

(333rd Session)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 21st November, 2023

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*[Questions Nos. 73 and 88 were deferred on
4th August, 2023 (330th Session)]*

***(Def.) Question No. 73 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 8/05/2023 at 12:01 PM) QID: 40812

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state as to whether it is fact that the name of FATA Cricket Team has not been changed despite the fact that FATA merger of erstwhile Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, if so, reasons thereof and when it is likely to be changed with some historical or cultural name?

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination: The PCB Constitution, 2014 has been restored in the recent past with the aim to revive departmental cricket.

No request from Pakistan Cricket Board for changing the name has been received so far. Further action will be taken upon receipt of proposal of PCB.

***(Def.) Question No. 88 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**
(Notice Received on 29/05/2023 at 2:42 PM) QID: 41213

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

(a) the details of school busses presently at the disposal of educational institutions under the Federal Directorate of Education, indicating names of schools and seating capacity and model of each bus;

- (b) *whether it is a fact that most of the busses are driven by the non- professional drivers, if so reasons; and*
- (c) *steps taken by the Government to recruit professional divers indicating timelines?*

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) Currently, 355 buses [220 buses purchased under PM's Education Reform Program (PMERP) and 140 buses were on the pool prior to reform] are at the disposal of educational institutions under Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) with following specifications (**Annex-I**):

- Engine Capacity 200 HP
- Seating Capacity of 63+1
- Laden weight; 14500 kg

Details of buses indicating names of schools and seating capacity and model of each bus is added at **Annex-II**.

(b) No, it is not a fact that buses are driver by the Non-professional drivers.

Currently, 118 posts of Driver are on the sanctioned strength of Federal Directorate of Education (FDE). 220 Drivers and 220 Conductors were hired through competitive process, to run 220 buses purchased under PMERP. Out of 18 posts of Drivers, 43 posts are lying vacant.

(c) Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) has obtained necessary NOC from Surplus Pool & Establishment Division regarding carrying out recruitment to 43 posts of Drivers (**Annex-III**).

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

***Question No. 116 Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:**

(Notice Received on 16/08/2023 at 2:02 PM) QID: 41483

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the OPF Board of Directors has allegedly re-appointed the present MD in violation of rule 5(2) of Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013 if so, the reasons thereof, indicating also the actions taken by the Government against those found involved in such violation of the rules?

Mr. Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti: No, it is not fact that the OPF Board of Directors has re-appointed the present MD in violation of rule 5(2) of Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013. The incumbent Managing Director was nominated by the Federal Government, which is in accordance with the Provision of Companies Act, 2017 and Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013.

The summary of appointment and further extension in the tenure of incumbent Managing Director, OPF is enclosed herewith as, **Annex-I**.

*(Annexure has been placed in library and on table of the mover /
Concerned Member)*

***Question No. 117 Senator Rubina Khalid:**

(Notice Received on 21/08/2023 at 10:10 AM) QID: 41488

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the cases of promotion of Principal Scientific Officers (BPS-19) in Pakistan Agriculture Research Council have not been finalized / notified despite the fact that the meeting of the departmental selection board was held on 3rd March, 2023, if so, the reasons thereof?

Dr. Kauser Abdulla Malik: As per Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), letter No. F-1-10 (P-11)/2022-DSB dated 22-09-2023 (**Annex-A**) (Both in English & Urdu), the cases of promotion of Principal Scientific Officers (BS-19) in PARC have been finalized & accordingly notified.

Annex-A

No. F. 1-10 (P-11)/2022-DSB
 PAKISTAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
 (Directorate of Establishment)

Islamabad, the September 22nd, 2023

Subject: SENATE STARRED QUESTION NO. 1 (GROUP NO. 2) FOR ANSWERING
IN SENATE UPCOMING 332ND SESSION

I am directed to refer to letter No. F.2-3/2022-Admn-III (PARC) dated 11.09.2023 on the subject cited above and to inform that cases of promotion of Principal Scientific Officers have been finalized & notified accordingly.

