09-2017
3.	Mr. M. Aslam Chaudhary	BPS-20, Pakistan Audit & Accounts Service	Alternate Director	Punjab	22-09-2017 to 03-02-2020
4.	Mr. M. Aslam Chaudhary	BPS-20, Pakistan Audit & Accounts Service	Director	Punjab	03-02-2020 to till date

WORLD BANK

S. No.	Name	BPS/Cadre	Position	Province	Tenure
1.	Mr. Arshad Farooq	BPS-21, Secretariat Group	Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director	KPK	01-11-1992 to 10-03-1994
2.	Mr. Abdul Karim Lodhi	BPS-22, Secretariat Group	Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director	Sindh	10-03-1994 to 10-03-1998
3.	Mr. Inamul Haq	BPS-22, Secretariat Group	Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director	Punjab	04-03-1998 to 31-03-2001
4.	Mr. Tanvir Ali Aga	BPS-21, Secretariat Group	Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director	Sindh	16-5-2002 to 31-5-2005
5.	Mr. Shuja Shah	BPS-22, Secretariat Group	Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director	Sindh	01-06-2005 to 31-05-2008
6.	Mr. Javed Talat	BPS-22 (Retired Officer) Secretariat Group	Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director	Punjab	01-06-2008 to 30-04-2012
7.	Mr. Muhammad Azeem-ul-Haq Minhas	Grade-II Officer of employees Old Age Benefit	Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director	Punjab	05-12-2012 to 06-06-2013 (Resigned before completion of the tenure)
8.	Mr. Nasir Mahmood Khosa	BPS-22 Secretariat Group	Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director	Punjab	14-09-2013 to 13-10-2017
9.	Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar	BPS-22 PAS Group	Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director	Punjab	26-12-2017 to 31-10-2020
10.	Mr. Naveed Kamran Baloch	BPS-22 PAS Group	Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director	Sindh	09-09-2020 to 31-10-2022

ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IsDB)

Sr. No.	Name	Service/ Cadre	Position	Province	Tenure
1.	Mr. Rafiq Ahmed Akhund	Secretariat Group	Executive Director	Sind (U)	1990-1993
2.	Mr. Aftab Ahmed Khan	PAS	Executive Director	KPK	01-01-1996 to 18-03-1996
3.	Mr. Javed Talat	Secretariat Group	Executive Director	Punjab	01-04-1996 to 13-11-1996
4.	Mr. Javed Burki	PAS	Executive Director	Punjab	11-12-1996 to 07-08-1997
5.	Mr. Zaheer Sajad	Secretariat Group	Executive Director	KPK	12-02-1998 to 07-02-1999
6.	Mr. Javed Akram	PAS	Executive Director	Punjab	21-02-1999 to 31-12-1999
7.	Dr. Waqar Masood Khan	Secretariat Group	Executive Director	Sindh (U)	September, 2002 to September, 2005
8.	Mr. Farrakh Qayyum	Secretariat Group	Executive Director	AJK	November, 2008 to December, 2009
9.	Mr. Sibtain Fazal Halim	Secretariat Group	Executive Director	Punjab	December, 2009 to March, 2011
10.	Mr. Abdul Wajid Rana	Secretariat Group	Executive Director	Sindh (U)	April, 2011 to October, 2011
11.	Mr. Muhammad Saleem Sethi	Pakistan Audit & Accounts Group	Executive Director	KPK	June, 2014 to December, 2015
12.	Mr. Arif Ahmed Khan	PAS	Executive Director	Sindh	July, 2018 to April, 2018
13.	Mr. Ghazanfar Abass Jillani	Pakistan Audit & Accounts Group	Executive Director	Punjab	May, 2018 to December, 2018
14.	Mr. Noor Ahmed	Secretariat Group	Executive Director	Punjab	01-01-2021 to 30-06-2021

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Sr. No	Name	Position	Service/ Cadre	Tenure	Province
1.	Mr. Aitezazuddin Ahmed	Executive Director	Secretariat Group	01-07-1989 to 30-06-1991	Punjab
2.	Mr. Muhammad Akbar	Executive Director	Customs and Excise Group	01-07-1993 to 21-10-1994	Punjab
3.	Mr. A.B.Soomro	Executive Director	PAS	22-10-1994 to 30-06-1995	Sindh (R)
4.	Mr. Rafiq A Akhund	Executive Director	Secretariat Group	01-07-1997 to 30-06-1999	Sind (U)
5.	Kh. Zaheer Ahmed	Executive Director	PAS	01-07-2001 to 08-09-2002	Punjab
6.	Mr. Muhammad Akram Malik	Executive Director	PAS	09-09-2002 to 30-06-2003	Punjab
7.	Mr. Muhammad Akram Malik	Executive Director	PAS	01-07-2005 to 09-09-2005	Punjab
8.	Mr. Sibtain Fazal Halim	Executive Director	PAS	16-11-2005 to 30-06-2007	Punjab
9.	Mr. Siraj. S Shamsuddin	Executive Director	Secretariat Group	01-07-2009 to 30-06-2011	Sindh (U)
10.	Mr. Siraj. S Shamsuddin	Executive Director	Secretariat Group	01-07-2013 to 31-01-2014	Sindh (U)

11.	Mr. Muhammad Sami Saeed	Executive Director	PAS	01-01-2014 to 30-06-2015	Punjab
12.	Mr. Muhammad Sami Saeed	Executive Director	PAS	01-07-2017 to 31-03-2018	Punjab
13.	Mr. Shahid Mahmood	Executive Director	PAS	01-04-2018 to 30-06-2019	Punjab
14.	Mr. Noor Ahmed	Executive Director	Secretariat Group	01-07-2021 to 30-06-2023	Punjab
15.	Mr. Aitezazuddin Ahmed	Alternate Executive Director	Secretariat Group	01-07-1991 to 29-02-1992	Punjab
16.	Mr. Muhammad Akbar	Alternate Executive Director	Custom & Excise Group	24-03-1992 to 30-06-1993	Punjab
17.	A.B.Soomro	Alternate Executive Director	PAS	01-07-1995 to 10-06-1997	Sindh (R)
18.	Mr. Rafiq A Akhund	Alternate Executive Director	Secretariat Group	16-06-1997 to 30-06-1997	Sindh (U)
19.	Mr. M. Akram Malik	Alternate Executive Director	PAS	01-07-2003 to 30-06-2005	Punjab
20.	Mr. Sabtain Fazal Halim	Alternate Executive Director	PAS	01-07-2007 to 15-12-2008	Punjab
21.	Mr. Siraj. S Shamsuddin	Alternate Executive Director	Secretariat Group	17-12-2008 to 30-06-2009	Sindh (U)
22.	Mr. Siraj. S Shamsuddin	Alternate Executive Director	Secretariat Group	01-07-2011 to 30-06-2013	Sindh (U)
23.	Mr. Muhammad Sami Saeed	Alternate Executive Director	PAS	01-07-2015 to 30-06-2017	Punjab
24.	Mr. Shahid Mahmood	Alternate Executive Director	PAS	01-07-2019 to 30-06-2021	Punjab

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Sr. No.	Name	Service/Cadre	Province	Tenure
1.	Mr. Meekal Aziz Ahmed	Planning Commission (Economist)	-	1990-2004
2.	Dr. Iqbal Zaidi	IMF	-	2005-2007
3.	Dr. Abdul Naseer	IMF	-	Few Weeks
4.	Dr. Ehtesham Ahmed	IMF	-	2008-2009
5.	Dr. Zubair Iqbal	IMF	-	2010
6.	Mr. Saleem Sethi	Pakistan Audit & Accounts Group	KP	2010-2014
7.	Mr. Shahid Mahmood	Pakistan Administrative Service	Punjab	2015-2017
8.	Dr. Saeed Ahmed	State Bank of Pakistan	-	January 2020

Economic Cooperation Organization Trade and Development Bank (ETDB)

Sr. No.	Name	Service/ Cadre	Position in ETDB	Province	Tenure
1.	Mr. Nadeem Karamat	Banking Sector	Vice-President	Punjab	2007 to 2012
2.	Mr. Saulat Ali Khan	Banking Sector	Vice-President	Punjab	2012 to 2015
3.	Mr. Javaid Aslam	PAS (Retired)	President	Punjab	2015 to 2019
4.	Mr. Sheryar Taj	PAS	Vice-President	Balochistan	2020 to date

@*Question No. 14 **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 2/08/2021 at 2:00 PM) QID: 38160

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is fact that as per the audited accounts of Pakistan Steel Mills Corporation (private) limited, overall losses and liabilities of Pakistan steel has increased 67.167 billion rupees from 30th June to 31st December 2020, if so, its reason thereof, indicating the steps being taken by the Government of Pakistan for reducing these losses and liabilities?

Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar: (a) Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) has suffered overall loss and liability of Rs. 67.1 billion from 30th June to 31st December, 2020. The breakdown is as follow:-

Audited Account for the period ended:	Accumulated Loss (Rs. in Billion)	Total Liability (Rs. in Billion)
31 st December, 2020	217.486	307.122
30 th June, 2020	209.239	248.220
Increase	8.247	58.902

(b) The reasons for the increase in losses and accumulated liabilities are as under:—

- (i) The major reasons of the loss of Rs. 8.247 billion during July 2020 to December, 2020 are periodic cost, depreciation expenses and accrued markup on bank and Government loans. The detail of accumulated loss has been placed at **Annex-I**.
- (ii) During July, 2020 to December, 2020, the Federal Government released an amount of **Rs. 11.441 billion** for the payment of retirement dues to the employees who filed petitions in the Sindh High Court. An amount of **Rs. 11.680 billion** was also released for non-petitioners retired up to 18-05-2020 in compliance with the order of Honorable High Court of Sindh. The Federal Government also released an amount of **Rs. 11.013 billion** for the payment of legal dues to

the retrenched employees. Moreover, an amount of **Rs. 1.961 billion** on account of net salary of PSM employees from July to December, 2020 was also released by the Government. All these funds released by the Government of Pakistan are incorporated as loan in the PSM's books of accounts which increased the current liability by **Rs. 36.094 billion** during July 2020, to December, 2020. Furthermore, a remarkable increase in total liability during the period is caused by the increase in deferred liability by **Rs. 30.202 billion** due to deferred tax booked on surplus on revaluation of PSM's assets. The breakup/detail of increase in liability has been placed at **Annex-II**.

(iii) The Financial Highlights of PSM has been placed at **Annex-III**.

(c) Steps being taken by the Government of Pakistan:—

- (i) In 2019, Pakistan Steel Mill (PSM) was placed on the Privatization list in line with the decision of Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet dated 3rd May, 2019. Subsequently, Cabinet Committee on Privatization (CCoP) *vide* its decision dated 17th June, 2019 also directed to immediately advertise for the recruitment of a Transaction Advisor. Accordingly FA appointed by PC carried out due diligence in consultation with PC and prepared reports.
- (ii) After thorough deliberations, FA proposed a transaction structure model suggesting transferring of Identified Core Operating Assets into wholly owned subsidiary of PSMC through Scheme of Arrangement (as provided in the Companies Act, 2017). In order to formalize the proposal, CCoP has approved the creation of a new subsidiary as part of transaction model in which assets of PSM shall be transferred. The decision has also been ratified by the Federal Cabinet.
- (iii) In order to incorporate a new subsidiary of PSM, a summary dated 18th March, 2021 was placed for the approval of the Federal Cabinet. The Federal Cabinet in its decision dated 1st April, 2021 has approved the proposals. Accordingly, a new subsidiary of PSM, **M/s Steel Corp (Pvt) Lt.** has been incorporated with SECP.
- (iv) The audit of PSM upto 31st December, 2020 has been completed and approved by the PSM's Board of Directors.

- (v) Presently, efforts are being made to complete the pending corporate actions for filing Scheme of Arrangement (SoA). Industries and Production Division and PSM have been facilitating PC to complete these actions in due course of time.
- (vi) As a result of the said steps taken by the Federal Government, the process for the revival of PSM is moving to its culmination as per the timelines prepared by PC.

Annex-I

Breakup of Profit and Loss Statement for the period from 01-07-2020 to 31-12-2020 as per audited accounts:

PARTICULARS	Audited
	July-Dec 2020
CAPACITY % AGE	0%
NET SALES	250.215
CHANGE IN STOCK OF ITEM SOLD	146.056
COST OF SALE ELECTRICITY	5.785
COST OF SALE	151.841
INCREASE IN STOCK DUE TO REVALUATION OF SLAB	0.000
GROSS PROFIT / (LOSS)	98.374
PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT PERIOD COST (FIXED)	
UTILITIES	401.561
LABOUR & OTHER COST	2,540.713
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER FIXED PRODUCTION COST	(2,843.900)
OPERATING EXPENSES	
ADMIN EXPENSES	1,360.901
SELLING EXPENSES	53.998
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,414.899
OPERATING PROFIT / (LOSS)	(4,258.799)
OTHER INCOME	1,465.969
FINANCIAL CHARGES	(5,664.310)
OTHER EXPENSE	(201.849)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)	(8,658.989)
TAXATION	(90.940)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAX	(8,749.929)

Annex-II

REASON OF INCREASE IN LIABILITY

	31st Dec, 2020	30th June, 2020		
	(Rs. in Million)		Difference	
DEFERRED LIABILITIES				
Provision for funded gratuity scheme	9,786	18,715		
Compensated absences	1,412	2,398		
Deferred tax liability	40,651	534		
	51,848	21,646	30,202	Deferred tax liability increased due to gain/ surplus on assets revaluation
TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLE				
Creditors	5,669	5,885		
Contractors credit balances	84	84		
Accrued liabilities	31,512	30,604		
Payable to provident fund	3,186	17,129		
Payable to various employees welfare funds	285	280		
Tax deducted at source	692	669		
Liability for construction of flyover	13	13		
Liability against Workers Welfare Fund	390	390		
Others	280	317		
	42,111	55,381	(13,270)	Decrease due to repayment to the Provident Fund Trust
DEPOSITS & ADVANCES	3,541	3,330	212	Normal increase
INTEREST / MARK-UP ACCRUED				
Interest / mark-up accrued on:				
Long-term borrowings				
- Term loan from a banking company	28,095	26,348		
- Subordinated loan from GoP	27,820	24,909		
	55,915	51,257		
Outstanding balances of EPFT contributions and loan	12,396	11,664		
Short-term borrowings:				
- from banking companies	1,552	1,463		
- Mark-up on LCs	2,021	1,836		
- from related party - EPFT	1,136	1,136		
	4,709	4,434		
	73,020	67,356	5,664	Increased due to increase in Markup on loan during the period
Long Term Financing	92,289	56,195	36,094	Funds received from Govt. for payment of legal Dues of retired employees and 1961 million for employees' 6 months salary
Current portion of long-term financing	(170) (32,545)	(984) (15,330)		Due to balance overdue
	59,575	39,881	58,902	TOTAL INCREASE

