

(333rd Session)

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

## “QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

*to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on***Friday, the 17th November, 2023****\*Question No. 89 Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 10/08/2023 at 4:04 PM) QID: 41469

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

- (a) the details of the cases filed with Pakistan Information Commission, along-with the details of cases accepted, dismissed and pending during the last three years; and*
- (b) the details of the disciplinary action taken against the responsible functionaries if any for not implementing the Right of Access to Information Act?*

**Mr. Murtaza Solangi:** (a) The Pakistan Information Commission has received 3462 appeals since its' establishment in November 2018, out of which 1478 appeals are under process at different, stages while 1984 appeals are disposed of after the provision of the information by the public bodies to the appellants.

(b) Pakistan Information Commission gives directions to the department in accordance with Sections 5, 6 and 7 of the Right of Access to Information Act, Pakistan Information Commission takes action in case of non-compliance of Section 5 and 6 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

**\*Question No. 95 Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:**

(Notice Received on 22/08/2023 at 3:53 PM) QID: 41506

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

- (a) the present status of ML-I project indicating also the expenditure incurred on the same since the start of the work on it; and*

*(b) whether the said project has become operational, if so, the revenue being earned out of the same at present?*

**Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar:** (a) Modified PC-1 of ML-1 Project was approved by ECNEC on 31-10-2022 with the plan to execute in three (03) Packages at a cost of US\$ 9.851 billion. The total completion time as per approved PC-1 for the Project is 9 years.

Pakistan Railways is of the view that reducing the cost of the project by optimizing the scope and the standards, without compromising the underlying objective of safety and efficiency is the need of the time. The Federal Minister for Railways and Pakistan Railway officers at all levels participated in detailed deliberations for cost cutting of ML-1 and prepared few options.

The option of Upgradation of ML-1 with rationalized scope & cost was principally agreed by the Prime Minister on 13-06-2023 and was also agreed by NRA during the 21st Technical Experts Conference meeting wherein it was agreed to readjust the Design in line with the agreed changes.

On 31st October, 2023 the Adjustment of Design as per rationalized criteria has been submitted by M/s. CREEC to Pakistan Railways, which is under review. Ministry of Railways has already requested National Railway Administration, China to give its consent for the bidding process of Phase-I and Chinese Side response is awaited. Rs. 390 million has been incurred on Feasibility Study, and Rs. 10,641.634 million on Preliminary Design of the project.

(b) The Project has not yet been started. However, active negotiations are underway between two sides for an early start of the project.

**\*Question No. 98 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**  
(Notice Received on 24/08/2023 at 9:54 AM) QID: 41412

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

*(a) the names, level and locations of schools which have been established by Pakistan Railways in the country; and*

(b) the criteria laid down for establishment of such schools?

**Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar:** (a)

S No.	Name of Schools/Colleges	Level of School	Location
1.	P.R. Lady Griffin Girls High School Boughi Road, Lahore	Secondary	Boughi Road, Lahore
2.	P.R. St. Andrews Girls High School G.T.Road, Lahore	Secondary	G.T.Road, Lahore
3.	P.R. Boys High School, Engine Shed Lahore	Secondary	Engine Shed Lahore
4.	P.R. Girls High School, Mughalpura Lahore	Secondary	Mughalpura Lahore
5.	P.R. Boys High School, Mughalpura Lahore	Secondary	Mughalpura Lahore
6.	P.R. Girls Middle School, Khanewal.	Middle	Station Road, Khanewal
7.	P.R. Girls Middle School, Rly Colony Sammasatta	Middle	Railway Colony Sammasatta
8.	P.R Boys High School, Rly Colony Sammasatta	Secondary	Railway Colony Sammasatta
9.	P.R Boys High School Near Station Road Sukkur.	Secondary	Station Road Sukkur
10.	P.R. Girls High School Near Anwar Paracha Hospital Sukkur.	Secondary	Near Anwar Paracha Hospital Sukkur.
11.	P.R Girls High School Near Loco Shed Rohri.	Secondary	Near Loco Shed Rohri
12.	P.R. Girls Secondary School Near Kala Pul Karachi Cantt.	Secondary	Kala Pul Karachi Cantt
13.	P.R. Boys Secondary School Near Kala Pul Karachi Cantt.	Secondary	Kala Pul Karachi Cantt
14.	P.R Locomotive Factory Boys High School, Risalpur (Managed by MD Risalpur)	Secondary	Risalpur
15.	P.R Locomotive Factory Girls High School, Risalpur (Managed by MD Risalpur)	Secondary	Risalpur

