

**(318th Session)**

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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

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

**Wednesday, the 25th May, 2022**

**DEFERRED QUESTIONS**

Questions Nos. 34, 46, 47, 74, 75, 76, 79, 80, 81 and 81-A were deferred on 18th January, 2022 (317th Session)

(Def) \*Question No. 34 **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**  
(Notice Received on 6/10/2021 at 9:35 AM) QID: 38361

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether it is a fact that applications of journalists for allotment of plots in sector F-14 are laying pending with the Ministry for verification, if so, the deadline by which the pending applications will be verified and sent back to the Housing Foundation?*

**Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb:** The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting constituted two separate committees for scrutiny of lists of Media Workers and Journalists (Rawalpindi/Islamabad based only) for allotment of plots in Bhara. Kahu and F-14/15, Islamabad. The two committees carried out the process of scrutiny in accordance with the laid down criteria. The principal of first come first serve for Bhara Kahu and age wise seniority for F-14/15 was followed in adherence to the fundamental qualification of 20 years work experience in both cases.

- The Selection Committee for Media Workers completed the process of scrutiny and after approval of the list by the Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, the same was shared with the Federal Government Employees Housing

Authority (FGEHA) on 16 September, 2021 for further process.

- The lists of Journalists as referred in the subject question were still under process when the Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 7th September, 2021 made an observation regarding allotment of plot to different segments of the society including Journalists, others. A Special Committee of Cabinet headed by Federal Minister of Planning and Development was constituted to take a policy decision in the light of principles laid down by the Honorable Islamabad High Court in W.PNo.244 of 2018.
- The Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 1st November 2021 solicited approval of the recommendations submitted by the Cabinet Special Committee on Allotment Policy. The recommendations *inter-alia* includes ***“No discretionary quota/ power will be exercised regarding allotment of plot/ apartment/grey structure”*** and also directed “Ministry of Housing and works to constitute committee comprising the representatives of the Ministry of Finance and Establishment Division to devise a uniform/integrated policy of allotment throughout Pakistan for federal Government Employees”.
- The Honorable Islamabad High Court has also heard a case on the issue of allotment of plots to different segments of society including judges and bureaucrats and in its two members bench headed by Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court, declared the FGEHA projects in both sectors F-14, F-15, and coming sectors F-12 & G-12 as illegal.
- Further, MoI&B has also approached FGEHA to get clear direction regarding the aforementioned developments and it was communicated by the FGEHA that the “matter of allotment of plots/revised quota policy is subjudice in the Courts of Law and the FGEHA will follow orders of the Honorable Courts in the matter as and when litigation is finalized”.
- The matter regarding preparation/finalization of list has since been stalled due to the aforementioned developments. As

soon as a cleared picture emerges, the lists of Journalists will be finalized and shared with the FGEHA for further process.

- Note: It is also to clarify that MoIB is in contact with Federal Government Employees Housing Authority (FGEHA) and not with Federal Housing Foundation, (as referred in the subject question) for allotment of plots to journalists and media workers at Sector F-14 etc.

(Def) \*Question No. 46 **Senator Dost Muhammad Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 23/11/2021 at 2:40 PM) QID: 38501

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that SST teachers working in Federal Government Education Institution (Cantts and Garrisons) have not been given promotions under the time scale formula since 2011, if so, reasons thereof, indicating also the tentative time by which the said teachers will be given promotions as per time scale formula?*

**Khawaja Muhammad Asif:** (a) Summary for extension of time scale formula to teaching staff of FGEI (C/G) setup at par with Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad was moved by Ministry of Defence on 02-01-2014. A number of meetings of Time Scale Committee have been held for grant of time scale to the teaching staff in various grades.

(b) However, regarding grant of time scale to SSTs, it is intimated that after merger of English and Urdu Medium seniority lists of SST, the same was challenged in the court which remained subjudice till 24th Feb, 2021. Seniority list of SST is under process, cases of Time Scale for SST will be processed on finalization of the seniority list.

(Def) \*Question No. 47 **Senator Dost Muhammad Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 23/11/2021 at 2:40 PM) QID: 38502

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that files of many houses in various sectors of Islamabad are reportedly missing due to the negligence of CDA officials, if so, the details of all reportedly missing files with house -wise and sector-wise break-up?*

**Rana Sana Ullah Khan:** Due to investigations from different offices like FIA, NAB, Audit, sometimes the files are misplaced, which

are traced later on. However, in multiple case different inquiry have been held and officers/ officials are also suspended and dismissed from service in the matter.

It is also pertinent to mention that different components of the same file are maintained in different offices like Building Control Directorate. Revenue Directorate and Planning Wing from where the missing files are constructed.

A proper register is also maintained for all the sectors by dealing Assistant showing the details of plots including plot number street and sector.

A list of files either with NAB, FIA, AUDIT or reconstructed sector-wise is as below:-

1. Property No. 22 Street No. 18 Sector F-7, Islamabad.
2. Plot No. 21, Margalla Streat, Sector E-11.
3. Plot No. 94, Sector I-11/2, Islamabad
4. Plot No. 1279, Sector I-11/2, Islamabad.
5. Plot No. 284, Sector I-11/2, Islamabad.
6. Plot No. 525-J, Phase -I, Park Enclave, Islamabad.
7. Plot No. 11, Street No. 13, Sector I-15/1.
8. Plot No. 2, E-7, Islamabad.
9. Plot No. 265, E-7, Islamabad.
10. Plot No. 294, F-10/4, Islamabad.
11. H. No. 96, Street No. 22, F-10/2, Islamabad.
12. Plot No. 467, Sector I-8/4, Islamabad.
13. Plot No. 594, Sector I-8/4, Islamabad.
14. Plot No. 47, Street No. 14, Sector I-15/2, Islamabad.
15. Plot No. 1447, I-15/1, Islamabad.
16. Plot No. 53, F-11 /4, Islamabad.

(Def) \*Question No. 74 **Senator Kamran Murtaza:**  
(Notice Received on 23/12/2021 at 2:15 PM) QID: 38622

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Cooperative Societies Act and the Cooperative Societies rules have become out-dated, if so, the details indicating amendments proposed / made in the said Act and Rules during the*

*last ten years for bringing up the Act and Rules in the line with present day requirements?*

**Rana Sana Ullah Khan:** This office has adopted Cooperative Societies Act, 1925 and replaced Cooperative Societies Rules, 1927 with Islamabad Cooperative Societies Rules, 2018. Moreover, Election Rules 2019 have also been notified by the Provincial Government by repealing ICT Managing Committees (Election) Rules, 2014 as per present requirements of this office. Copies of Islamabad Cooperative Societies Rules, 2018 and Islamabad Cooperative Societies Election Rules, 2019 are attached at Annex-A&B.

*(Annexures have been placed in library and on table of the mover/concerned members)*

(Def) \*Question No. 75 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 24/12/2021 at 11:15 AM) QID: 38633

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

- (a) names of the cooperative housing societies registered with the Cooperatives Department, ICT indicating date of registration, location of the project, land size and present status/ date of issuance of Layout Plan and NOC ; and*
- (b) steps taken by the Cooperatives Department, ICT for ensuring transparency and accountability in the affairs of cooperative housing societies during the last ten years?*

**Rana Sana Ullah Khan:** (a) The requisite information is attached at Annex-A.

(b) • The Cooperative Societies Department, ICT, Islamabad have got notified Islamabad Cooperative Societies Rule 2018 by repealing 93 years old Cooperative Societies Rules, 1927 and have constituted task force to implement these Rules to improve the working of the Cooperative Societies in ICT Islamabad.