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF PAKISTAN STEEL MILLS

Rs. in million

FINANCIAL YEAR	NET SALES	NET P&L / OCI	ACCUMULATED PROFIT/ (LOSS)	TOTAL ASSETS	TOTAL LIABILITIES	NET WORTH	TAXES & DUTIES PAID	CASH & BANK BALANCE	LOAN REPAYMENTS	PRODUCTION %
1999-00	14,045	(1,141)	(9,326)	32,119	24,229	7,890	3,216	2,415	323	91%
2000-01	16,603	552	(8,774)	30,496	22,054	8,442	4,021	2,016	1,171	86%
2001-02	14,286	102	(8,672)	30,150	21,606	8,544	2,764	565	1,171	81%
2002-03	22,084	1,024	(7,648)	23,669	14,101	9,568	5,505	412	9,983	92%
2003-04	24,778	4,852	(2,796)	30,936	16,516	14,420	5,395	7,751	633	94%
2004-05	30,580	6,732	3,937	37,049	15,895	21,154	8,902	11,096	1,354	89%
2005-06	20,492	930	4,866	36,580	14,488	22,082	4,277	10,924	625	62%
2006-07	29,937	3,159	8,025	40,176	14,935	25,241	6,492	12,564	-	89%
2007-08	40,624	2,081	9,536	41,477	14,725	26,752	8,252	8,987	3,500	82%
2008-09	33,184	(26,450)	(16,914)	34,795	34,568	227	8,978	2,855	1,196	84%
2009-10	22,778	(11,566)	(28,480)	96,676	41,748	54,928	4,474	1,137	889	40%
2010-11	26,298	(12,434)	(40,914)	93,569	54,995	38,574	5,389	1,149	1,828	36%
2011-12	15,225	(22,273)	(63,187)	89,335	72,935	16,400	3,842	483	70	19%
2012-13 (Restated)	10,191	(31,846)	(95,032)	89,529	104,967	(15,438)	2,313	280	381	15%
2013-14 (Restated)	7,674	(23,750)	(118,782)	146,071	126,355	19,716	1,174	374	573	6%
2014-15 (Restated)	7,032	(23,048)	(141,830)	155,427	158,758	(3,331)	2,814	1,137	747	20%
2015-16 (Restated)	3,029	(16,188)	(163,772)	152,138	177,412	(25,274)	468	226	-	0%
2016-17 (Restated)	435	(5,399)	(167,452)	162,566	193,736	(31,170)	131	226	385	0%
2017-18 (Restated)	539	(5,809)	(172,960)	173,509	210,489	(36,980)	38	207	1,410	0%
2018-19* (Audited)	467	218,546*	(189,730)	409,680	228,113	181,567	105	179	30	0%
2019-20 (Audited)	546	(19,509)	(209,239)	410,277	248,220	162,057	185	419	-	0%
2020-21 (Dec.20)**	330	89,785**	(217,486)	558,964	307,122	251,842	31	10,424	-	0%

*Due to Revaluation of PSM Land lying in PPE, as required in IAS-16

**Due to Revaluation of PSM Assets (except Land) in PPE for Privatization Purpose

@*Question No. 90 **Senator Taj Haider:**

(Notice Received on 9/08/2021 at 12:00 PM) QID: 38178

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state will the allocation of Rupees 5 billion be sufficient to meet the costs of a fresh national Census announced for this October, when the controversial Census 2017 had cost 17 billion rupees 3 years back?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: National Census is a long exercise. An amount of Rs. 5 Billion has been allocated at initial stage for financial year 2021-22. Moreover, further allocation will be made in future as and when required.

***Question No. 91 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 19/04/2021 at 12:15 PM) QID: 37838

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that debt-to-GDP Ratio of Pakistan, as enunciated in Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation (FRDL) ACT, 2005, should not be more than 60%, if so, the current percentage of debt-to-GDP ratio?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: Yes, FRDL Act prescribe 60 percent as threshold for Debt-to-GDP. This ratio was recorded at 79.7 percent at end March, 2021.

***Question No. 92 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 9/06/2021 at 10:25 PM) QID: 37865

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ventilators being manufactured at country level by Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission or any other public sector organization; and*
- (b) whether the production of these ventilators have been started at large scale by the Government, indicating also the time by which these ventilators will be provided to the hospitals for utilization?*

Syed Shibli Faraz: (a) The details of ventilators being manufactured at country level by Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission; or any other public sector organization may be seen at **Annex-I**.

The following ventilators are approved by Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP):—

1. i-Live ventilator
2. Pak Vent-1 ventilator

i-Live ventilator manufactured by PAEC is a proportional valve-based ICU ventilator which complies to the Acceptance Test Procedure set out by PEC. Moreover, it is the first ICU ventilator registered by Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) for serial production on 25th June 2021. i-Live is a full ICU ventilator which has mandatory modes, assist modes and SIMV modes for pressure and volume.

PakVent-1 is developed by NESCOM. It is a turbine-based ICU ventilator which complies to the Acceptance Test Procedure set out by PEC and was the first prototype ventilator approved by PEC. It was registered by Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) for serial production on 29th June 2021. PakVent-1 is a full ICU ventilator which has mandatory modes, assist modes and SIMV modes for pressure and volume. Additionally, it also includes non-invasive ventilation modes: CPAP, BiPAP and Pressure Support mode to wean off patients.

(b) i-Live is currently undergoing serial production at PAEC and Pak Ven-1 is currently undergoing serial production at NESCOM.

The Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) of PakVent-1 and i-Live have been certified for ISO 13485 which allows them to assemble the ventilators.

Annex-I

Sr. No.	Ventilator Name	Organization (OEM)	Location
1.	i-live Vent	PAEC	Islamabad
2.	Pak Vent-1	PMO (NESCOM)	Islamabad
3.	Safe Vent	NRTC	Haripur
4.	NED Vent	NED University & M/s Avtronics	Karachi
5.	NU Vent	NuTECH	Islamabad
6.	Cor Vent	POF	Wah
7.	N-Saviour Vent	NUST	Islamabad

Annex-II

i-Live ventilator:-

i-Live ventilator manufactured by PAEC is a proportional valve-based ICU ventilator which complies to the Acceptance Test Procedure set out by PEC. Moreover, it is the first ICU ventilator registered by Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) for serial production on 25th June 2021. i-Live is a full ICU ventilator which has mandatory modes, assist modes and SIMV modes for pressure and volume.

PakVent-1:-

PakVent-1 is developed by NESCOM. It is a turbine-based ICU ventilator which complies to the Acceptance Test Procedure set out by PEC and was the first prototype ventilator approved by PEC. It was registered by Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) for serial production on 29th June 2021. PakVent-1 is a full ICU ventilator which has mandatory modes, assist modes and SIMV modes for pressure and volume. Additionally, it also includes non-invasive ventilation modes: CPAP, BiPAP and Pressure Support mode to wean off patients.

***Question No. 93 Senator Fida Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 29/06/2021 at 12:10 PM) QID: 38006

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

- (a) *the number of fake companies against which actions were taken by SECP during the last three years, indicating also the details of the actions taken; and*
- (b) *the details of amount looted by these companies from the public, indicating also the details of the recoveries made from them?*

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: (a) SECP has taken action against 52 companies which were found to be involved in unauthorized business of deposit taking from public or illegal business of Multi-level-Marketing (MLM) or Pyramid business by accumulating money from innocent general public. The list of such companies along with alleged nature of unauthorized or illegal activities being carried out and actions taken by the SECP is annexed at **Annex-A**.

(b) The quantum of looted amount will be determined after completion of investigation / inspection / adjudication process. Recovery is carried out either by courts in trial or winding proceedings or in some cases by the respective agencies like NAB, FIA, SBP or FBR to which SECP has referred the matter in terms of section 41B of the SECP Act, 1997.

Annex-A

List of Companies against which SECP has taken action due to involvement of these companies in unauthorized deposit taking and illegal activities of MLM and Pyramid schemes