(b) Railway schools were purpose-built schools located inside the colonies for the facilitation / education of railway employees' children. These schools were established for the welfare of Railway employees and education for their children on affordable fees.

**\*Question No. 100 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**  
(Notice Received on 25/08/2023 at 9:28 AM) QID: 41300

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

- (a) *the details of railways land under illegal occupation at present indicating also the names and other particulars of the occupants of the same with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to get the said land vacated?*

**Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar:** (a) The province-wise detail of Railway land encroached across the Country is as under:-

Category	Encroached Railway Land				Total
	Punjab	KPK	Sindh	Baluchistan	
<b>Commercial</b>	318	72	291	88	<b>769</b>
<b>Residential</b>	880	194	1806	427	<b>3309</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	1851	543	2968	150	<b>5512</b>
<b>Others</b>	2760	372	883	369	<b>4384</b>
<b>Total:-</b>	<b>5809</b>	<b>1181</b>	<b>5948</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>13974</b>

Particulars of encroachment indicating name of encroachers, District, Tehsil, Location and area is attached as **Annexure-A (Books)**.

(b) Following Steps being taken by the Railways to get said land vacated:-

- Joint procedure orders has been issued to all Divisional Superintendents of Pakistan Railways in order to retrieve the railway land from encroachers. Accordingly, the anti-encroachment operations for retrieval of encroached Railway land on all over the Railway network are being initiated by the concerned divisions.
- Notices are issued to encroachers under Possession Ordinance 1965 for vacation of Railway land/structure within 14 days.

- iii. Pakistan Railway Police, District Administration and Law enforcement agencies are informed for necessary assistance in anti-encroachment operations.
- iv. To further control / restrict new encroachments, the responsibilities defined for Railway officers/officials are as under:—
  - a. Within Railway Station premises: Station Master concerned.
  - b. Within /around the colony premises: Inspector of Works and Railway Police.
  - c. In Between Station: Permanent Way Inspector and Railway Police.
  - d. In/around Loco Sheds: Foreman In-Charge and Railway Police Inspector.
  - e. In/around workshops: Sub-ordinate In-Charge and Railway Police.

(Annexure has been placed in Library and on Table of the mover/concerned member)

\*Question No. 109 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**  
(Notice Received on 8/09/2023 at 11:43 AM) QID: 41592

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the function, responsibilities and performance of the Press Council of Pakistan, indicating also its composition at present?*

**Mr. Murtaza Solangi:**

# 1. **FUNCTIONS OF PRESS COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN**

According to Section 8 of the Press Council of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002, following are the functions of the Press Council of Pakistan:

- (i) The Council, while preserving the freedom of the press, shall maintain highest professional and ethical standards of

newspapers and news agencies with a view to making them more responsive to the issues and concerns of the society in Pakistan.

- (ii) to help newspapers and news agencies to maintain their independence;
- (iii) to keep under review any development likely to restrict the dissemination of news of public interest and importance;
- (iv) to revise, update, enforce and implement the Ethical Code of Practice for the newspapers, news agencies, editors, journalists and publishers as laid down in the Schedule to this Ordinance;
- (v) to receive complaints about the violation of Ethical Code of Practice relating to newspapers, news agencies, editors and journalists;
- (vi) to appoint Inquiry Commissions to decide complaints at the head office, all provincial sub-offices and regions, as the case may be, necessary for its proper functioning;
- (vii) to undertake all research relating to the newspapers, including the studies of foreign newspapers, their circulation and impact;
- (viii) to undertake any additional studies as may be entrusted to Council by the Government; and
- (ix) to do such other acts as may be incidental or conducive to the discharge of above functions.