- The Cooperative Societies Department, ICT, Islamabad have got notified Islamabad Capital Territory Cooperative Societies (Managing Committee Election) Rules 2019.

- The working of societies was monopolized by land mafia, therefore, 1/3rd Representations of respective Department in case of Employees Cooperative Societies has been reserved in Managing Committees to minimize the role of land mafia in Societies.
- Assets declarations of members of all Managing Committees in every year have been made mandatory for the accountability of office bearers of Managing Committees and to check corrupt practices in the Societies.
- All the Societies have been directed to establish the official website for facilitation and easy access to information about Societies to their members i.e. availability of Byelaws, Audit Reports, Voter Lists, Minutes of AGM's, certified Maps, cause list of Court cases and Online Complaint System.
- Cooperative cases are being disposed off on urgent basis and embezzled amount is being recovered by initiating cases in the court of Registrar under 50-A of Cooperative Societies Act, 1925.
- A detailed Inspections of all Societies is regularly conducted to ensure effective monitoring of Cooperative Societies. The Societies have been ranked *viz-a-viz* their performance. Liquidation proceedings are under process against dormant Societies.
- Directions were issued to all Cooperative Societies under Section 44-D & 44-E of the Cooperative Societies Act, 1925 on 03-03-2017 to ensure proper working of Cooperative societies as per law and to check and to curb corrupt practices in the working of Cooperative Societies.
- Audit guidelines were issued on 15-08-2016 to ensure transparency, quality and timely completion of audits and as ensure that business of the Society is being conducted as per Cooperative Societies Act, 1925 & Islamabad cooperative Societies Rules, 2018.

- All Cooperative Societies have constituted dispute Resolution Committees to resolve disputes however members and Managing Committees at Society level to avoid delay and litigation.
- Supersession / stern action as per Cooperative Laws under Rule 48 of the Islamabad Cooperative Societies Rules, 2018 and inquiry ordered under Section 43 of the Cooperative Societies Act, 1925 was ordered against the Managing Committees of the following Cooperative Societies, who committed irregularities / embezzlement in affairs of Societies in recent past:—
  - i. Civilian Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.
  - ii. Senate (Sectt) Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.
  - iii. Accounts Group Officers Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.
  - iv. Jammu & Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.
  - v. M/o Commerce Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad
  - vi. Federal Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad
- It is further submitted that due to these initiatives irregularities in different Cooperative societies has been pointed out in the special audits of the Societies and further action for recovery of embezzled amount is under process by filing cases under Section 50-A of the Cooperative Societies Act, 1925 against concerned Managing Committees of following Societies:—

S. No.	Name of Society
1.	Senate (Sectt) Employees Cooperative Housing Society
2.	Jammu & Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society
3.	Federal Employees Cooperative Housing Society
4.	Mohafiz Gardens Cooperative Housing Society
5.	Federation of Employees Cooperative Housing Society
6.	Government Officers Cooperative Farming Society
7.	National Assembly Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad
8.	M/o Interior Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad
9.	Civilian Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad
10.	PAEC Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad
11.	Multi Professionals Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad
12.	OGDC Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad



Annex-A

LIST OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES REGISTERED WITH COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES DEPARTMENT, ICT, ISLAMABAD

NAME OF SOCIETY	DATE OF REG. / REG. NO.	LOCATION OF PROJECT	LAND SIZE	PRESENT STATUS OF LOP & NOC
Account Group Officer Cooperative Housing Society, Ltd.	30.06.1988 / 309	Lohi Bher Islamabad	Phase-I Lohi Bher Purchased: 1435 (Approx) Terq Qabza 190.0 Kanal in Khasra No. 1711	LOP approved on 27-02-2007 but has been cancelled in the year 2017.
CBR Employees cooperative Housing Society, Ltd.	30-10-1984 / 241	Phase-I Lohi Bher / 100 A & Phase-II Kot Korian Rawalpindi	Phase-III Purchased 640 Kanal i. Phase-I Lohi Bher : 2200 kanal ii. Phase-II Kot Korian : 4000 kanals	Phase-III NOC & LOP under process. Phase-I: LOP approved by CDA Phase-II: LOP approved by RDA
Civilian Employees cooperative Housing Society, Ltd.	13-02-1989 / 319	Phase-I Lohi Bher Nuan Garden Zone-V Islamabad Phase-II Mouza Hangu Tehsil Fateh Jang	5500 kanal approx	NOC cancelled by CDA.
Doctor cooperative Housing Society, Ltd.	29-03-1988 / 306	Lohi Bher Islamabad	400 Kanal Lohi Bher	LOP approved by RDA
Federal Shariat Court Employees cooperative Housing Society.	10-10-1984 / 212	Judicial Town (Initial, Broha, Murree Road)	1612 kanals land	LOP approved by TMA Murree
Federal Employees cooperative Housing Society, Ltd.	18.10.1972 / 47	Phase-I Korang Town Lohi Bher	Total 9915 Kanals	Korang Town not approved, neither by CDA nor RDA.

		Phase-II Jinnah Gardens Mouza Gagri Chocho Lohi Bher			LOP of Jinnah Gardens Phase-I on 2548 kanals land is approved and revised LOP is under process.
Foreign Office Employees cooperative Housing Society, Ltd.	11-11-1984 / 255	Village Roopa, Lakho. Kot Kolian, Nirhala rwp	Total 1890.67 kanals land		LOP approved by RDA.
Islamabad cooperative Housing Society.	28-08-1988 / 313	Mouza Bangoo Fateh Jang Islamabad	3000 kanals land		LOP approved on 495 kanals land by TMA Fateh Jang. Revised LOP of 2500 kanals land is under process.
I-B Employees cooperative Housing Society.	24-04-1983 / 144	1) Pakistan Town Phase-I Lohi Bher 2) Pakistan Town Phase-II Lohi Bher 3) Gulberg Residencia & Greens Lohi Bher	1) Pakistan Town Phase-I Lohi Bher (1272 kanal) 2) Pakistan Town Phase-II Lohi Bher (537 kanal) 3) Gulberg Residencia & Greens Lohi Bher (42,500 kanals)		Pakistan Town Phase-I & II: LOP / NOC neither approved by CDA nor RDA.  Gulberg Residencia LOP approved on land measuring 3799 and revised LOP on 23505 under process. LOP of Gulberg Greens approved on land measuring 3,661 and revised LOP on land measuring 15202 under process in CDA.
KRL Employees Cooperative Housing Society.	06-06-1989 / 175	Kaller Syedan Road Rawat	Total 1533 kanals land		LOP submitted in RDA for approval.
P.W.D. Employees cooperative Housing Society.	11-11-1984 / 254	Bagha Sheikhan, Mouza Kirpal, ghora bharta, Rawalpindi Near Rawat	Total 1157 kanals land		LOP not approved
PAEC Employees cooperative Housing Society, Ltd, Islamabad.	24-10-1979 / 69	Phase-I Rawat Phase-II Chattar, Salgran, Tehsil District Rawalpindi	Rawat Project: 1900 kanals Chattar Project: 4100 kanals		Rawat Project: LOP approved by RDA. Chattar Project: LOP not approved.