S.No.	Name of the Company	Nature of Complaints	Legal Action
1	3A Alliance (Pvt.) Limited	Seeking unauthorized deposits/funds from the public as advance for purchase of motorcycles	Sanction for filing winding up petition of the Company has been granted vide order dated 17-June-2019 and subsequently JCM No.17 of 2020 has been filed in the Honourable Court for winding up of the Company The case was also referred to NAB
2	A & F Online Jobs Services (Private) Limited	Offering online jobs by offering various packages;	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
3	ACE Marketing (Private) Limited	Raising deposits from the public	STR has been raised Case has been referred to NAB. PTA has been requested to block social media accounts and contact numbers of directors. Direction under section 474 of the Companies Act, 2017 has also been issued to the company for compliance with Law Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
4	Adam Khan Automobiles (pvt.) Limited	Leasing/financing	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
5	All Pakistan Projects (including following companies) i. APP Projects and Real Estate (Private) Limited, ii. AITS Traders (SMC-Private) Limited, iii. APP Restaurants & Cafe (Private) Limited, iv. APP Riders (Private) Limited; v. APP Shopping Mall (Private) Limited.	Raising deposits from the public	STR has been raised The case of All Pakistan Projects has been referred to NAB. PTA has also been requested to block social media accounts and contact numbers of the company and directors
6	Alliance in Motion Global (Pvt.) Limited	Involved in MLM	Inspection into the books of accounts of the company is underway
7	Aman Alliance (Private) Limited	Involved in leasing/financing business	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
8	Ayat Enterprises (SMC-Private) Limited.	Involved in financing/leasing activities	Sanction for filing winding up petition has been granted and filing of winding up petition is in process.
9	B4U Group: i. Aas Waryas Global Trading (Private) Limited; ii. Aas Waryas Logistics (Private) Limited; iii. Agrozem Chem (Private) Limited; iv. Alpha Advertising (Pvt.) Limited; v. B4Usoft (Private) Limited; vi. B4U Builders & Developers (SMC-Private) Limited; vii. B4U Consultant (SMC-Private) Limited; viii. Bravo Taxi Service (SMC-Private) Limited; ix. Business Live (Private) Limited; x. Emerging Innovations (Private) Limited; xi. Future Property Associates (Private) Limited; xii. Niazi Oil Services (Private) Limited; xiii. Niazi Law Associates (Private) Limited; xiv. Perfect Modaraba Management Company (Private) Limited; xv. Saif Rovina Associates (Private) Limited; xvi. SR Cash & Carry (Private) Limited; xvii. SRKN Limited; xviii. SRKN Travels Tours & Recruiting Agency (SMC-Private) Limited;	Unauthorized deposit taking	Case of B4U group has been referred to FIA and NAB. PTA has been requested to block social media accounts and contact numbers of companies and their directors STR has been raised Sanction has been granted vide order dated May 21, 2021 for filing winding up petitions of the companies and filing of winding up petition is in process. Directors of the companies have been disqualified u/s 172 of the Act for five years and penalty has also been imposed on the companies and their sponsors.
10	Best Day Innovative Solutions (Pvt.) Limited	Involved in financing/leasing activities	Sanction for filing winding up petition of the Company has been granted vide order dated 17-Oct-2019 and subsequently C.O. NO. 76121/2019 has been filed in the Honourable Lahore High Court, Lahore for winding up of the company

11	Best Royal Car Zone (Private) Limited	Offering profit upon investment	Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
12	Best Royal Petroleum (Pvt.) Ltd	Offering profit upon investment	Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
13	BH Online Jobs Services (SMC-Pvt.) Limited	Carrying on unauthorized /fraudulent activities of seeking deposits from the Public for online typing Jobs	Sanction for filing winding up petition of the Company has been granted vide order dated 17-Jan-2020 and subsequently JCM No. 15 of 2020 has been filed in the Honorable Sindh High Court, Karachi for winding up of the company
14	Black Diamond Goat Farm (Pvt.) Limited	Seeking deposits from the public for investment in goats	Sanction for filing winding up petition of the Company has been granted vide order dated 17-Mar-20 and subsequently C.O. 4 of 2020 for winding up of the company has been filed before the Honorable Lahore High Court, Multan Bench
15	Brand Testing Servicing Pakistan (Private) Limited	Publishing fake job advertisements to seek deposit	Sanction for filing winding up petition has been granted and filing of winding up petition is in process
16	Brilliant General Trading Limited	Involved in financing/leasing activities	STR has been raised, Sanction for filing winding up petition has been granted vide order dated April 27, 2021 and filing of winding up petition is in process. Investigation into the affairs of the company is also underway
17	British Lyceum (Private) Limited	Offering lucrative offer for teachers and seeking fee on registration	SECP has issued order dated 26-03-2021 for inspection into the books of accounts of the Company, which was challenged by the Company through W.P. No. 23029/2021 filed before the honorable High Court Lahore against inspection order, which was disposed of vide order dated 06-04-2021. Subsequently, the company filed a review application before the SECP against the inspection order which was also disposed of on 22-06-2021. Inspection into the books of accounts of the company is currently underway
18	Carzio Auto Enterprises (SMC-Pvt.) Limited	Involved in leasing/financing business	Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
19	Corporate Automobiles (Private) Limited	Involved in financing/leasing activities	Sanction for winding up of the company has been granted vide order dated 29-Oct-2019. However, the Company has filed a writ petition before the honorable Peshawar High Court Peshawar, praying to set aside the Impugned order dated 29.10.2019
20	Direct Testing Services (Private) Limited	Publishing fake job advertisements to seek deposit	*****
21	Fragrance Land (SMC-Pvt.) Limited	Involved in MLM	On the basis of investigation into the affairs of the company, legal action under section 172 of the Act for disqualification of directors for five years and under section 301 of the Act for winding up of the Company is underway
22	FS Links (SMC-Pvt.) Limited	Unauthorized deposit taking by offering profit	Sanction for filing winding up petition of the Company has been granted vide order dated 31-Aug-2020 and subsequently C.O. 66117/2020 has been filed in the Lahore High Court, Lahore for winding up of the company. Director has also been disqualified u/s 172 of the Act for five years
23	Galaxy Typing Jobs (SMC-Pvt.) Limited	Offering Online Typing Jobs	Matter has been referred to NAB in December 2018 and NAB referred the matter to FIA in January 2019, as technology based crimes fall under the domain of FIA. Proceedings under section 301 for filing of petition for winding up of company are underway
24	Global Ads & Marketing (Pvt.) Limited	Unauthorized deposit taking	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
25	Global Sky Trade (Pvt.) Limited	Offering investment packages through website	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
26	Go Big Trade (Private) Limited	Involved in Goat Trading	Inspection into the books of accounts of the company is underway. Inspection report is being reviewed

27	GoatnSheep (Pvt.) Limited	Unauthorized deposit taking	Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
28	Gold Transmit Network Technology (Private) Limited	Unlawful business activities of MLM/ Pyramid marketing schemes	Referred the case to NAB Legal Proceedings u/s 301 of the Act for winding up of the company are underway. Information from NAB has been called and is awaited
29	Goodluck Marketing International (SMC-Pvt.) Limited	Unauthorized deposit taking	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
30	Green Apple Super Market (Private) Limited	Unlawful business activities of MLM/ Pyramid marketing schemes	Referred the case to NAB Legal Proceedings u/s 301 of the Act for winding up of the company are underway. Information from NAB has been called and is awaited
31	IDG Enterprises (Pvt.) Limited (Islamic Dubai Group)	Involved in financing/leasing activities	SECP granted sanction for filing winding up petition vide Order dated 30-Jan 2020 and subsequently C.O. 3 of 2020 filed in the Honourable Lahore High Court/Rawalpindi Bench for winding up of the company
32	Induction and Assessment Initiative (Private) Limited	Publishing fake job advertisements to seek deposit	SECP granted sanction for filing winding up of the Company vide Order dated 10-Sep-2020 and subsequently C.O 4/2021 has been filed in the Islamabad High Court, Islamabad for winding up of the company
33	KW Value Services (Pvt.) Limited	Unauthorized deposit taking	Sanction for filing winding up petition has been granted vide order dated May 07, 2021 and filing of petition is in process. Directors have also been disqualified u/s 172 of the Act for five years
34	La Ville De Paris Housing Scheme Limited	Deposit taking/lucky draw	STR has been raised. The case has been referred to NAB. Direction under section 474 of the Act has also been issued to the company for compliance with Law
35	Lasani Oil Traders (Pvt.) Limited	Unauthorized deposit taking in the name of oil trading	The Case has been referred to NAB. SECP also raised STR against the company and its directors. PTA was requested to block social media accounts, websites and contact numbers of company and its directors Further, directors of the company have been disqualified for five years under section 172 and penalty has also been imposed. Sanction for filing winding up petition has been granted vide order dated March 31, 2021 and subsequently Petition (CO NO. 44641/2021) for winding up of the company has also been filed in Lahore High Court, Lahore
36	M.G Royal Traders (Pvt.) Limited	Involved in investment business	Sanction has been granted vide order dated April 30, 2021 and filing of petition is in process. Directors of the company have also been disqualified for five years u/s 172 of the Act
37	M/s Neamat Ullaha & Amjad Javed and Company (Private) Limited,	Involved in financing/leasing activities	Sanction for winding up of the Company has been granted vide order dated 30-Oct-19 and subsequently the petition has been filed in the honourable Lahore High Court, Multan Bench, Multan for winding up of the company
38	Memon Corporation (Pvt.) Limited	unauthorized business of leasing / financing investments	Sanction for filing winding up petition has been granted vide order dated 23-Jul-19 and winding up petition has been filed in the Honourable Court for winding up of the company
39	Memon Merchandise Limited	Involved in investment business	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
40	MGI Impex (Pvt.) Limited	Leasing/financing	Inspection into the books of account is concluded and proceedings under section 425 of the Act for striking of the company are underway