(2) The Council shall also act as a shield to freedom of the press. It may receive a complaint by a newspaper, a journalist or any institution or individual concerned with a newspaper against Federal Government, Provincial Government or any organization including political parties for interference in the free functioning of the press.

## **2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PRESS COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN**

The main responsibility of Press Council of Pakistan is to implement the Ethical Code of Practice, as set out in the Schedule to this

Ordinance and to perform such other functions as are assigned to it under this Ordinance or the rules and regulations made thereunder (**copy of Ethical Code of Practice is placed as Annex-I**).

### 3. **PERFORMANCE OF PRESS COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN**

The detailed performance report of Press Council of Pakistan is enclosed for further necessary action (**copy placed as Annex-II**)

### 4. **COMPOSITION OF PRESS COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN**

According to Section 6 of the Press Council is given of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002, the composition below:-

**Composition of the Council.**—(1) The Council shall consist of nineteen members, including a Chairman. The Chairman shall be appointed by the President of Pakistan, in his discretion, from amongst retired judges of the Supreme Court or a person qualified to be a judge of the Supreme Court and other members shall be nominated as follows:-

- (a) Four members by the All Pakistan Newspapers Society.
- (b) Four members by the Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors.
- (c) Four members by the professional bodies of journalists:

Provided that none of the organizations mentioned above shall nominate any member from its office bearers, nor any member of the Press Council shall contest an office of the Organization.

- (d) Vice-Chairman, Pakistan Bar Council.
- (e) Chairperson or nominee of the higher education commission.
- (f) One member by the Leader of the House in the National Assembly.
- (g) One member by the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly.
- (h) One mass-media educationist to be nominated by the Council.

- (i) One woman member to be nominated by the National Commission on status of women in Pakistan.

The post of Chairman, Press Council of Pakistan is lying vacant since 2019 and Council is not fully functional at present.

However, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has taken up the matter of appointment of Chairman Press Council of Pakistan and after an exhaustive process, including advertisement of the said post in the Press, constitution of selection board and conducting interviews, the summary for appointment of Chairman PCP has been moved through the Prime Minister's Office for approval of the President.

**THE CURRENT COMPOSITION OF PRESS COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN IS GIVEN AS BELOW:-**

1. Mr. Mujeeb-Ur-Rehman Shammi, Chief Editor, Daily Pakistan, Lahore.
2. Mr. Mehtab, Chief Editor, Daily Ausaf, Islamabad.
3. Kazi Asad Abid, Chief Editor, Daily Ibrat, Hyderabad.
4. Syed Haroon Shah, Editor, Wahdat, Peshawar.
5. Mr. Zia Shahid, Daily Khabrain, Lahore.
6. Mr. Ayaz Khan, Daily Express, Lahore.
7. Mr. Kazam Khan, Daily Times, Lahore.
8. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Chandio, Daily Pak, Karachi.
9. Mr. Faqir Muhammad Bachal Laghari (Rana (Azeem Group)).
10. Mr. Aamir Latif (Dastoor Nawa-e-Waqat Group).
11. Syed Iqbal Jaffary (Afzal Butt Group).
12. Mr. Moin Azhar (Worker Group).
13. Malik Umer Aslam Khan (MNA).
14. Ms. Maryam Aurangzeb (MNA).
15. Ms. Ayesha Ikram.
16. Ms. Haya Emaan Zahid.
17. Dr. Shah Jehan Syed.
18. Vice-Chairman, Pakistan Bar Council.