National Assembly Employees cooperative Housing Society.	18-10-1987 / 302	Lohi Bher Chowk Chakham	1030 kanal	LOP being maintained by ECCIS
T&T Employees cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	25-01-1981 / 4	Mouza Nongara Abad chak Piswal Taxila CDA 11/2 Fatch Jang Road Islamabad	1590 kanals land.	LOP approved on 1000 kanals land by CDA.  Revised LOP on 1604 kanals submitted in CDA.
Senate (Sectt) Employees cooperative Housing Society.	07-11-1996 / 363	Mouza Hurdouar Jagan Road Zone-V Islamabad	Total 1587 kanals land	LOP approved on land measuring 679 kanals.
Work No Word Cooperative Housing Society.	25-01-1989 / 365	Mouza Rutia Tehsil A Distt Rawalpindi	Total 337 Kanal 14 Marlas	LOP approved by RDA
Pakistani Professionals cooperative Housing Society.	28-01-1989 / 318	Murree Road near Chakam	170 kanals and 10 marla	Affiliated with Federal Shariat Court Employees Cooperative Housing Society
Cabinet Division Employees cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	05-05-1982	Mouza Sarai Khairouna 1 16/17 Tarnool Main Chak Road	Total 5306 kanals land purchased.	LOP approved by CDA in 2004 and revised LOP is under process in CDA Islamabad.
Engineer cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	21-03-1983 / 132	Mouza Kaswal Tehsil Taxila Distt Rawalpindi	Total 4500 kanal	LOP approved by CDA.
Federation of Employees cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	06-02-1985 / 279	E-11/1, E-11/2 & Lohi Bher Islamabad	1) E-11 Purchased 469 kanal 2) Lohi Bher 349 kanal	LOP approved presently suspended by CDA.
Jammu & Kashmir cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	11-03-1981 / 12	Bhadana Kalan, Tehsil Syedan Islamabad	KMT (Chakri): Purchased 3627.97 Kanal. Sector G-15/F-15: Purchased: 4499.95 Kanal. Sector F-15 Ext: Purchased: 1623.3 Kanal	Under process

22.	M/O Commerce Employees cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	30-06-1987/299	Mouza Wani, Tehsil Texila, Rawalpindi	Sector F-16: Purchased: 2583.65 Kanal. KK-II Zone-V: Purchased: 5551.8 Kanal. KG Zone-IV: Purchased: 3116 Kanal. Total 5761 Kanals land	LOP under process with RDA.
23.	M/O Interior Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	29-07-1984/184	Mouza Badana Kalan G-16 Islamabad	Total 4428 kanal 5.5 Marla	LOP approved by CDA.
24.	Multi Professionals Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	15-11-1988/317	Sector E-11, B-17, F-17 & ROS Hassanabdal	28599 kanal E-11 Islamabad B-17 Islamabad F-17 Islamabad ROS Hassanabdal	All approved
25.	National Police Foundation cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	18-10-1989/54	1) Mohafiz Town Rawat	1) 563 K 11 M Mohafiz Town Rawat	1) NOC obtained/LOP under approval with RDA
			2) Mohafiz Town Phase-I Mulltan 3) Mohafiz Town Sargodha 4) Mohafiz Town Gujranwala 5) Mohafiz Town Phase- I &	2) 806K 19 M Mohafiz Town Phase-I Mulltan 3) 531K 05M Mohafiz Town Sargodha 4) 885K 03 M Mohafiz Town Gujranwala	2) NOC obtained/LOP approved Revised plan with LDA for approval 3) NOC obtained/ revised LOP approved by Cantt Board Sargodha 4) NOC obtained/LOP approved. Revised plan with TMA Gwl for approval 5) NOC obtained/ revised LOP approved by LDA

			II Lahore	5) 826K 11 M Mohafiz Town Phase- I & II Lahore			Approved in 2003. Cancelled in 2005 due to issue of Rawal Lake. The Lahore High Court Rawalpindi Bench Rawalpindi directed TMA Murree to resolve the issue. Now the matter is under process in RDA.
26.	OGDC Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	11-11-1984	Mouza Kalot Tehsil Murree Road Near Chattr	Total 1702 Kanals land			NOC Approved by RDA
27.	OGDC Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	30-06-1977	Mouza Nongazi Tehsil Taxila Rawalpindi	Total 325 Kanals land			LOP approved by RDA.
28.	Pakistan Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	09-05-1989 / 326	Mouza Mohri Khatna & Ghurbal, Fateh Jang near new Benazir Bhutto International Airport Islamabad.	5698 kanal and 11 Marlas land			LOP was approved in the year 2012 but was cancelled by CDA in the year 2016.
29.	Pakistan Medical cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	27-10-1988 / 315	E-11 Islamabad	Total 276 Kanal			LOP approved by RDA
30.	PARC Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	14-01-1984 / 164	Mouza Bagga Sheikhan PARC Town Chakbeli road Rawat Islamabad	Total 591 Kanals land			
31.	Service Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	19-03-1989 / 324	E-11/2 & E-11/3 Islamabad Capital Enclave (Lohi Bher)	E-11/2-3 =402 kanal marlas land purchased Capital Enclave (Lohi Bher) =1015 Kanal	13		i. E-11 Islamabad LOP Cancelled ii. Capital Enclave LOP & NOC approved by CDA
32.	State Life Insurance Employees cooperative Housing Society,	28-10-1984 / 230	Mouza Bangu Tehsil Fateh	Total 2040 kanals land			LOP approved on land of 896

	Islamabad.		Jang		kanals by TMA Fateh Jang Revised LOP is under process.
33.	Veterans cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	23-10-1985 / 271	Mouza Badana Khurd Dhoke Pour TMA Taxila	Total 1379 kanal 13 Marlas land	LOP approved by RDA
34.	Wapda Employees cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	05-09-1983 / 138	Mouza Dhoke Jandoo Tehsil Taxia Rawalpindi	Total 4111 kanals land	LOP under process
35.	M/O P. M. Jous Affairs cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.	12-10-1988 / 314	Mouza Ghora Mast Zone-V Islamabad	Total 50 Kanal land	Not yet. Applied as the land require for LOP is not available
36.	M/O P. M. Jous Affairs cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad	18-03-2013 / 371	---	---	---
37.	M/O P. M. Jous Affairs cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad	07-03-2013 / 370	---	---	---
38.	Mohafiz Gardens Cooperative Housing Society Islamabad	08-05-2013 / 372	Rawat	186 kanal Rawat	---
39.	PTV Homes Cooperative Societies Islamabad	02-07-2015 / 373	---	---	---
40.	FIA Employees Cooperative Housing Society Islamabad	29-11-1984 / 269	Mouza Maloot	640 Kanal Mouza Maloot	---
41.	Rail Gardens Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad	16-05-2009	---	---	---

(Def) \*Question No. 76 **Senator Rubina Khalid:**  
(Notice Received on 24/12/2021 at 12:12 PM) QID: 38625

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

- (a) *the acreage of land in the possession of the National Assembly Employees Cooperative Housing Society at the time of agreement with the Federal Employees Cooperative Housing Society indicating the present actual land in the possession of National Assembly Employees Cooperative Housing Society and Federal Employees Cooperative Housing Society each, and number of plots allotted to Members of National Assembly Employees Cooperative Housing Society; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that private housing societies have illegally occupied the land of National Assembly Employees Cooperative Housing Society, if so, details of such societies and steps taken by National Assembly Employees Cooperative Housing Society regarding retrieval of land from illegal occupants?*

**Rana Sana Ullah Khan:** (a) At the time of Joint Venture agreement with Federal Employees Co-operative Housing Society (FECHS), the National Assembly Secretariat Employees Co-operative Housing Society (NASECHS) handover possession of 465 Kanals Land to FECHS. Presently 574 Kanals Land of (NASECHS) is in possession within the boundary wall of joint LOP of (NASECHS) and FECHS. The FECHS allotted 1097 plots to the members of NASECHS (363 Possession plots) and 734 members of NASECHS are still waiting for possession of their plots since 2015. The FECHS allotted the plots on the land of NASECHS to their own members.