41	Montiviro (Private) Limited	Seeking deposits from the public for investment in hotels	Sanction for filing winding up petition has been granted vide order dated 17-Mar-2020 and subsequently C.O. 2 of 2020 has been filed in the Islamabad High Court, Islamabad for winding up of the company
42	New Lassani Chicks and Chicken (Pvt.) Limited	unauthorized deposit taking for investment in chickens	The Case has been referred to NAB. SECP also raised STR against the company and its directors. PTA was requested to block social media accounts, websites and contact numbers of company and its directors. Sanction for filing winding up petition has been granted vide order dated March 31, 2021 and filing of petition is in process. Further directors of the company have been disqualified under section 172 of the Act for five years and penalty has also been imposed.
43	Online Mass Solutions (Private) Limited	offering packages for online typing jobs	Sanction for filing winding up petition of the company has been granted vide order dated April 27, 2021 and filing of winding up petition is in process. Directors of the company have also been disqualified for five years under section 172 of the Act.
44	OSM Best Work (Private) Limited	unauthorized deposit taking	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
45	Pak Memon Impex (Private) Limited	Involved in financing/leasing activities	Sanction for winding up of the Company was granted vide order dated 16-Jul-2019. However, meanwhile one of the directors of the Company has filed petition C.O. No. 05/2019 in the Honorable Islamabad High Court, Islamabad for winding up of the company and SECP is one of the respondents.
46	Pakistan Edification Services (SMC-Pvt.) Limited	Seeking applications for franchises and distributors throughout Pakistan.	Sanction for filing winding up petition has been granted vide order dated 20-Feb-20 and subsequently C.O. 08/2020 has been filed in the Islamabad High Court, Islamabad for winding up of the company
47	Paradise Alliance (Pvt.) Limited	Involved in financing/leasing activities	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
48	Paradise Merchant Services (Pvt.) Ltd.	Involved in financing/leasing activities	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
49	Perfect Leading Solutions (Pvt.) Limited	unauthorized deposit taking	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
50	Shaukat Marwat Group of Companies 1.Shaukat Marwat Group of Companies (Private) Limited; 2.Shaukat Marwat Estates and Builders (Private) Limited; 3.Shaukat Marwat Transport (Private) Limited; 4.Shaukat Marwat Imports/Exports (Private) Limited; 5.Shaukat Marwat Restaurants (Private) Limited; and	unauthorized deposit taking	STR has been raised. Case has been referred to NAB. PTA has been requested to block the social media accounts and contact numbers of company and directors. Direction has been issued to the company under section 474 of the Act for compliance with law. Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway
51	Tianshi International Pakistan Co. (Pvt.) Limited	Involved in MLM and referral marketing	C.O. 03/2020 has been filed in the Islamabad High Court, Islamabad for winding up of the company
52	Wisdom Mining (Pvt.) Limited	raising deposits from the public	STR has been raised, Investigation into the affairs of the company is underway

*Question No. 95 **Senator Walid Iqbal:**

(Notice Received on 30/06/2021 at 1:55 PM) QID: 37999

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the details of the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan for the purposes of economic stabilization during the past three years?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin:

- In FY2019, the present government inherited an economy in crisis with significantly higher macroeconomic imbalances.
- To avert the crisis the government took immediate policy measures:

- Bilateral arrangements.
 - Multilateral program, IMF program.
 - Deferred oil payments.
 - Current account deficit managed through exchange rate correction, export industry incentives and duties imposed to curtail luxury import items.
 - Adjustment in energy prices which were kept subdued
 - Prudent expenditure management through austerity measures
 - No supplementary grants and Zero borrowing from SBP
- These measures paid off in terms of improved external and fiscal accounts, stability in exchange market and growing investor's confidence.
 - Thus, the economy started moving on higher and sustainable growth trajectory.
 - In transition phase (FY 2020), the economy hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - To lessen the severe impact on the economy and livelihood, the government introduced largest ever fiscal package of Rs.1.24 trn, construction package and smart lockdowns to contain the spread.
 - Timely and appropriate measures supported in economic recovery during FY 2021.
 - The government has introduced a comprehensive set of economic reforms in all the sectors of the economy.

To stimulate agriculture sector

- National Agriculture Emergency Programme is under implementation.
- “Rabi Package” of Rs. 5.4 bn.
- Subsidy disbursement of Rs.19.158 bn in Kharif 2021 through Provinces on sharing basis (75:25) for Fertilizers for cotton and Rice.

- Agriculture transformation plan is introduced.
- Minimum Support Price of wheat has been increased to Rs. 1,800 per 40 kg (from Rs. 1,400 per 40 kg).
- Agriculture credit disbursement increased by 12.4% to Rs. 1366 bn in FY 2021 (Rs. 1215 bn last year).

Measures for Industrialization and Export Facilitation

- Export Finance Scheme (EFS) maintained at 3 %.
- Long Term Finance Facility (LTFF) reduced from 6 % to 5 %.
- Slashed FED on cement from Rs. 2/kg to Rs. 1.5/kg *w.e.f* 1st July, 2020.
- Relaxation of excise duties on textile items
- Construction sector package
- Rs. 36 bn subsidy for Naya Pakistan Housing Scheme.
- Industrial Support Package.
- Electricity and gas subsidies to export-oriented industries.
- Rs. 200 billion to support business and economy and Duty Drawbacks for exporters.
- Pakistan ranked among ‘top ten best improvers’ in World Bank’s Ease of Doing Business Index 2020. For further improvement, Ease of Doing Business Reform Action Plan is under execution.
- Second phase of the Pak-China Free Trade Agreement.
- National Tariff Policy (NTP).
- E-Commerce policy.

Other Initiatives

- To control inflationary pressures, various policy, administrative and relief measures have been adopted.

- Incentives under Pakistan Remittance Initiative Program to make the inflow of foreign currencies faster, cheaper and more convenient under the PRI.
- To facilitate Public Sector Development Program spending, bottlenecks in efficient funds utilization have been removed
- Enacted Public Finance Management Act, 2019 for a more disciplined budgeting and financial management.
- Pakistan has entered the international capital market after a gap of over three years.

Due to government's commitment and hard work, stabilization phase has been successfully completed.

Now the government is focusing on growth-oriented strategies to stimulate economic growth, with a clear roadmap of strategic priorities, revenue and expenditure plans.

***Question No. 96 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 30/06/2021 at 3:30 PM) QID: 37844

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the number and details of conditionalities on which the agreement reached between the Government of Pakistan and the IMF in February, 2021 indicating also the conditions complied by Pakistan till now?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: Pakistan and IMF reached a Staff-Level Agreement on the pending reviews of the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) 2019-2022 in February 2021. Major policy actions under this Agreement were:

- Submission to Parliament of the amendments to the State Bank of Pakistan Act for enhancing its autonomy
- Aligning tariffs with cost recovery levels by amending the NEPRA Act
- Submission to Parliament of a State-Owned Enterprise (SOEs) law to improve governance and transparency

- Conduct a triage of SOEs to determine which SOEs are to remain under state ownership and which need to be privatized or liquidated
- Adoption of corporate income tax reforms to simplify the system, remove distortions and bring it in line with international best practices
- Approval by the Cabinet of a comprehensive Circular Debt Management Plan (CDMP)

These policy actions were completed and the Government successfully concluded the pending reviews in April 2021.