**(copy of notification is placed as Annex-III)**



**Annex-I****SCHEDULE**

See section 8 (1) (iv)

**Ethical Code of Practice**

An Ethical Code of Practice is formulated as under for the press for the purpose of its functioning in accordance with the canons of decency, principles of professional conduct and precepts of freedom and responsibility to serve the public interest by ensuring an unobstructed flow of news and views to the people envisaging that honesty, accuracy, objectivity and fairness shall be the guidelines for the press while serving the public interest in any form of publication such as news items, articles, editorials, features, cartoons, illustrations, photographs and advertisements: etc-

- (1) The press shall strive to uphold standards of morality and must avoid plagiarism and publication of slanderous and libelous material.
- (2) The press shall strive to publish and disclose all essential and relevant facts and ensure that the information it disseminates is fair and accurate.
- (3) The press shall avoid biased reporting or publication of unverified material, and avoid the expression of comments and conjecture as established fact. Generalization based on the behaviour of an individual or small number of individuals will be termed unethical.
- (4) The press shall respect the privacy of individuals and shall do nothing which tantamount to an intrusion into private, family life and home.
- (5) Rumours and unconfirmed reports shall be avoided and if at all published shall be identified as such
- (6) The information, including picture, disseminated shall be true and accurate.
- (7) The press shall avoid originating, printing, publishing and disseminating any material, which encourages or incites discrimination or hatred on grounds of race, religion, caste, sect, nationality, ethnicity, gender, disability, illness, or age, of an individual or group.

(8) The press shall not lend itself to the projection of crime as heroic and the criminals as heroes.

(9) The press shall avoid printing publishing or disseminating any material, which may bring into contempt, Pakistan or its people or tends to undermine its sovereignty or integrity as an independent country.

(10) The press shall not publish or disseminate any material or expression, which is violative of Article 19 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

(11) The press shall rectify promptly any harmful inaccuracies, ensure that corrections and apologies receive due prominence and afford the right of reply to persons criticized or commented upon when the issue is of sufficient importance.

(12) While reporting on medical issues, care must be taken to avoid sensationalism, which could arouse baseless fears or false hopes in the readers. Early research finding should not be presented as though they were conclusive or almost conclusive.

(13) Sensationalism of violence and brutalities shall be avoided. All reporting shall be accurate, particularly when court proceedings are covered and an accused person must not be presented as guilty before judgment has been pronounced.

(14) In the cases of sexual offences heinous crime against children, juveniles and women, names and identifying photographs shall not be published.

(15) Confidentiality agreed upon at briefings and background interviews must be observed.

(16) The press while publishing findings of opinion polls and surveys shall indicate the number of people, geo graphical area on which the polls and surveys were conducted, and the identity of the poll-sponsor.

(17) Any kind of privilege or inducement, financial or otherwise, which is likely to create conflict of interest and any inducement offered to influence the performance of professional duties and is not compatible with the concept of a reputable, independent and responsible press, must be avoided.

**Annex-II****PERFORMANCE OF PRESS COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN****Brief Introduction:**

The Press Council of Pakistan is an autonomous, independent body consisting of 19 members, headed by the Chairman, to ensure and monitor the implementation of the Ethical Standards of Practice for Pakistan's print media and news agencies as set out in the Schedule of the PCP Ordinance, 2002.

In its capacity as a quasi-judicial entity, the PCP is being approached by complainants regularly, from different parts of the country.

**Vision of Press Council of Pakistan**

- Free, Independent, Responsible and Accountable press.

**Function:**

The main functions of the PCP are

- To ensure freedom of Press
- Implementation of Code of Ethics
- Adjudication of complaints by Inquiry Commission
- Levy collection

**Performance of PCP:**

As media continues to grow in Pakistan, the role of Press Council of Pakistan is increasingly becoming more demanding and diverse since its revitalization in 2011 under PCP Ordinance 2002. Comprising of 18 members and a Chairman, PCP implements ethical media code of practice under section 8 of PCP Ordinance. As a Complaint Commission, the Council receives and adjudicates complaints to check violation of its ethical code of practice.

The Council acts as a shield to protect free functioning of the press and to guard against any interference in the independent working of the press from any quarter whatsoever.