(b) It is a fact that a private Housing Society namely Services Cooperative Housing Society (Capital Enclave) illegally occupied approximately 227 kanals land of National Assembly Secretariat Employees Cooperative Housing Society. The matters of retrieval of said land are in different courts of law.

(Def) \*Question No. 79 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 30/12/2021 at 12:45 PM) QID: 38666

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Cooperative Department, ICT has developed a website for facilitation of the general public and members of cooperative societies in particular; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said website does not contain information regarding bylaws, voter lists, minutes of AGM, certified maps, audit reports and cause list of court cases relating to the registered cooperative societies, if so, the steps being taken by the Registrar, Cooperatives Department ICT to upgrade and modernize the website of the Cooperatives Department for incorporating the above mentioned information?*

**Rana Sana Ullah Khan:** (a) Not yet.

(b) Stated as above.

(c) Presently no such proposal is under consideration in this office for launching website of Cooperative Societies Department, ICT Islamabad.

(Def) \*Question No. 80 **Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui:**  
(Notice Received on 30/12/2021 at 3:53 PM) QID: 38671

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

- (a) *the number of daily newspapers registered with the Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC) with name / language/urban / regional wise details, indicating the mechanism for circulation of newspaper; and*
- (b) *the amount paid to registered newspapers for advertisements during last three years from 1st January, 2019 to 31st December, 2021 with newspaper and year wise details?*

**Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb:** **Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC)**

(a) The requisite information regarding details newspapers registered may be seen at **Annex-I**. The mechanism for circulation of newspapers may be seen at **Annex-II**.



**Press Information Department (PID)**

(b) As regards the matter of details of paid amount of Federal Public Sector Advertisements (Print Media) during the period from 01-01-2019 to 31-12-2021. It is clarified that upto 2nd April, 2020, the role of this Department was confined only to the release and verification of the advertisements claims. Whereas, payments were made to respective publications by sponsoring organizations through concerned advertising agencies. However, in the light of M/o Information & Broadcasting's Notification No.1(81)/2018- (Advt.) (EM), dated 3rd April, 2020 (**Annex-III**), such payments are now directly paid by respective sponsoring organizations to the publications through this Department (PID) as per details of paid amount is enclosed herewith at (**Annex-IV**).

*(Annexures have been placed in Library and on Table of the Mover/Concerned Member).*

(Def) \*Question No. 81 **Senator Seemee Ezdi:**  
(Notice Received on 31/12/2021 at 3:30 PM) QID: 38682

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that ICT Food Safety Act was passed in 2020 by the Parliament, if so, the reasons for delay in formation of Food Safety Authority under the said Act?*

**Rana Sana Ullah Khan:** Islamabad Capital Territory Food Safety Act, 2021 was approved in December, 2021 as intimated through National Assembly Secretariat's letter No. 23(46)/2019-Legis dated 6th December, 2021 and M/o Interior's U.O. No. 8/56/2021-Council dated 09-12-2021. The case for Food Safety Authority is under process as early as possible.

(Def) \*Question No. 81-A **Senator Kauda Babar:**  
(Notice Received on 4/01/2022 at 3:40 PM) QID: 38707

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that Islamabad Master Plan has not been reviewed and updated since 1980 resulting in constructions of illegal commercial buildings, degradation of environment and health hazards in Islamabad, if so reasons thereof;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that international bids were called for reviewing the Islamabad master plan during the last year but no progress has been made so far, if so details and reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that Committee of Experts has been constituted for Islamabad Master Plan without having the requisite experience thereof, if so, details thereof?*

**Rana Sana Ullah Khan:** (a) Yes, the Master Plan of Islamabad has not been reviewed since 1960. However, CDA twice attempted in 1986-89 and in 2005-08, but draft reports on review of Master Plan submitted to Federal Government were not approved.

The rest of the apprehension in the question is incorrect as in the past 60 years, to streamline Urban and Regional development in Islamabad, Federal Government and CDA at different times have introduced following statutory instruments, laws and regulations to ensure sustainable development through environmental preservation, provision of Public Health and Municipal facilities as well as amendments in the of Islamabad's Master Plan;

- The Islamabad Building Regulations-1963;
- The Islamabad Manufacturing Area Zoning Regulations-1963;
- The Islamabad (Preservation of Land Scape) Ordinance-1966.
- The Islamabad Municipal Bye-Laws, 1969.
- Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation and Conservation) Ordinance 1979.
- ICT Zoning Regulation 1992.
- Amendments in ICT Zoning Regulations-1992 for the Sub-Zonation of Zone-4.
- Interim report 2020 on Review of Islamabad Master Plan.
- ICT Building Control Regulation-2020.

(b) Yes, International bids were invited through advertisement in International and National media in 2020. In response, four consortiums of firms had applied for the bidding process. However, none of these firms could qualify the criteria; therefore the bids have been returned. Thereafter, the commission constituted by the Federal Government to

review Master Plan of Islamabad, has again taken-up the task. Till date the commission has convened seven (07) meetings.

(c) No it's in correct, the committee (Commission) constituted by the Federal Government for the Review of Master Plan of Islamabad is comprised of highly experience and renowned professionals in the field of Urban & Master Planning, Architectures, Environment, Civil Engineering, Law, G.I.S and IT.

**\*Question No. 29 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 21/02/2022 at 10:15 AM) QID: 38847

*Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state whether it is a fact that drugs are being sold and used in the hospitals established for rehabilitation of drugs addicts in Islamabad Capital Territory, if so, steps taken / being taken by the Government to stop this menace and action taken against those hospitals?*

**Nawabzada Shahzain Bugti:** It is stated that a random survey of following Drug Treatment and Rehab Centres/NGOs was conducted in ICT and no use/selling of drugs has been reported:—

No.	Drug Treatment and Rehab Centers/NGO	Address
a.	Hosla Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation Centre.	Chak Shahzad, Main Park Road, Chatta Bakhtawar Islamabad.
b.	Nishan of Battle Life	Street No.9 Bani Gala, Islamabad
c.	Asara Rehabilitation Treatment Centre	Pak Askari School & College Park Road Chatta Bakhtawar, P.O Tarlai, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad.
d.	Medical Cetre Trust	Street No.11, Thanda Pani Stop, Islamabad

e.	Sunny Trust	Murree Road Bara Kahu, Islamabad
f.	Wiling Ways (Dr. Sadaqat Clinic).	Murree Road Tajir Colony, Mile, Islamabad.
g	Safe Care Trust International	Main Motorway Chowk, Gillani Avenue, Motorway Service Road, near Almizan College, Islamabad.
h.	Salamat Clinic	Sector-E House No.44 Street No.5 Police Foundation, Islamabad
i.	Eman Clinic	27#0 Street No.1. Block-A Sector-A PWD Society Islamabad.
j	New Life Rehab	House No.107 Street No.19 Pakistan Town Phase II near Al-Noor Chemist Main PWD Road, Islamabad.