***Question No. 97 Senator Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 1/07/2021 at 11:15 AM) QID: 38004

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to control the prices of the essential food commodities in the country during the last 3 years?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: The following steps are being taken by the Government to control the prices of the essential food commodities:

(a) **Policy Measures:**

- To maintain sufficient supply of wheat and other essential items in the market, government timely imported wheat, pulses, edible oil and sugar to bridge the demand supply gap.
- M/o NFS&R is allowed to import 4MMT wheat during FY-22 (2 MMT through TCP, 1 MMT G2G and 1 MMT private sector).
- Midi Industries & Production is allowed to import raw sugar and white sugar (Public sector will import 0.6 million MT) with the exemption of taxes.
- To control inflation Government discontinued borrowing from SBP. During 1st July to 6th August, FY-2022, government has retired Rs. 765.68 billion to SBP against the retirement of Rs. 415.77 billion last year.

- Under the Prime Minister's comprehensive Agriculture Transformation plan the government is focusing on:
 - Exemption is being provided on the custom duties on the locally produce silos in order to facilitate the farmer and encourage storage of grain along with improve the shelf lives of commodities, in the rural areas.
 - Medium & long term strategy for raising production of essential imported food items including edible oil and pulses.
- Government is implementing National Agriculture Emergency Program amounting Rs. 277 billion, to uplift agriculture and livestock sector on modern lines and to enhance the production level of major and minor crops. Moreover, new initiatives taken on priority basis which includes:
 - Rs. 1 billion for Locust Emergency and Food Security project;
 - Rs. 2 billion for enhancing productivity of rice, wheat, cotton, sugarcane and pulses;
 - Rs. 1 billion for enhancing olive cultivation on commercial scale;
 - Rs. 3 billion for improvement of water courses.
 - Government has already approved subsidy disbursement of Rs. 19.158 billion in Kharif 2021 through provinces on sharing basis (75:25) for Fertilizers for cotton and rice.

(b) **Administrative Measures:**

- **Finance Minister is weekly chairing the National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC)** meetings to ensure smooth supply of essential items and to monitor the prices with the consultation of provincial government and Federal organizations.
- Government is also expanding the network of Sasta Bazaars and Utility Store outlets for provision of smooth supply of daily use items.

- Competition Commission of Pakistan is taking proactive measures to control Cartelization and undue Profiteering.
- District Price Control Committees are actively monitoring the prices of essential items to ensure their availability at reasonable prices.
- Strategy has been made for reducing profit margin between wholesale and retail price of essential items by analysing the value chain of essential items.

(c) **Relief Measures:**

- For FY-2022, budgetary allocation for Ehsaas program has been increased from Rs. 210 billion to Rs. 260 billion showing an increase of 24%.
- Under Ehsaas Emergency Cash Program, the government has disbursed Rs. 179.3 billion to 14.8 million beneficiaries to provide immediate cash relief of Rs. 12,000 whose livelihood has been severely affected by the pandemic.
- The Panagahs (shelter) for jobless and poor has been extended to provide meals and shelter for unemployed. Since September 2020, 1.8 million beneficiaries have availed shelter and meal facilities at 17 model Panagahs in all four provinces, GB and the federal capital.
- Under Ehsaas Kafaalat program, payments of Rs. 12,000 have been started for the period of January to June, 2021 to 7.0 million beneficiaries registered through Ehsaas digital survey.
- Some initiatives for low income household are:
 - Every household will be provided Rs. 5 lakh interest free business loan
 - Every farming household will be given Rs. 2.5 lakh interest free farming loan and Rs. 2 lakh interest free loans for tractors and machineries
 - Low-interest bearing housing loans up to Rs. 2 million shall be provided so that they can build their houses;
 - Every household shall be provided with a Sehat-Card;
 - One person from every household shall be provided free technical training.

***Question No. 98 Senator Walid Iqbal:**

(Notice Received on 2/07/2021 at 4:20 PM) QID: 38015

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the details of the current debt management policy of the present Government?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: The debt management policy is being executed as per Medium Term Debt Management Strategy (MTDS) of the Government 2019/20 - 2022/23 with following strategic guidelines:

- Lengthening of maturity profile debt by mobilizing financing from medium and longer tenor instruments;
- Smooth Redemption Profile to reduce the risk of refinancing;
- Transparency in domestic securities issuance process will be enhanced by providing clear information on borrowing programme;
- Diversification of instruments and Investor Base to lower borrowing costs;
- Issuance of Shariah Compliant Instruments to promote Islamic banking industry in the country;
- Government will continue to avail concessional external financing from bilateral and multilateral partners;
- Presence in International Capital Markets to diversify sources of external borrowing;
- Facilitate investment by non-residents in Government Securities;

Maintenance of Liquidity Buffer for better liability management of the Government.

***Question No. 99 Senator Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 5/07/2021 at 11:50 AM) QID: 38017

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether it is fact that under the Rule of Business, each Division is required to prepare year book of performance and achievements of the Ministry/Division and its attached Departments, if so, details of

the year books published during the last three years and if not, reasons thereof indicating also the actions taken against the responsible functionaries?

Syed Shibli Faraz: Yes, it is a fact that under Rules of Business, each Division is required to prepare year book of performance and achievement of the Ministry / Division and its attached Departments.

The Year Book of Ministry of Science and Technology for the FY 2017-18 & 2018-19 are available on website of Ministry of Science and Technology (www.most.gov.pk).

The Year Book of Ministry of Science and Technology for the FY 2019-20 has been finalized and the same will be uploaded on its website.

***Question No. 100 Senator Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 8/07/2021 at 10:55 AM) QID: 38043

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is fact that under the Rule of Business, each Division has to prepare Annual Book of performance, achievements of the Ministry and its attached departments, if so, details of the year Books published during the last three years and if not, reasons thereof indicating the actions taken against the responsible functionaries for negligence please?

Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar: Sub-Rule 2 of Rule 25 of the Rules of Business, 1973 specifies that at the beginning of each financial year, each Division shall, for the information of the Cabinet and for general public, prepare and upload on its website, as a permanent record, a year book which shall contain:-

- (a) the details of its activities, achievements and progress during the preceding financial year giving only the unclassified information which can be used for reference purposes;
- (b) the programs of activities and targets set out for itself during the preceding financial year and the extent to which they have been realized; and
- (c) the relevant statistics properly tabulated.

In this regard, it is informed that the Industries and Production Division has already uploaded the Yearbooks for the last three years *i.e.* 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, which can be perused on the website of this Division: www.moip.gov.pk

***Question No. 101 Senator Manzoor Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 15/07/2021 at 4:20 PM) QID: 38067

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiative be pleased to state the details of gas supply projects included in PSDP 2021 for district Quetta indicating also the number of villages to be included the said PSDP 2021-2022 especially most cold areas in District Quetta?

Mr. Asad Umar: Individual gas schemes for villages are not funded through PSDP project mode in PSDP 2021-22. These gas schemes are funded from within Sustainable Development Goals Achievement (SDGs) Programme (SAP) administered by Cabinet Division for which a block allocation of Rs. 46 billion has been earmarked in PSDP 2021-22.

***Question No. 102 Senator Kauda Babar:**

(Notice Received on 26/07/2021 at 12:50 PM) QID: 38085

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

- (a) the names of IRS and Pakistan Customs Officers who have never been posted in the office formation Headquarter of Federal Board of Revenue; and*
- (b) whether such officers can be and are promoted to next grades, if so, the rules, regulations and policies governing such postings and promotions?*

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: (a) Lists of officers (BS-19 and above) of IRS and PCS, who have never been posted in FBR (HQ), are placed at **Annex-A** and **Annex-B**, respectively. As a policy, the officers of IRS and PCS in BS-17/18 are not considered for posting in FBR (HQ), as dealing with Policy matters at higher level requires sufficient field experience.

(b) Promotion of Civil Servants in BPS-18 and above is governed by Civil Servants Promotion (BPS-18 to BPS-21) Rules, 2019, which do not make it compulsory/prescribed posting of officers in FBR (HQ) as condition for promotion.