02. This issues with the approval of Chairman, PARC.



(TAHIR ARIF)
 Assistant Secretary (Council)

Syed M. Azeem Haider
 Section Officer (Admn-III),
 M/o National Food Security & Research,
 Islamabad.

***Question No. 118 Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:**
 (Notice Received on 23/08/2023 at 3:58 PM) QID: 41517

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, educational qualification and experience of the new deputy permanent delegate of Pakistan to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris appointed in July 2023;*
- (b) *the criteria and procedure adopted for the selection of the incumbent deputy permanent delegate; and*

- (c) *the names of the candidates who were included in the merit list for the said post indicating also their relevant qualifications, experiences and other details?*

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) Ms. Lubna Said, an officer of the Pakistan Administrative Services serving in BPS-19 as Deputy Secretary. The Officer has been appointed on the vacant post of Deputy Permanent Delegate of Pakistan to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, as notified by the Establishment Division on 18th August, 2023 (**Annex-I**). The officer has earned academic degrees in MSc in the discipline of International Relations from Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad and Masters degree in Business Administration in Financial Management from Institute of Business Administration, Karachi.

(b) Vacancy announcement of the post of Deputy Permanent Delegate of Pakistan to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris was advertised in the national dailies on 10th March, 2023 (**Annex-II**), wherein it was deemed that an officer of BPS-19 in regular service / cadre and occupational groups with overall 12-years public sector experience may apply for the aforesaid post.

Experience of working in or dealing with an International / United Nation (UN) organizations / Donor was preferable.

(c) The following Panel of three candidates was submitted to the Prime Minister Office:

- (i) Mr. Mansoor Ali Masud Deputy Secretary, EAD (Profile of the officer is attached at **Annex-III**).
- (ii) Ms. Saadiya Noori, Secretary General and Special Exemptions, FBR (Profile of the officer is attached at **Annex-IV**).
- (iii) Ms. Lubna Said, Deputy Secretary (PAS), EAD (Profile of the officer is attached at **Annex-V**).

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Concerned Member)*

*Question No. 119 **Senator Sania Nishtar:**

(Notice Received on 24/08/2023 at 11:55 AM) QID: 41329

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the present status of implementation of the Plant Breeders Rights Act, 2016?

Dr. Kauser Abdulla Malik:

**“STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANT
BREEDERS RIGHTS ACT, 2016”**

The Plant Breeders’ Rights Act 2016 and Plant Breeders’ Rights Rules, 2018 were promulgated to encourage the development of new plant varieties and to protect Rights of the Breeders. The Plant Breeders’ Rights Act 2016 is being implemented by the “Plant Breeders’ Rights Registry”, an attached department of Ministry of National Food Security and Research. The Registry is the executive and technical body for the grant of protection rights to the breeders after undergoing a rigorous process of DUS (Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability) examination.

2. The Registry has started receiving application for variety protection on February 15, 2021. Currently, the protection facilities are opened for 25 novel varieties of major crops including Cotton, Maize, Wheat, Rice, Citrus, Mustard, Millet, Olive, Canola, Sunflower, Potato, barley, Groundnut, Chickpea, Banana Mungbean, Lentil, Tomato, Onion, Sorghum, Okra, Date Palm, Peach, Pear and Mango. Moreover, in order to facilitate the breeders, the Registry has developed its website i.e www.pbr.gov.pk where the potential breeders can apply online for variety protection.

3. Ninety (90) applications of different crops for protection have been received by the Registry for Plant Breeders Rights. The details annexed as **Annexure-A.**

4. Twenty two (22) cases have cleared the “invitation for opposition” phase and are finalized subject to the publication of Journal.