\*Question No. 32 **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**

(Notice Received on 23/02/2022 at 11:15 AM) QID: 38975

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry for the protection and welfare of the journalists of electronic and print media during last three years; and*
- (b) whether the Government initiatives are communicated to the International forums to counter the narrative being developed against Pakistan being a dangerous country for the journalists?*

**Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb:** (a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is committed towards the growth and development of the media in Pakistan. In order to promote freedom of press and to strengthen the democratic values in the country, MoIB is regularly working for the

welfare of the journalists and media workers. Some of the welfare activities taken by MoIB for the journalist during the last three years are as follows:

**Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals Act, 2021**

In accordance with Pakistan's constitution, as well as international commitments, the state of Pakistan has the responsibility to secure the right to freedom of expression within its territory. The enactment of the subject Bill was also a long-awaited demand of the journalistic community to have an exclusive legal domain for their safety, security and welfare.

Some of the salient features of the subject Act are that:

- It provides for a formation of a commission that will inquire into complaints of threats, violent attacks, forced disappearances, arbitrary arrests and reports of torture of journalists. The law would provide measures to investigate, prosecute and punish those people involved in violence and threats against journalists.
- It also provides for adequate training and capacity building activities and guarantee of insurance under the journalist welfare schemes.
- MoIB works to ensure the reserving of 2% quota in all the government housing schemes for the journalists and Media workers. In the regard, lists of around 144 Islamabad/Rawalpindi based media workers have been finalized in September, 2021 for the Federal Government Employees Housing Scheme at F-14/15 and Barakaho, Islamabad.
- MOIB is also supporting the journalists who have been suffering from the chronic diseases, like cancer, heart diseases, etc. or suffering from financial loss. It is also taking care of the families of the journalists who died in line of their duties by giving financial assistance to their children for education. During the last three years, around 31 Journalists/media workers and their families have been compensated/supported in term of their health, families support and financial issues.
- Ministry is also regularly conducting trainings and workshops for the capacity building of journalists and also providing

financial assistance to the press clubs and media associations. MoIB has identified 22 press clubs across the country including GB and AJK to equip them by establishing modern Digital Media studios. This initiative will ensure value for money of the public expenditure and shall empower the members of the press clubs to create and edit videos, make visual stories, produce documentaries, conduct programs and interviews, etc. This will enable the journalists to become self-reliant by generating their own revenue through VLogs and YouTube channels and other digital media applications/platforms.

- Keeping the importance and vulnerability faced by the media professionals during the COVID -19 Pandemic, MoIB helped to inoculate the frontline journalists on priority basis and most of them were vaccinated in the first phase.
- (b) • External Publicity Wing is an arm of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting primarily responsible for public diplomacy, projection of Pakistan's policies abroad by engaging foreign media in Pakistan and abroad, and to counter negative propaganda across the world.
- External Publicity Wing with limited resources as compared to other countries tries its best to communicate Government Initiatives to the international forums through multifaceted activities including interaction/interviews of VVIPs with renowned foreign media organizations *i.e* CNN, Russia Today, BBC, seminars/webinars with scholars/intellectuals/journalists in 21 different Press Sections and supplements/articles/opeds/interviews of Pakistani dignitaries are published around the world to counter the narrative being developed against Pakistan.
- EP Wing has the mandate to facilitate foreign media e.g; the coverage of 17th Extraordinary Session of OIC Council of Foreign Ministers in 18-19 December, 2021 and 48th Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers on 22-23 March, 2022.
- Under Afghan Facilitation Desk developed at the Wing, more than 400 Journalist visas and 199 Border crossings, NOCs for 70 International media organizations from 21 countries were

issued. Moreover, 92 NOCs for media coverage at Torkham were issued to 30 International Media outlets from 13 countries. Many Journalists stranded in Afghanistan were also evacuated in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and Foreign Affairs.

- EP Wing also arranged an interaction of Press Attaches/ diplomats based in Islamabad with Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting to dispel misgivings about Pakistan and the working environment for the journalists.

**\*Question No. 35 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**  
(Notice Received on 24/02/2022 at 9:25 AM) QID: 38853

*Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the smuggling and business of heroine, ice and other drugs is recently increasing in the country including rural areas, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to curb this illegal business and smuggling of illicit drugs in the country?*

**Nawabzada Shahzain Bugti:** The requisite information is attached at **Annex-A**.

**Annex-A**

**INCREASE IN SMUGGLING OF HEROIN, ICE AND OTHER DRUGS IN COUNTRY INCLUDING RURAL AREA**

Afghanistan is the largest drug producer, where reportedly 84% of the total Opium is cultivated and produced. Along with traditional opiates, recent years have seen an increased production of ethamphetamine (Ice) in Afghanistan. Due to international sanctions and deteriorating economic conditions, it is expected that Afghan drugs market will expand as an alternate source to support economy. Due to its close proximity with Afghanistan, Pakistan is a victim country of Afghan drugs/ opiates. It is estimated that approx 30% of Afghan drugs transit through Pakistan. Being a transit country, Pakistan is subjected to domestic spread / use of drugs as well. The flow / smuggling of precursor chemicals to Afghanistan also pose serious challenges to Pakistan. Although, fencing along Pakistan - Afghanistan border has greatly reduced the free movement of drugs across the border.

However, trafficking of drugs via borders with unfinished fencing and through border crossing points in the garb of trade continues.

#### **Problems Areas**

- a. Due to limited resources / manpower, ANF is overstretched both in terms of men and material.
- b. Plummeting international support that too with strings and lack of GoP funding for counter narcotics equipment and operational support.
- c. Need for a uniform national stance on narcotics. Provinces need to play their effective role in controlling spread / use of narcotics domestically. Moreover, drug treatment and rehabilitation is formerly responsibility of provinces but this aspect is neglected at provincial level.
- d. KP CNS Act-2019 repeals CNS Act 1997 and does not allow ANF or any other Federal LEAs to exercise CNS Act in KP Province.
- e. Domestic drug spread demands an effective national DDR strategy with active participation from all stake holders. Provincial health departments, private sectors, health facilities, NGOs and other treatment providers are to be brought into a single fold at Federal level for adopting standard treatment protocols as well as for collaboration / coordination.
- f. Lack of treatment facilities, especially in government sector is a limiting factor in effective treatment and rehabilitation.
- g. Anti-Narcotics Laws are covering drug selling being on quantity and not quality. Therefore, it is very easy for peddlers to get bail / eviction in court of law due to weak legislation.
- h. Courts need to give maximum punishments. Lack of punitive exercises and giving bails and acquittals on petty grounds has affected the prosecution which has given confidence to drug barons / traffickers.
- i. Due to the lack of knowledge synthetic drugs are considered as a party drug. Students are not aware of its harmful effects and due to peer pressure use this drug casually as party drug and later become addict.
- j. Synthetic drugs which are easy to hide and easy to manufacture due to no or negligible precursor control policy and drug regulatory practices.