(Annexures have been placed in the Table of the House as well as Library)

***Question No. 103 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice Received on 27/07/2021 at 12:25 PM) QID: 38093

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that China has recently banned several Pakistani fish exporting firms, if so, reasons thereof, indicating its implications on Pakistan's seafood exports; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government for lifting of the said ban?*

Minister for Commerce: (a) China is the largest export destination of Pakistan's fisheries products. After implementation of Phase-II of the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement since 1st January, 2020, Pakistan fisheries exports registered an increase of 62%. However, after the Covid-19 pandemic and stringent Chinese Customs Covid related Quarantine Protocols, Covid virus has been repeatedly detected in shipments of about 9 companies out of total 300 registered companies. In case of some companies, the virus detection has occurred more than once. Chinese authorities put those companies on hold suspending their licenses for a period varying from 1 week to 4 weeks. In case they comply with Chinese standards and Covid related SOPs, the said company's license is restored.

Currently, there is no general ban on Pakistan's fisheries exports to China.

(b) In order to resolve the subject issue and to facilitate the Pakistani exporters, the Ministry of Commerce has taken the following steps;

- Ministry of Commerce held meetings with Marine Fisheries Department (MFD) which is the lead organization in

implementing quarantine standards of fisheries exports to probe the actual cause of infection and to devise a strategy in order to avoid recurrence of Covid-19 detection. The Pakistan Fisheries Exporters Association (PFEA) was also taken on board.

- Ministry of Commerce also engaged the Chinese Government through Pakistan's Trade Mission in Beijing, China to resolve the issue.
- On the direction of M/o Commerce, Chinese authorities have been approached with a request through TIO Beijing that in respect of any given container, only Covid-19 positive cartons/ lots may be destroyed and rest consignment is released/ cleared. The response of Chinese side is awaited.
- Simultaneously, Ministry of Commerce requested Ministry of Maritime Affairs to ensure that damage to fisheries consignments and exports may be minimized through strict implementation of pre-shipment SOPs and other sanitary and quarantine standards.
- As a result of these initiatives, Pakistani companies which are complying with the Chinese Quarantine Protocols are regularly exporting to China.

***Question No. 104 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice Received on 28/07/2021 at 11:20 AM) QID: 38098

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be please to state:

- (a) *whether it is fact that sufficient investment in manufacturing of public transport vehicle has not been made in recent years, if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to incentivize manufacturing of public transport vehicles in the country?*

Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar: (a) To enhance the local manufacturing of public transport vehicles, investment plans of the following companies have been approved and awarded Greenfield status:

- i. M/s Khalid & Khalid Holdings (Pvt) Ltd
- ii. M/s Al-Haj Bus Company (Pvt) Ltd
- iii. M/s Universal Motors (Pvt) Ltd
- iv. Foton JW Auto Park (Pvt) Ltd

The manufacturing capacity of these new units are at annex-I.

(b) The Government has also provided the following incentives:

- i. Duty-free import of plant and machinery for setting up the assembly and/or manufacturing facility on a one-time basis;
- ii. Import of 100 vehicles of the same variant in CBU form at 50 percent of the prevailing duty for test marketing after ground breaking of the project;
- iii. Import of all parts (both localized and non-localized) at prevailing customs duty applicable to non-localized parts for manufacturing of trucks, buses and prime-movers for a period of three years.

Further, the Government has recently approved the following incentives to promote and encourage manufacturing of environment friendly electric Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCVs), including public transport vehicles (electric):

- i. 1 % Customs Duty on import of CBUs (Electric Buses, Trucks & Prime Movers).
- ii. Import of entire CKD allowed at 1 % Customs duty to the local manufacturers.
- iii. General Sales Tax @ 1 % at sales and waived off (0%) at import stage.
- iv. Exemption of registration fee, annual renewal fee, permits and reduction of toll tax to 50 percent for HCVs.

Annex-I

Sr. No	Company Name	Annual Capacity
1.	M/s Khalid & Khalid Holdings (Pvt) Ltd	1000 buses
2.	M/s Al-Haj Bus Company (Pvt) Ltd	Proposed 900 Units
3.	M/s Universal Motors (Pvt) Ltd	Proposed 50 Units
4.	Foton JW Auto Park (Pvt) Ltd	Proposed 500 Units

***Question No. 105 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice Received on 28/07/2021 at 11:20 AM) QID: 38099

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there are no automobile manufacturing plants in the country, if so, the details of current automobile policy indicating the steps being taken for establishment of automobile manufacturing plants in the country?

Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar: No; this is not true. The details of registered automobile manufacturing/ assembly units in the country is as under:

- i. Cars (11 Units)
- ii. Tractors (9 Units)
- iii. Trucks/ Buses (14 Units)
- iv. Jeeps/ SUVs (6 Units)
- v. LCVs/ Pickups/ Vans (12 Units)
- vi. Motorcycles/ Motorcycle Rickshaw/ Auto Rickshaw (173 Units)

Further, the Government has approved incentives package for 2/3/4 wheelers and HCVs in June & December, 2020 to promote and encourage manufacturing of environment friendly electric vehicles in the country.

***Question No. 106 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 29/07/2021 at 9:25 AM) QID: 38142

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the allocation made against development budget for Small and Medium Enterprises Authority during the current fiscal year?

Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar: An allocation of Rs. 782.121 million, against the total development budget of Industries and Production Division of Rs. 2916.082 Million has been made in Current Financial Year 2021-22 for following 07 projects of Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA):

(Rs. In Millions)		
PSDP Sr. #	Name and Location of the Project	Budget allocated in PSDP 2021-22
521	1000 Industrial Stitching Units all over Pakistan (Phase-I)	100.000
522	Business Skill Development Centre for Women, D.I.Khan	18.000
528	National Business Development Program for SMEs all across Pakistan	400.000
530	Product Development Centre for Composites Based Sports Goods, Sialkot	161.121
531	SME Business Facilitation Centre, Multan	13.000
532	Agro Food Processing Facilities, Mirpurkhas	60.000
536	Research, Regulatory Insight & Advocacy Assistance for SMEs, Lahore	30.000
Total Allocation in CFY 2021-22		782.121

*Question No. 107 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 29/07/2021 at 9:25 AM) QID: 38106

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government has imposed sales tax on sugar during the current fiscal year, if so, details thereof?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: No new tax has been imposed or enhanced during the current financial year on sugar.

Currently, the price of domestically produced sugar is chargeable @ 17% on the value is fixed at Rs. 72.22 per kg as recommended by the Office of Controller General of Prices, Ministry of Industries and Production.

Furthermore, sugar was included at S. No. 50 in the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax Act, 1990 so that the tax is charged on actual retail price. However, the Federal Government has directed *vide* Cabinet decision dated 27-07-2021 that the provisions of said S. No. shall not be applicable till 30th November, 2021. SRO 989(I)/2021, dated 05-08-2021 has been issued to give effect of the same.

***Question No. 108 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 3/08/2021 at 1:30 PM) QID: 38147

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Federal Government had committed to provide 3% share of the NFC to the areas of erstwhile FATA, if so, the time by which the same will be provided?

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: No. It is not a fact that Federal Government has committed to provide 3% share of the NFC to the Areas of Erstwhile FATA.

However, Federal Government has been providing funds to KP Government for meeting the additional requirement of current and development expenditures as a result of merger of Erstwhile FATA. These arrangements will continue till announcement of next NFC Award.

***Question No. 109 Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice Received on 3/08/2021 at 11:45 PM) QID: 38152

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

- (a) the year-wise and country-wise details of remittances received during the last ten years; and*
- (b) the steps taken during the last three years or being taken by the Government to increase the same?*

Mr. Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin: (a) Home Remittance rose from US \$ 13,186.62 billion in FY 2011-12 to US\$ 29,370.90 billion in FY 2020-21. Year wise details for last ten years is enclosed at **Annexure-A**.

(b) Government of Pakistan, SBP and Pakistan Remittance Initiative (PRI) have taken various measures for increasing remittances during past years and is continuously making an effort in increasing home remittances. Some of the major steps taken and are being undertaken are as under:

- i. Launch of National Remittance Loyalty Program (NRLP);
- ii. Rationalization of Reimbursement of TT Charges Scheme;
- iii. Air Time for remittances received in Mobile Wallets;
- iv. Incentive scheme for Marketing of Home Remittances;
- v. Media / Awareness Campaign by SBP/PRI and financial institutions (FIs);
- vi. Pre-Departure Briefing Program at Protectorate of Emigrant Office;
- vii. Increase in Outreach and other efforts etc.