5. Twenty (20) cases were dropped due to not fulfilling the prescribed criteria.

6. The remaining Forty-eight (48) cases are under process.

Annex-A

PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS REGISTRY
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR PROTECTION

S.no.	Crop	Variety Name	Breeder's Name	Status
1	Maize	DAL-2271	Data Agro Limited	Finalized
2	Maize	YH-1898	Maize & Millets Research Institute, Sahiwal.	Under process
3	Maize	FH-1046	Maize & Millets Research Institute, Sahiwal.	Under process
4	Maize	Surkhaab	Corteva Agriscience	Finalized
5	Maize	YH-5569	Maize & Millets Research Institute, Sahiwal.	Under process
6	Maize	YH-5482	Maize & Millets Research Institute, Sahiwal.	Under process
7	Maize	YH-5427	Maize & Millets Research Institute, Sahiwal.	Under process
8	Maize	YH-5568	Maize & Millets Research Institute, Sahiwal.	Under process
9	Maize	Shahkaar	Corteva Agriscience	Finalized
10	Maize	Dk-6321	Bayer Pakistan Private Limited, Karachi.	Finalized
11	Maize	Dk-7024	Bayer Pakistan Private Limited, Karachi.	Finalized
12	Maize	Dk-8022	Bayer Pakistan Private Limited, Karachi.	Finalized
13	Maize	Dk-8148	Bayer Pakistan Private Limited, Karachi.	Finalized
14	Maize	8104	Rawal Seed Corporation, Sadiqabad	Under process
15	Maize	9067	Rawal Seed Corporation, Sadiqabad	Under process
16	Maize	MSCPL-48	Rawal Seed Corporation, Sadiqabad	Under process
17	Maize	MSCPL-117	Rawal Seed Corporation, Sadiqabad	Under process
18	Maize	PHSC-226	Rawal Seed Corporation, Sadiqabad	Under process
19	Maize	PHSC-12	Rawal Seed Corporation, Sadiqabad	Under process
20	Maize	PB-ProA-2017	University of Agriculture, Faisalabad	Finalized
21	Maize	SB-319	Kissan Seed Corporation's Research Farm, Sahiwal	Finalized
22	Maize	CS-230	Petal Seed Company, Mardan, KPK	Under process
23	Maize	NK-7468	Syngenta Crop, Lahore, Pakistan	Finalized
24	Maize	SB-1189	Kissan Seed Corporation's Research Farm, Sahiwal	Under process
25	Maize	SB-111	Kissan Seed Corporation's Research Farm, Sahiwal	Under process
26	Maize	SB-9333	Kissan Seed Corporation's Research Farm, Sahiwal	Under process
27	Cotton	Eagle-2	Four Brother Group Pakistan	Under process
28	Cotton	Tarzan-3	Four Brother Group Pakistan	Parked
29	Cotton	Haft-3	Four Brother Group Pakistan	Under process
30	Cotton	Badar-1	Four Brother Group Pakistan	Under process
31	Cotton	Tarzan-1	Four Brother Group Pakistan	Parked
32	Cotton	ICI-2424	ICI Pakistan Limited	Under process
33	Cotton	CKC-03	CEMB, Lahore	Under process
34	Cotton	CKC-01	CEMB, Lahore	Under process
35	Cotton	Tara-CKC-333	Tara Sciences Private Limited	Under process