**Steps being taken by Governments to curb illegal business and smuggling of Illicit drug in country: -**

- a. Source / informer cultivation & acquisition of actionable intelligence has been beefed up, with special focus on education institutions. Additional funds will be required for reward money to such sources.
- b. Launching of campaign / crackdown against drug peddlers involving police under IATF (Inter Agencies Task Force) forum.
- c. Intelligence network of ANF has been expanded inside main cities to locate and hunt drug smugglers / peddlers. There is a need to acquire high technical equipment in the field of intelligence gathering and detection to augment the existing efforts for effecting counter narcotics operations.
- d. Frequent engagement with courier and parcel companies and extension of NADRA Biometric Verification System to them.
- e. Conduct of precursors training for all users for effective precursor control / checking.
- f. To monitor the trafficking and use of synthetic drugs, stringent measures are being taken. With regard to diversion of precursors for manufacturing of narcotics drugs, an elaborate SOP has been formulated and being implemented in true letter and spirit.
- g. Rising of Coastal Regional Directorate is under process at Gwadar to overcome the inflow of drugs from coastal areas. So far 39 x persons have been enrolled, however, authorized strength of 202 persons needs to be enrolled at priority.
- h. Inter Agencies Task Force (IATF) has been established under the supervision of ANF to maximize the effectiveness of anti narcotics policy through coordinated implementation of the counter narcotics enforcement strategy, with a view to make Pakistan a drug free state.

Despite meager resources ANF has implemented an effective **counter narcotics** strategy.

NF is implementing two pronged strategy to counter narco drugs supply and addiction: -

- a. Drug Supply Reduction Prong.
- b. Drug Demand Reduction Prong.

**Seizures**

a. **Seizures.** As drug supply reduction measures, following seizures have been made during 2021: -

Ser	Nomenclature	Seizure (upto 31 Dec 2021)
(1)	Opium	14647.465
(2)	Morphine	3722.670
(3)	Heroin	6174.395
(4)	Hashish	49028.666
(5)	Cocaine	22.213
(6)	Liquor	22.000
(7)	Amphetamine	168.506
(8)	Meth	1097.539
(9)	Xanax Tabs	136.613
(10)	Ecstasy Tabs	128.338
(11)	Alprazolam Tabs	12.590
(12)	Pinix Tabs	25.000
(13)	Al-Prolezem Tabs	0
(14)	Valium Diazepam Tabs	78.166
(15)	AA	1026.000
(16)	LSD Sticker	0.147
(17)	Poppy Straw	2246.500
(18)	Weed	1.313
(19)	Cannabis /Marihuana	0.100
(20)	Ketamine	50.000
(21)	Other Substance	145.681
<b>Total (Kgs / Lits)</b>		<b>78733.902</b>

ANF in collaboration with Government of Sindh is running 3x Models Addictions Treatments centers at Karachi, Sukkur and Hyderabad and 1x Model Addiction Treatment Center at Islamabad. Since today 21308 x addicts have been treated in different MATRCs by ANF, Free of Cost.

**\*Question No. 37 Senator Professor Sajid Mir:**

(Notice Received on 25/02/2022 at 11:50 AM) QID: 38729

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether it is a fact that huge amount on account of Government Advertisement payable to many newspapers and periodicals is outstanding against the Government since April, 2020, if so, the details and reasons thereof and the time by which the same will be paid to them?*

**Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb:** An amount of PKR 578,310,909/- for the requisite period (01-04-2020 to 31-03-2022) is outstanding against federal public sector organizations (**Annex-I**) which is to be paid to concerned publications (**Annex-II**).

As regard reasons of non-payment (payable amount) to the concerned publications, it is stated that in terms of Federal Government's Centralized Advertisement Policy (**Annex-III**), the role of Press Information Department (PID) is only confined to the release of federal public sector advertisements, whereas, the payments against such advertisements are paid to the concerned publications by the concerned sponsoring organizations from their own allocated budgetary grant under intimation / through Press Information Department (PID). As such, the major reasons of delay of such payments are non-submission of complete claim documents by the concerned claimant publications / advertising agency(ies) to the sponsoring organizations and delay in meeting other codal / procedural formalities etc. However, it is expected that the outstanding amount will be finalized / paid to the concerned publications by end June, 2022.

*Annexures have been placed in the Library as on the Table of the Mover/Concerned Member)*

**\*Question No. 39 Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:**  
(Notice Received on 28/02/2022 at 1:52 PM) QID: 39010

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of promotional vacancies are lying vacant in Associated Press of Pakistan, if so, details indicating the number / title of such positions, date of vacancy and reasons of delay thereof; and*
- (b) the steps being taken for filling up through promotion the same indicating the tentative time frame thereof?*

**Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb:** (a) Total number of promotional vacant posts are 54 in APPC. The details are attached **Annex-I**.

(b) APPC finalized 66 promotions of different cadres in February 2020. However, some vacancies were not finalized due to the court cases as well as a number of objections/grievances raised by APPC employees on provisional seniority list. APPC Management circulated seniority of all employees & offered objections/grievances. Some objections/ grievances were received against the said seniority list. A Committee has already been constituted to resolve the seniority issues. It will be finalized in due course of time, subject to the finalization and settlement of the subjudice cases.

**ANNEX-I****APP-IMS-Admn-D01****POSITION VACANT IN PROMOTION QUOTA**

Sr.No	Title/Post	No of Vacancy	Date of Vacancy	Reason of Vacancy	Reasons to not fill
<b>APPC Grade-I/BS-19</b>					
01	Senior Journalist	06	30-04-2020 12-07-2020 27-11-2020 20-10-2021 30-12-2021 20-03-2022	Retirement	Seniority circulated among the employees & objections being finalized
02	Manager	01	18-11-2021	Retirement	-do-
<b>APPC Grade-II/BS-18</b>					
03.	Assistant Manager	06	07-02-2020	Vacant on Promotion to next grade	Court Case on Seniority issue
04.	Assistant Computer Engineer	01	01.06.2021	Retirement	Seniority circulated among the employees & objections being finalized
<b>Grade-III/BS-17</b>					
05	Sub-Editor/ Reporter	04	01-01-2020 11-10-2020 30-03-2022 09-05-2021	Retirement	-do-
06	Photographer	01	30-01-2022	Retirement	-do-
07	Special Assistant	10	01-04-2015 07-02-2020	Vacant on promotion to next grade	Court Case on Seniority issue
08	Computer /Hardware Supervisor	03	11.04.2021 12-10-2020 11-12-2019	Retirement	-do-
<b>APPC Grade-IV/BS-16</b>					
09	Supervisor/Store Incharge/Computer/Hardware Technician	04	02.02.2021 15.12.2021 01.01.2021 30-04-2021	Retirement/Death	-do-
10	Assistant	09	01-07-2012	Vacant on promotion to next grade	-do-