- PCP is implementing zero visibility policy against proscribed organizations in the print media.
- PCP ensures that no terrorist organization or terrorist is being glorified in print media. Moreover, PCP issues notices to concerned editor or publisher in case of occurrence of such kind of news in his/her respective newspaper.

**Complaints received through Pakistan Citizen Portal uptill-now**

➤ Complaints received & Resolved : 849

**Complaints:**

- Complaints received and processed under PCP Law : (22 till date)

**Notices:**

- 15 Notices regarding freedom of Press and violation of PCP's Ethical Code of Conduct were issued to concerned quarters.

**Awareness and outreach for the initiatives:**

- PCP has published complementary advertisements regarding Implementation of Ethical Code of Conduct. Facebook page and website ([www.presscouncil.org.pk](http://www.presscouncil.org.pk)) are also maintained by PCP to promote free & responsible press in Pakistan.

**Annex-III**

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
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REVISED

Islamabad, 09<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**NOTIFICATION**

**No.3(5)/2018-P-II** In exercise of powers conferred under section 7(2) of the Press Council of Pakistan's Ordinance, 2002, the Federal Government is pleased to notify the following members of the Press Council of Pakistan.

1. Mr. Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shamini, Chief Editor, Daily Pakistan, Lahore
2. Mr. Mehtab, Chief Editor, Daily Ausaf, Islamabad
3. Kazi Asad Abid, Chief Editor, Daily Ibrat, Hyderabad
4. Syed Haroon Shah, Editor, Wahdat, Peshawar
5. Mr. Zia Shahid, Daily Khabrain, Lahore
6. Mr. Ayaz Khan, Daily Express, Lahore
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15. Ms. Ayesha Ikram
16. Ms. Haya Emaan Zahid
17. Dr. Shah Jehan Syed
18. Vice Chairman Pakistan Bar Council

2. The members of the Council will hold office for a term of three years. The members of the Council are not entitled to any salary and will function in the honorary capacity, except out of pocket expenses as may be prescribed as per Section 6(2) of ordinance.
3. This supersedes Ministry's notification of even number dated, 10-02-2021.



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(Laeeque Ahmad Bajwa)

Director Press

**\*Question No. 113 Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddique:**  
(Notice Received on 22/09/2023 at 11:07 AM) QID: 41645

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the names, educational qualification and designations of the persons appointed on regular, contract, temporary, adhoc and daily wages basis in the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation since 10th August, 2023 indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?*

**Mr. Murtaza Solangi:** It is stated that PBC has not made any regular appointments through prescribed procedure laid down by the Federal Government. However, IT section and News section have been facing acute shortage of manpower for their social media platforms. Therefore, PBC has engaged 31 persons since 10-08-2023 (**ANNEX-I**) on booking basis as per wages prescribed by the Government of Pakistan vide office of the Chief Commissioner Directorate of Industries and Labor Welfare, ICT Islamabad, Notification No. ADIW-8(20 ICT) 2021-325 dated 31-07-2023 (**ANNEX-II**), whereas in the News Section 07 Talent/Artist were engaged on daily booking basis during the period from 10-08-2023 to 12-10-2023 as per Revised Fee Structure-2015 duly approved by PBC Board.