36	Cotton	Tara-CKC-11-222	Tara Sciences Private Limited	Under process
37	Cotton	MNH-1016	Cotton Research Institute, Multan.	Parked
38	Cotton	MNH-1020	Cotton Research Institute, Multan.	Parked
39	Cotton	MNH-1026	Cotton Research Institute, Multan.	Parked
40	Cotton	MNH-1035	Cotton Research Institute, Multan.	Parked
41	Cotton	FH-Super Cotton-2017	Cotton Research Station,(AARI) Faisalabad.	Parked
42	Cotton	FH-152	Cotton Research Station,(AARI) Faisalabad.	Parked
43	Cotton	FH-490	Cotton Research Station,(AARI) Faisalabad.	Parked
44	Cotton	CKC-06	CEMB,Lahore	Under process
45	Potato	Sunred	Bari Traders	Parked
46	Potato	Allision	Bari Traders	Parked
47	Potato	Russet	Bari Traders	Under process
48	Potato	Sababa	Bari Traders	Under process
49	Potato	Sound	Bhatti Brothers	Parked
50	Potato	Musica	Bhatti Brothers	Parked
51	Potato	Lady Claire	Bhatti Brothers	Parked
52	Potato	Lady Rosetta	Bhatti Brothers	Parked
53	Potato	Lady Jane	Bhatti Brothers	Parked
54	Potato	Lady Olympia	Bhatti Brothers	Parked
55	Potato	Lady Alicia	Bhatti Brothers	Parked
56	Wheat	Bhakkar Star	Arid Zone Research Institute, Bhakkar.	Finalized
57	Wheat	NARC Super	PARC-NARC	Finalized
58	Wheat	Marzak-2019	PARC-NARC	Parked
59	Wheat	Taskeen-2022	Cereal Crops Research Institute, Nowshera.	Under process
60	Wheat	Abaseen-2021	Cereal Crops Research Institute, Nowshera.	Under process
61	Wheat	Pirsabak-2021	Cereal Crops Research Institute, Nowshera.	Under process
62	Wheat	Zarghoon-2021	Cereal Crops Research Institute, Nowshera.	Under process
63	Wheat	Arooj-22	Wheat Research Institute, Faisalabad	Under process
64	Wheat	Akbar-19	Wheat Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Under process
65	Sunflower	Orisun-516	Oilseeds Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Finalized
66	Sunflower	Orisun-648	Oilseeds Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Finalized
67	Sunflower	Orisun-675	Oilseeds Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Finalized
68	Sunflower	Orisun-701	Oilseeds Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Finalized
69	Sunflower	Orisun-741	Oilseeds Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Under process
70	Sunflower	Orisun-751	Oilseeds Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Under process
71	Canola	Super Canola	Oilseeds Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Finalized
72	Canola	Sandal Canola	Oilseeds Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Finalized
73	Canola	Rachna Canola	Oilseeds Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Finalized
74	Canola	TM Canola	Oilseeds Research Institute, Faisalabad.	Under process
75	Rice	Tara-786	Tara Sciences Private Limited	Parked
76	Rice	Al Khalid Rice	Soil Salinity Research Institute	Finalized
77	Millet	Shahansha F1	Green Gold Agri Seeds, Faisalabad	Under process

78	Millet	Hercules F1	Green Gold Agri Seeds, Faisalabad	Under process
79	Mungbean	NIAB Mung 2021	Nuclear Institute for Agriculture & Biology, (NAIB) Faisalabad	Under process
80	Mungbean	Abbas Mung	Nuclear Institute for Agriculture & Biology, (NAIB) Faisalabad	Under process
81	Banana	NIGAB-1	NARC	Finalized
82	Banana	NIGAB-2	NARC	Finalized
83	Ryegrass	Greencall 2ho	United Trademark & Patent Service	Under process
84	Ryegrass	Green Call	United Trademark & Patent Service	Under process
85	Wheat	Fakhar-e-Bhakkar	Arid Zone Research Institute, Bhakkar.	Under process
86	Mungbean	AZRI-Mung-2018	Arid Zone Research Institute, Bhakkar.	Under process
87	Mungbean	AZRI-Mung-2021	Arid Zone Research Institute, Bhakkar.	Under process
88	Mungbean	Jumbo Mung	Arid Zone Research Institute, Bhakkar.	Under process
89	Wheat	Nishan	Arid Zone Research Institute, Bhakkar.	Under process
90	Rice	UKMRC-9	Nomatech Sdn Bhd	Under process

*Finalised cases are subject to publication of Journal.