Annexure - A

Country Wise Workers' Remittances

(Million US Dollars)

Country	Fiscal Years									
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Cash Flow										
1 USA	2,334.47	2,186.24	2,467.65	2,702.66	2,524.73	2,452.93	2,838.04	3,309.08	1,742.83	2,754.18
2 U.K.	1,521.10	1,946.01	2,180.23	2,376.15	2,579.69	2,341.66	2,892.37	3,412.31	2,569.02	4,067.06
3 Saudi Arabia	3,687.00	4,104.73	4,729.43	5,630.43	5,968.25	5,469.81	4,858.78	5,003.01	6,613.45	7,667.01
4 U.A.E.	2,848.86	2,750.17	3,109.52	4,231.75	4,365.29	4,328.15	4,358.98	4,617.27	5,611.79	6,113.97
5 Other GCC Countries	1,495.00	1,607.88	1,860.03	2,173.03	2,422.71	2,325.48	2,158.30	2,119.06	2,910.20	3,309.87
6 Germany West	364.79	357.37	431.85	78.13	93.66	94.09	127.77	123.53	392.18	426.79
7 France	88.74	83.18	85.58	24.85	36.54	47.40	54.14	61.40	240.36	419.78
8 Netherland	45.11	36.26	34.39	3.67	5.19	5.53	7.03	6.83	65.73	47.79
9 Spain	6.63	5.45	4.24	47.25	52.97	55.81	129.52	150.94	329.68	401.77
10 Italy	52.77	53.44	79.83	30.89	43.50	60.71	98.08	111.15	361.26	600.83
11 Greece	41.09	35.74	33.25	14.00	9.83	23.17	32.12	49.62	145.09	273.69
12 Sweden	9.92	11.18	14.88	11.61	15.46	18.91	19.36	16.95	44.87	61.89
13 Denmark	11.38	13.68	14.89	14.57	10.38	12.80	13.66	15.81	45.31	71.80
14 Ireland	26.46	25.03	23.70	133.29	142.70	155.32	159.44	51.15	75.43	153.18
15 Others Countries	562.14	568.88	1,062.46	1,612.28	1,645.86	1,677.75	2,166.00	2,691.30	1,985.10	3,001.30
Total	13,186.62	13,921.66	15,837.71	18,720.00	19,916.76	19,351.40	19,913.59	21,739.41	23,132.30	29,370.90

***Question No. 110 Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice Received on 6/08/2021 at 12:35 PM) QID: 38172

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details / number of laboratories established by the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) throughout the country for the purpose of checking and ensuring the quality of portable water indicating status of ISO certification / accreditation against each; and*
- (b) *steps taken by the Government to evaluate and improve the performance of said laboratory during last three years?*

Syed Shibli Faraz: (a) PCRWR has established 24 water quality testing laboratories including a National Water Quality Laboratory (NWQL) at its Headquarters, Islamabad, six regional water quality laboratories at its Regional Offices *i.e.* Lahore, Bahawalpur, Tandojam, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta and 18 district water quality laboratories for monitoring water quality in the country.

The NWQL Islamabad is ISO-17025 accredited. Regional and district laboratories send their samples to NWQL, whenever ISO-17025 certified testing is required.

All regional and districts labs are providing technical facilitation, water testing services and advisory services to local service providers and water sector stakeholders including general public, industries, academia, NGOs etc.

These labs are also involved in regular and periodic water quality monitoring programmes including National Water Quality Monitoring Program, quarterly monitoring of bottled / mineral water brands etc. List of 24 water quality testing laboratories is given at **Annexure-I**.

- (b) i. PCRWR, Islamabad (Headquarters) is monitoring the physical performance of regional and sub-regional water quality laboratories through monthly and quarterly progress review.
- ii. The quality assurance of water testing capabilities is monitored through inter-laboratory comparison by sending audit blind samples to all laboratories on monthly basis. The test results of these samples are assessed to evaluate performance of each laboratory.

- iii. The performance of NWQL, Islamabad is monitored regularly through monthly competence evaluation of all analysts (internal quality assurance) and annual proficiency testing participation (external quality assurance).

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Annexure-I

**List of PCRWR Regional and Sub-Regional/
District Water Quality Laboratories**

Sr.#	Office Address/Location	Status	Sr.#	Office Address/Location	Status
1.	National Water Quality Lab. (NWQL), Islamabad. PCRWR Head Office, Khyaban-e-Johar, Sector H-8/1, Islamabad.	Operational (ISO-17025 Accredited)	2.	Water Quality Regional Lab. Lahore. 6.4 K.M Main Raiwind Road, Off Thokar Niaz Baig, Lahore.	Operational
3.	Water Quality Regional Lab. Bahawalpur. 29 Sajid Awan Colony, Rafi Qamar Road, Off Satellite Town, Bahawalpur.	Operational	4.	Water Quality Regional Lab. Tandojam. DRIP Campus, Tando Qaisar Road, Tandojam	Operational
5.	Water Quality Regional Lab. Quetta. JICA Building, BUITMS, Takatal Campus, Near Agriculture College, Quetta.	Operational	6.	Water Quality Regional Lab. Peshawar. House No. 31-32, Sector E-8, Main double Road, Phase-VII, Hayatabad, Peshawar.	Operational
7.	Water Quality Lab. Karachi. Main University Road, Near KW&SB Reservoir, Gulistan-e-Johar, Block No. 1, Karachi.	Operational	8.	Water Quality Lab. Faisalabad. 12 K.M Jaranwala Road, Opp. WAPDA Workshop Mor, Faisalabad.	Operational
9.	Water Quality Lab. Sialkot. Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park, Opp. National Hockey Stadium, Pasroor Road, Sialkot	Operational	10.	Water Quality Lab. Multan. Opposite Central Cotton Research Institute, Old Shujja Abad Road, Multan.	Operational
11.	Water Quality Lab. Gujranwala. W-Block, Peoples Colony, Kashmir Road, Near Sasta Model Bazar, Opp City Public School, Gujranwala.	Operational	12.	Water Quality Lab. Sahiwal. Plot No. 330/331, Bilal Colony, Main Jhall Road, Sahiwal. (042-35320484)	Operational
13.	Water Quality Lab. Sargodha. Small D-Block, Satellite Town, Old Butchers Khana, Sargodha.	Operational	14.	Water Quality Lab. DG Khan Chowk Churhatta Road, Near Arts Council Z-Block, D. G. Khan.	Operational

15.	Water Quality Lab. Mianwali Muhalla Munwarabad, Back Side Stadium, Near Muslim Colony, Mianwali.	Operational	16.	Water Quality Lab. Badin Bungalow No. 1, NIDO Road, Near Civil Hospital, Badin	Operational
17.	Water Quality Lab. Hyderabad Jamshoro Road, Near WASA Filtration Plant, Hyderabad.	Operational	18.	Water Quality Lab. Sukkar Union Council No.3, Qureshi Road, Water Supply Scheme No.3, New Sukkar, Sukkar.	Operational as samples collection unit
19.	Water Quality Lab. Shaheed Benazirabad UC-I, Government Cooperative Housing Society, Nawab Shah.	Operational as samples collection unit	20.	Water Quality Lab. Abbottabad Plot No. C-3, Sector K, Abbottabad (Township), Near passport Office, Abbottabad.	Operational
21.	Water Quality Lab. Dera Ismail Khan PHED Store, Saeedabad, Near Mehmood Eye Hospital, River Road, Dera Ismail Khan.	Operational	22.	Water Quality Lab. Loralai Kakar House, Near PSO Petrol Pump, Quetta-Loralai Road, Loralai.	Operational
23.	Water Quality Lab. Gilgit Karakoram International University Road, Kondus, Gilgit.	Operational	24.	Water Quality Lab. Muzaffarabad Shahnara, Tariq Abad, By Pass Road, Muzaffarabad.	Operational

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