**DETAIL OF APPOINTMENTS / BOOKING MADE SINCE 10 AUGUST-2023**

**Annexure-I**

S. No.	Name & Father's Name	Designation	Qualification	Nature of appointment	Bookings in a month	Rate per day	Per month Package	File No.
1	Ms. Anjum Choudri D/o Ahmad Khan	IT Technician	M.A.	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1807/- per day	Rs. 37947/-	Admn-I/3(6)/2022 Dated 21.08.2023
2	Mr. Imran Khurshid Malik S/o Khurshid Ahmad Malik	Assistant	M.A.	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 22.08.2023
3	Mr. Toufai Muhammad S/o Sher Muhammad	Naib Qasid	Middle	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1231/- per day	Rs. 25851/-	Admn-I/3(6)/2022 Dated 22.08.2023
4	Ms. Faiza Qureshi D/o Arif Rashid	LDC	Intermediate	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1231/- per day	Rs. 25851/-	Admn-I/3(6)/2022 Dated 23.08.2023
5	Raja Huzaifa Bin Rukhsar S/o Raja Muhammad Rukhsar	Naib Qasid	Matric	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1231/- per day	Rs. 25851/-	Admn-I/3(6)/2022 Dated 22.08.2023
6	Mr. Muhammad Rizwan Waris S/o Muhammad Waris	IT Technician	DAE	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(6)/2022 Dated 22.08.2023
7	Mr. Amar Yasir S/o Muzayan Abbas	LDC	Intermediate	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1231/- per day	Rs. 25851/-	Admn-I/3(6)/2023 Dated 28.08.2023
8	Mr. Noman Shafique S/o Muhammad Shafique	IT Technician	B.A.	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 28.08.2023
9	Ms. Saima Salamat D/o Salamat Ullah	IT Technician	B.A.	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1807/- per day	Rs. 37947/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 14.09.2023
10	Ms. Sobia Tabasum D/o Muhammad Bakhsh	IT Technician	M.A.	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 14.09.2023
11	Mr. Muneeb Ibraheem S/o Abdul Mutlib	IT Technician/ LDC	Matric	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 14.09.2023
12	Mr. Muntaz Ali S/o Chakar Khan	IT Technician	DAE	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 14.09.2023
13	Mr. Inam Ullah S/o Rehman Ullah	IT Technician	DAE & B.A.	daily wages	14 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 14.09.2023
14	Mr. Muhammad Bilal S/o Said Rasool	IT Technician	DAE	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 14.09.2023



15	Mr. Muhammad Usman Mubarik Dr. Muhammad Wazir Bhatti Dr. Wajhat Mirza Dilnaaz Khan	IT Technician	B. Com	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 14.09.2023
16	Mr. Majid Ali S/o Sajid Khan	IT Technician	BS (Computer Science)	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 14.09.2023
17	Mr. Majid Ali S/o Sajid Khan	LDC	Intermediate	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1231/- per day	Rs. 25851/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 14.09.2023
18	Mr. Muhammad Bilal S/o Muhammad Ashraf	IT Technician	DAE	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 15.09.2023
19	Mr. Inikhab Hussain S/o Ghulam Sajid	IT Technician	B. Com	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 15.09.2023
20	Mr. Ghulam Zakki S/o M. Ijaz	IT Technician	F.A (Science)	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 15.09.2023
21	Mr. Faiz Rasool	IT Technician	MBA (Finance)	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1807/- per day	Rs. 37947/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 18.09.2023
22	Mr. Hassan Kamran S/o Manzoor Hussain	IT Technician	BS	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1807/- per day	Rs. 37947/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 18.09.2023
23	Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan S/o Muhammad Ramzan	IT Technician	BS	daily wages	23 days	Rs.1807/- per day	Rs. 25298/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 18.09.2023
24	Ms. Nagina Naz D/o Nazir Ahmed	Naib Qasid	Under Matric	daily wages	14 days	Rs.1231/- per day	Rs. 25851/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 18.09.2023
25	Ms. Abeeha Hussain D/o Jawad Hussain	IT Technician	Matric	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1807/- per day	Rs. 37947/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 20.09.2023
26	Mr. Abdur Rahman Sher Rahman	Naib Qasid	Matric	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1231/- per day	Rs. 25851/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 20.09.2023
27	Mr. Ali Raza S/o Muhammad Rafiq	IT Technician	BS Hons Electrical	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 21.09.2023
28	Mr. Muhammad Sher Afgan Azhar Ali Jaffery	IT Technician	DAE	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 21.09.2023
29	Mr. Shakir Jahangir Abbasi S/o Jahangir Ahmad Abbasi	IT Technician	Middle	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1408/- per day	Rs. 29568/-	Admn-I/3(6)/2023 Dated 25.09.2023
30	Ms. Samra Ali D/o Mured Ali	IT Technician	M.A.	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1807/- per day	Rs. 37947/-	Admn-I/3(5)/2023 Dated 04.10.2023
31	Mr. Umar Hussain Shah S/o Ashiq Hussain	Naib Qasid	Middle	daily wages	21 days	Rs.1231/- per day	Rs. 25851/-	Admn-I/3(6)/2023 Dated 02.10.2023