***Question No. 120 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 24/08/2023 at 12:20 PM) QID: 41196

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the number of rooms and standard rent in the FBISE Guest House, Islamabad indicating also the names, designations, duration of stay and charges paid by the officials who stayed there during the last three months?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: There is only one guest house in the premises of FBISE, H-8/4, Islamabad. The guest house is primarily meant for use of the official guests of the Board including visiting delegates, BoG Members, guests from sister educational boards of the country, guests from the affiliated schools and colleges of FBISE on payment of standard rent. Total number of rooms is 10, consisting of Ground and 1st floor. Standard rent is as under:

Details	Rate (Per Day)
Official Guest of the Board	Free
Officer/official of FBISE	800/-
Officer/officials' Relatives/Family	2000/-
Officer/officials of other departments	3000/-
Open Booking -	3500/-

Persons stay in the room according to the occupancy of the available room(s). Total rent of Rs. 235,400/- has been received during last three months from 28 occupants for said the period. List of occupants is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I

**NAMES OF THOSE PERSONS RESIDING IN THE GUEST HOUSE DURING
LAST THREE MONTHS**

S. No.	Name	Month	Year	Amount
1.	Dr Aqib	June	2023	2,000/-
2.	Mr Abdul Hadi	June	2023	6,000/-
3.	Mr Muhammad Shahid	June	2023	4,000/-
4.	Mr Kashif Raza Siyal	June	2023	12,000/-
5.	Mr Qaiser Alam	June	2023	12,000/-
6.	Dr Sajid Ahmed	June	2023	6,000/-
7.	Mrs Gulnaz	June	2023	8,000/-
8.	Mr Shahid Mehmood	June	2023	16,000/-
9.	Mr Shahid	June	2023	8,000/-
10.	Mr Muhammad Atif	June	2023	4,000/-
11.	Mr Qaiser Alam	July	2023	8,000/-
12.	Mrs Wajiha Qamar	July	2023	19,200/-
13.	Mr Talal Javed	July	2023	3,000/-
14.	Mr Ali Asghar Jamali	July	2023	4,000/-
15.	Mr Shahid Mehmood	July	2023	8,000/-
16.	Mr Mumtaz Ali Khan	July	2023	1,600/-
17.	Mr Shahid Mehmood	July	2023	4,000/-
18.	Mr Khuram Masoud	July	2023	18,000/-
19.	Mr Usman	August	2023	3,000/-
20.	Dr Moez	August	2023	3,000/-
21.	Mr Shahid	August	2023	18,000/-
22.	Mr Qaiser Alam	August	2023	9,600/-
23.	Mr Anus Rehman Shah	August	2023	24,000/-
24.	Mr Shahid	August	2023	4,000/-
25.	Dr Sajid	August	2023	2,000/-
26.	Mr Muhammad Amir	August	2023	2,000/-
27.	Mr Tariq Mehmood	August	2023	24,000/-
28.	Mr Abdul Khaliq	August	2023	2,000/-

***Question No. 121 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 24/08/2023 at 12:21 PM) QID: 41164

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of audit paras made by the audit teams against the expenditures made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its Missions Abroad during the last three years indicating also the amount involved, recovered, officers found involved in negligence and action taken against them in each case?

Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani: Total 96 Audit Paras from Audit Reports for the year 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 on the accounts of Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been considered by the Public Accounts Committee. Out of these 96 Audit Paras, 19 have been settled and work continues for the settlement of remaining paras. The amount pointed out by Audit is Rs. 13,962.478/- Million, out of which Rs. 723.58 Million is recoverable. So far, PKR 163.194 Million has already been recovered. Where there is evidence of irregularity or negligence, the Ministry proceeds against such individual as required under the relevant rules and regulations.

***Question No. 122 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 25/08/2023 at 9:27 AM) QID: 41301

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state whether the Government has evolved any mechanism to monitor the working of the private universities at present in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: Yes, HEC has evolved a detailed Quality Assurance framework to monitor the working of both public and private sector Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). This framework includes
i. Pakistan Precepts, Standards & Guidelines for Quality Assurance
ii. Internal quality assurance process
iii. External quality assurance process
iv. Quality Assurance of Accreditation Councils. The external quality assurance process is undertaken by the HEC based on the following 11 standards:

Standard 1: Mission Statement and Goals

Standard 2: Planning and Evaluation

Standard 3: Organization and Governance

Standard 4: Integrity

Standard 5: Faculty

Standard 6: Students

Standard 7: Institutional Resources

Standard 8: Academic Programmes and Curricula

Standard 9: Public Disclosure and Transparency

Standard 10: Assessment & Quality Assurance

Standard 11: Student Support Service

Internal Quality Assurance (IQA): This aspect involves the establishment of Quality Enhancement Cells (QECs) within all universities, both public and private. These QECs work internally to assess and enhance the quality of education within their respective institutions. They conduct regular reviews, evaluations, and assessments to ensure that academic programs meet defined quality standards.