<b>APPC Grade-V/BS-14</b>					
11	Senior Clerk	07	01-07-2012	Vacant on promotion to next grade	-do-
12	Electrical/Electronic Technician	01	20-06-2021	Death	-do-
13	Senior Driver	01	09-02-2020	Retirement	-do-
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>54</b>			

**\*Question No. 43 Senator Danesh Kumar:**

(Notice Received on 3/03/2022 at 11:31 AM) QID: 39055

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that staff including officers / officials have been posted in Press Wings of selected Pakistani embassies including High Commissions, Consulates and Missions abroad, if so;*
- (b) the country wise detail of each staff member with detail of staff belonging to minorities and Balochistan province?*

**Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb:** (a) External Publicity Wing works under the ambit of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Yes, the officers/officials are posted in Press Wings of selected Pakistani Embassies including High Commissions, Consulates and Missions abroad in 21 countries around the globe. The competitive process is open to all the officers and officials of the M/o Information and Broadcasting. The final selection is done, on merit only, in a transparent manner, based upon written test and interview. It is pertinent to mention here that this Wing carries out the foreign posting process in respect of officials and officers of Ministry of information & Broadcasting without applying any quota, consequently, inviting all the prospective candidates (*i.e.* officials and officers) falling on the eligibility criteria set by the competent authority before final selection, and all eligible officers/officials have an equal chance of selection.

(b) The following is the country wise detail of each staff member with detail of staff belonging to minorities and Balochistan province, if any:—

**2016-2019**

<b>S.NO.</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>	<b>Minority/ Balochistan</b>
1.	London	1. Mr. Muneer Ahmad, Press Attaché (seat of Minister Press) 2. Mr. Zeeshan Naeem, Assistant 3. Mr. Ahmad Bux, APS 4. Mr. Muhammad Hashim, Assistant 5. Mr. Anjum Shehryar, Stenotypist	N/A
2.	Washington	1. Mr. Abid Saeed, Press Counselor 2. Ms. Zobia Masood, Press Attaché 3. Mr. Moin Akhtar, Steno-typist (seat of APS) 4. Mr. Amir Ashfaq, Steno-typist 5. Mr. Ashfaq Hussain, Assistant	N/A
3.	Brussels	1. Ms. Syeda Sultana Rizvi, Press Counsellor 2. Mr. Krar Shahbaz, APS 3. Mr. Ateeque Sheikh, Assistant	N/A
4.	Berlin	1. Press Counsellor 2. Mr. Badshah Muhammad, Assistant 3. Mr. Asghar Ali, APS	N/A
5.	New Delhi	1. Vacant, Minister Press 2. Khawaja Maaz Tariq, Press Attaché, 3. Mr. Fiyyaz Ahmad, APS 4. Mr. Akhtar Mahmood, Driver, New Delhi	N/A
6.	New York	1. Vacant, Press Counsellor, 2. Mr. Shahid Muneer, Assistant	N/A
7.	Colombo	1. Mr. Intisar Ahmad, Press Attaché, 2. Ms. Sobia Rani, Assistant 3. Mr. Kashif Mahmood Cheema, Steno-typist	N/A
8.	Dhaka	1. Mr. Aurangzeb Haral, Press Counsellor, 2. Mr. Abrar Ahmad, APS 3. Mr. Muhammad Iqbal, Assistant 4. Mr. Muhammad Munir, Driver	N/A
9.	Cairo	1. Mr. Shahab Hamid, Press Attaché 2. Mr. Qasim Zafar Hashmi, APS	N/A
10.	Hong Kong	1. Vacant, Press Attaché 2. Mr. Muhammad Zulfikar, Steno-typist 3. Mr. Noor Ahmad, Assistant	N/A
11.	Dubai	1. Mr. Ashiq Hussain Sheikh, Press Counsellor,	N/A

		2. Mr. Muhammad Arshad, Assistant 3. Mr. Asim Naz, Steno-typist	
12.	Tehran	1. Mr. Birj Lal Dossani, Press Counsellor, 2. Mr. Amir Satti, Steno-typist (seat of APS) 3. Mr. Muhammad Amin, Assistant	Minority (Hindu)
13.	Kabul	1. Vacant, Press Counsellor, 2. Mr. Azam Jasra, APS 3. Mr. Muhammad Hussain, Assistant 4. Mr. Muhammad Safeer, Driver	N/A
14.	Jeddah	1. Mr. Muhammad Arshad Muneer, Press Counsellor, 2. Mr. Imran Naseer, Assistant 3. Mr. Muhammad Aslam, Steno-typist	N/A
15.	Moscow	1. Vacant, Press Counsellor, 2. Mr. Tahir Zaheer, APS	N/A
16.	Tokyo	1. Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad Khalil, Press Counsellor 2. Mr. Tariq Shamim, Steno-typist (seat of APS)	N/A
17.	Singapore	1. Ms. Nighat Shah, Press Counsellor, 2. Mr. Khalid Mehmood, APS 3. Mr. Asif Ali Khan, Assistant	N/A
18.	Ottawa	1. Mr. Nadeem Haider Kiani, Press Counsellor 2. Mr. Muhammad Sohail, Steno-typist 3. Mr. Niaz Muhammad Assistant	N/A
19.	Ankara	1. Mr. Abdul Akbar, Press Attaché 2. Mr. Iqbal Hussain, Assistant 3. Mr. Gulzar Ali, APS	N/A
20.	Paris	1. Mr. Qamar Bashir, Press Counsellor 2. Mr. Bashir Hussain, APS	Quetta, Baluchistan N/A
		3. Mr. Suleman Abid, Assistant	N/A
21.	Beijing	1. Ms. Hina Firdous, (joined as Press Attaché on 27.10.2016 and worked as Press Counsellor w.e.f. 25.10.2018) (seat of press Attaché) 2. Mr. Ghulam Ali, Assistant 3. Mr. Tariq Jawed, APS	N/A