## Annexure-II

**NEWS WING**

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Qualification	Nature of Job	Remunerations	Date of Joining
1.	Ms. Tahira Bhatti	Producer / Talent	M.A LLB	Editing of News bulletin.	Rs.50,000/-pm Rs.1923.07 per day (26 days)	11.09.2023 (Approval of DG PBC)
2.	Ms. Zainab Hassan	Saraiki News Translator	Msc (Anthropology)	Translating of bulletin into Saraiki Language.	Rs. 8400/- pm Rs.600/- P.D (14 days)	14.09.2023 (Approval of DN)
3.	Mr. Ghazi Khan	Sindhi News Translator	M.A (Economics)	Translating of bulletin into Sindhi Language.	Rs. 8400/- pm Rs.600/- P.D (14 days)	26.09.2023 (Approval of DN)
4.	Ms. Sana Tahir	TV Monitor	BSc	To listen and translate the news into different languages,	Rs. 18900/- pm Rs. 900/-P.D (21 days)	02.10.2023 (Approval of DG PBC)
5.	Mr. Muhammad Umar	TV Monitor	BS (International Relation)	To listen and translate the news into different languages	Rs. 18900/- pm Rs. 900/-P.D (21 days)	02.10.2023 (Approval of DG PBC)
6.	Ms. Anita Aziz	Shina News Translator	BSc	Translating of bulletin into Shina Language.	Rs. 8400/- pm Rs.600/- P.D (14 days)	09.10.2023 (Approval of DN)
7.	Mr. Sajjad Ali	Balochi News Translator	03 Years Diploma of Associate Engineer in Mechanical Technology	Translating of bulletin into Balochi Language.	Rs. 8400/- pm Rs.600/- P.D (14 days)	10.10.2023 (Approval of DN)

**\*\*Question No. 167 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 9/10/2023 at 4:20 PM) QID: 41325

*Will the Minister for Defence Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the retired employees of the TIP have not received any increase in their pension despite the increase made in the annual budgets from 2019-June 2022, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the increased rate of pensions will be paid to the said retired employees?*

**Lt. General (R) Anwar Ali Hyder:**

- The statement that retired employees of TIP have not received any increase in pension from 2019 -2022 is not based on the fact. 10% increase was approved for 2019 and 10% increase also in 2022.
- It is pertinent to mention here that TIP employees' pension is not governed under the Federal Government pension scheme in vogue for the civil servants of Federal Government TIP introduced 02 x Self Finance Pension Schemes in 1986 for Executives (BPS 17 & above) and in 1990 for Employees & Workers (BPS 1-16), whereas Rule 5 of Employees & Workers Pension Rules 1990 states "increase allowed to Government pensioners from time to time will not automatically become applicable to TIP pensioners but may be adopted subject to availability of funds and approval of Competent Authority".
- Financial health of the company does not allow to provide any further relief; especially in the backdrop of discontinuation of Government annual grant and non-release of finance facility approved by the Federal Government for revival of TIP amounting to Rs. 2.5 Bn at the time of its transfer to MoDP (NRTC).
- However, with improved business and financial health of the company in due course the matter will be considered on priority.
- Summary of pension increases announced by the Federal Government from 2019 to 2022 and decisions of Competent

Authority for TIP employees in accordance with TIP internal rules and procedures is appended below for reference.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Pension Increases by Federal Govt for Civil Servants</b>	<b>Pension Increases approved by TIP BoDs</b>
2019	10% wef 01 Jul 2019	TIP BoDs approved 10% increase wef Jun 2021 and being paid
2020	No Increase by Fed Govt	
2021	10% wef 01 Jul 2021	TIP was transferred to NRTC in Dec 2021; increase in pension was not approved by the previous BoDs and management under MoIT&T.
2022	15% wef 01 Jul 2022	TIP BoDs approved 10% increase wef Jul 2022 and being paid

1. Following is submitted:-
  - a. TIP was established in 1953 as Private Limited Company under the Company Act 1953 (Now the Companies Act 2017). TIP was working under administrative control of Ministry of Information Technologies & Telecommunication (MoIT&T) till November 2021.
  - b. TIP is effectively out of business since 2004 and has no significant income stream. The available machinery and facilities are outdated. Bank loan default has accumulated to Rs. 2.4 Bn (Approx). Salaries and pensions of employees were being paid mainly from the annual grant by the Federal Government to the tune of Rs. 500 Mn (on the average) from 2009 to 2022.
  - c. In order to revitalize TIP, Federal Cabinet approved transfer of TIP to MoDP (NRTC) in September 2021 and accordingly MoDP (NRTC) assumed the charge of TIP *w.e.f* 3rd December 2021.

In accordance with Federal Cabinet approval; NRTC assumed all the liabilities of TIP including pay / pension on existing terms and conditions of TIP employees.

- d. TIP employees are not Civil Servants of the Federal Government. Therefore, increases in pension announced by the Federal Government during annual budgets are not applicable in totality on the company and binding on TIP management.
- e. The competent forum on the subject is the TIP Board of Directors (BoDs) and increases in pension are subject to the approval of BoDs; keeping in view the financial health of the organization and availability of funds for the purpose. Since transfer of TIP to MoDP; NRTC is paying pension to all TIP employees in true letter and spirit in accordance with its internal rules / procedures and approvals of the Competent Authority *i.e.* BoDs.
- f. TIP employees' pension is not governed under the Federal Government pension scheme in vogue for the civil servants of Federal Government. TIP introduced 02 x Self Finance Pension Schemes in 1986 for Executives (BPS 17 & above) and in 1990 for Employees & Workers (BPS 1-16), whereas Rule 5 of Employees & Workers Pension Rules 1990 states "increase allowed to Government pensioners from time to time will not automatically become applicable to TIP pensioners but may be adopted subject to availability of funds and approval of Competent Authority".
- g. In the light of above, increases in pension of TIP employees are being dealt in accordance with TIP internal rules / procedures *i.e.* approval by the BoDs; keeping in view the financial health of the company and availability of funds for the purpose. The statement that retired employees of TIP have not received any increase in pension from 2019 -2022 is not based on the fact. 10% increase was approved for 2019 and 10% increase also in 2022.
- h. Financial health of the company does not allow to provide any further relief; especially in the backdrop of discontinuation of

Government annual grant and non-release of finance facility approved by the Federal Government. for revival of TIP amounting to Rs 2.5 Bn at the time of its transfer to MoDP (NRTC).

- i. However, with improved business and financial health of the company in due course the matter will be considered on priority.

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## SENATE SECRETARIAT

## “UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

Friday, the 17th November, 2023

DEFERRED QUESTION

[Question No. 1]

Was deferred on 7th April, 2023 (326th Session)

(Def.) Question No. 1 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 22/08/2022 at 10:43 AM) QID: 39455

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the details of the allotments of plots in different DHA schemes to civilian employees of grade 19 and above of the Ministry since 2010?*

Reply not Received.

Question No. 13 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 28/08/2023 at 12:14 PM) QID: 41221

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state as to whether it is a fact that there are many unmanned and without phatak railway crossings in the country, if so, the details and reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar:** The un-manned level crossings are without gate leaves and total of 1565 un-manned level crossings are existing over the Pakistan Railway network.

Un-manned level crossings without gates leaves and gate men, were previously provided where kacha path with low traffic volume crosses the railway track to facilitate movement of locals, farmers and carts at their own risks.

However, due to high risk of accidents on existing un-manned level crossings, construction/provision of new un-manned level crossing is completely banned on entire Railway system per Railway policy for level-crossings dated 23-02-2019.

ISLAMABAD,  
the 16th November, 2023

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Secretary.