**2019 - 2022**

<b>S. NO.</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>	<b>Minority/ Balochistan</b>
22.	London	6. Mr. Muneer Ahmad, Press Attaché 7. Mr. Kamran Zahoor, Assistant 8. Mr. Muhammad Tariq, Stenotypist 9. Mr. Abbas Akbar, Assistant 10. Mr. Muhammad Hassan, Stenotypist	N/A
23.	Washington	6. Mr. Sarfraz Hussain, Press Counselor 7. Ms. Maliah Shahid, Press Attaché 8. Mr. Muhammad Iqbal, Assistant Private Secretary 9. Mr. Masood-ul-Hassan, Stenotypist 10. Khawaja Jawad Ahmad Jan, Assistant Information Officer	N/A
24.	Brussels	4. Mr. Daud Ehtisham, Press Counsellor 5. Mr. Arif Nazir Chaudhry, APS 6. Mr. Ahsan Saleem Shigri, Assistant	Domicile: Balochistan
25.	Berlin	4. Ms. Hina Malik, Press Counsellor, 5. Mr. Obaid-ur-Rehman, Assistant 6. Mr. Muhammad Asif, APS	N/A
26.	New Delhi	5. Mr. Jamil Ahmad Baitu, Press Attache, 6. Mr. Abdul Jabbar, APS 7. Mr. Umer Faruq, New Delhi	N/A
27.	New York	3. Dr. Maryum Shaikh, Press Counsellor, 4. Mr. Masood Aziz Khan, Assistant	N/A
28.	Colombo	4. Ms. Kalsoom Qaisar Jailani, Press Attache, 5. Mr. Aqeel Ahmad, Assistant 6. Mr. Farhan Ahmad, Stenotypist	N/A
29.	Dhaka	5. Mr. Fasih Ullah, Press Counsellor, 6. Mr. Muhammad Ramzan, APS 7. Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan, Assistant 8. Mr. Khuram Shahzad, Driver	N/A
30.	Cairo	3. Mr. Muhammad Faisal Ilyas, Press Attache 4. Mr. Abid Aziz Khan, APS	N/A
31.	Hong Kong	4. Ms. Asia Rehman Khan Lodhi, Press Attache 5. Mr. Tasawar Hussain, Stenotypist 6. Mr. Amir Ahmad, Assistant	N/A
32.	Dubai	4. Ms. Shazia Siraj, Press Counsellor, 5. Mr. Mujibur Rehman, Assistant 6. Mr. Yasir Naseer, APS	N/A
33.	Tehran	4. Ms. Ambreen Gul Shahid, Press Counsellor, 5. Mr. Siraj Ali Ujjan, APS 6. Mr. M. Tariq Rehar, Assistant	N/A
34.	Kabul	5. Mr. Tahir Nawaz, Press Counsellor, 6. Mr. Shah Nawaz, APS 7. Mr. Muhammad Jamil, Assistant 8. Mr. Muhammad Asif, Driver	N/A
35.	Jeddah	4. Sayed Hamza Saleem Gillani, Press Counsellor, 5. Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim, APS 6. Mr. Ahmad Rashid	N/A
36.	Moscow	3. Mr. Zafar Yab Khan, Press Counsellor,	N/A



		4. Mr. Safdar Hussain, APS	
37.	Tokyo	3. Mr. Muhammad Rafiq, Press Counsellor, 4. Syed Saghir Hussain Shah, APS	N/A
38.	Singapore	4. Mr. Muhammad Saleem, Press Counsellor, 5. Ms. Umra Afzal, Stenotypist 6. Syed Shahbaz Sabir Shah, Assistant	N/A
39.	Ottawa	4. Mr. Hamid Raza Khan Wattoo 5. Mr. Shoaib Nizam, Stenotypist 6. Mr. M. Arshad Khan, Assistant	N/A

**\*Question No. 48 Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman:**

(Notice Received on 12/04/2022 at 3:40 PM) QID: 39164

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

- (a) *the details of services, facilitation and relief provided to general public by Pakistan Information Commission since its establishment; and*
- (b) *the number of total cases / appeals filed and disposed off in the Commission during the same period?*

**Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb:** (a) The details of services:

- Issue directives to public bodies for preservation, management, publication, publicity and access to information
- Prescribe the procedure for accessing information from a public body
- Provide technical and other support to the public bodies for effective enforcement of right to information
- Conduct training of the public information officers (PIOs)
- Undertake mass awareness campaign to create awareness about the Act, Rules and Regulations
- Establish an information web-portal
- Compile a user handbook in Urdu and English, containing such information in easily comprehensible form and manner as may reasonably be required by an applicant
- Compile guidelines for use by the public information officers.

- Submit to the Parliament bi-annual reports on implementation of provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

(b) *The number of total cases/appeals filed:*

*Currently, the Commission has 2147 appeals filed under RTI Act 2017 and 920 disposed off*

**\*Question No. 49 Senator Naseebullah Bazai:**

(Notice Received on 12/04/2022 at 3:45 PM) QID: 39165

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

- (a) *the details of cases in which public bodies declared the record as classified under section 7(f) of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017; and*
- (b) *the status of acceptance and non-acceptance of such classified record and reasons of non-acceptance thereof?*

**Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb:** (a) The details of cases:

Federal Bodies in variably site to section 7(f) not to disclose requested information:

Some of most prominent cases are;

Waseem Elahi vs Cabinet Division

Naeem Sadiq vs Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rana Abarar vs Cabinet Division

Shahzad Ahmed Khan vs Cabinet Division

Mukhtar Ahmed Ali vs Senate Secretariat

(b) The status of acceptance and non-acceptance:

The Commission reviews the recorded reasons submitted by the public bodies under section 7(f) if, on the balance, public interest outweigh harm from disclosure and directs the public bodies to disclose information in such cases. However, if the Commission determines that harm from disclosure outweigh public interest, the commission does not allow the disclosure of information. The commission rejected the plea of secretary, senate secretariat for not disclosing the requested information about recruitment, sanctioned and filed post etc. of senate secretariat. The Commission also accepted the Plea of privatization Commission for not disclosure there agreement signed with K-Electric as it would gravely harm interest of Pakistan if the third party want for arbitration, causing huge financial loss.

**\*Question No. 50 Senator Naseebullah Bazai:**

(Notice Received on 12/04/2022 at 3:45 PM) QID: 39163

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

- (a) the role, responsibilities and mandate of Pakistan Information Commission; and*
- (b) the age, qualification, experience, selection procedure criteria, salary, perks and privileges, and status of the incumbent Chief and Members of Pakistan Information Commission?*

**Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb:** (a) Pakistan Information Commission is an independent and autonomous quasi-judicial body, established under Section 18 of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 to ensure implementation of this Act. Its role is to establish mechanisms so that citizens of Pakistan can exercise their constitutional right of access to information in matters of public importance. In this connection, it takes steps for public awareness of the law, helps federal public bodies comply with the law, trains public information officers, monitors their performance, decides appeals and takes action under section 20 against those failing to comply with the provisions of the Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

- (b) Detailed table mentioned below:

S. #	Designation	Age	Qualification	Experience	Selection Procedure Criteria	Salary, Perks & privileges
1)	Mohammad Azam, Chief Information Commissioner	66 Y 5 M 23 D	M.Sc	Retired Federal Secretary, Information and Broadcasting (BS-22)	As per section 18 of the Act through Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and with the approval of Federal Cabinet	MP-I
2)	Fawad Malik, Information Commissioner	58 Y 0 M 30 D	BSC LLB	33 years	As per section 18 of the Act through Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and with the approval of Federal Cabinet	
3)	Zahid Abdullah, Information Commissioner	53 Y 4 M 3 D	MS (Development Studies), MA (English Literature)	25 years	As per section 18 of the Act through Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and with the approval of Federal Cabinet	MP-2

ISLAMABAD,  
the 24th May, 2022

HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH,  
Acting Secretary.

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**“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Wednesday, the 25th May, 2022**

**DEFERRED QUESTIONS**

*Questions Nos. 1 and 2 were deferred on 18th January, 2022  
(317th Session)*

(Def.) Question No. 1 **Senator Hilal Ur Rehman:**  
(Notice Received on 30/12/2021 at 11:40 AM) QID: 38663

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the total area of Sector G-17, as well as the area of land acquired / purchased by the Supreme Court Employees Cooperative Society in each sub-sector of Sector G-17 separately?*

Reply not received.

(Def.) Question No. 2 **Senator Hilal Ur Rehman:**  
(Notice Received on 30/12/2021 at 11:40 AM) QID: 38662

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the total area of Sector F-16, as well as the area of land acquired / purchased by Jammu & Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society in each sub-sector of Sector F-16 separately?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD,  
the 24th May, 2022

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