***Question No. 124 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**
(Notice Received on 25/08/2023 at 2:38 PM) QID: 41530

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the names of persons who served as Presidents of Pakistan Hockey Federation since 2004 indicating also the educational qualifications, experience, skills and services in sport of each of them?

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination: As per available record following Presidents served at PHF since 2004 till to date and rest details/information desired by Ministry of IPC regarding Educational qualifications, experience skills and Services in sports collected from website are as under:-

S.#	Name of Presidents	Duration
01	Mr. Zafarullah Khan Jamali	23.09.2002 to 14.10.2008
02	Mr. Qasim Zia	15.10.2008 to 24.11.2013
03	Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary	25.11.2013 to 20.08.2015
04	Brig. (Retd) Muhamamd Khalid Sajjad Khokhar	27.08.2015 to 15.08.2023 (Suspended by PSB/Govt.)

1. **Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali**

Ex-Prime Minister of Pakistan, he got Master Degree in History from Government College, Lahore.

2. **Mr. Qasim Zia**

He is an Olympic Gold Medalist in the field Hockey and remained Member of Pakistan National Hockey Team during 1980-87; he served as President, Pakistan Hockey Federation.

3. **Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary**

A world-renowned hockey Olympian beside being an eminent educationist. He graduated from Government College Lahore. He retired from active hockey after winning Hockey World Cup, at Bombay in 1982. He remains active in hockey by coaching or training young players in Pakistan with the primary intention of promoting Pakistani hockey. He was awarded Pride of Performance, the highest civil award by the Pakistani Government, in recognition of his contributions to Pakistani hockey.

4. **Brig. (Retd) Muhammad Khalid Sajjad Khokhar**

He has been awarded Sitara-e-Imtiaz (Military)

***Question No. 125 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 28/08/2023 at 10:16 AM) QID: 41165

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination be pleased to state whether any mechanism has been devised by the Government for checking the quality of medicines being provided to the patients under T.B Control Program in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons thereof?

Dr. Nadeem Jan: National TB Control Program (NTP) is working under the Common Management Unit, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination.

The government has devised the following mechanism for checking the quality of medicines being provided to the patients under TB control Program in the country.

1. All anti TB medicines are being procured by NTP Pakistan through the Global Drug Facility from WHO Prequalified sources with Pre-Shipment Inspection done by the international agents.
2. The anti TB medicines to TB patients are provided through the Global Fund support. According to Global Fund's Quality Assurance (QA) Policy for Pharmaceutical Products, the country ensures that random samples of Finished Pharmaceutical Products (FPPs) are obtained at different points in the supply chain from initial receipt of the FPPs in country to delivery to end-users/patients – for the purpose of monitoring and the quality of such FPPs (including quality control testing).
3. Third Party Analysis is conducted once shipment is delivered.
4. NTP provides the Certificate of Analysis and other relevant documents to DRAP for NOC issuance.
5. NOC from DRAP is mandatory to provide the Certificate of Analysis of the drug/ product before the delivery of shipment to the Warehouse.

6. The Drug Quality Control Testing Laboratories, functional under the Provincial Administrative Control ensures that random samples of Finished Pharmaceutical Products (FPPs) are obtained for the purpose of monitoring and the quality of such FPPs (including quality control testing) from Provincial Warehouses.
7. Federal drug inspectors also have quality check visits in CMU Central Warehouse and collect random samples to ensure the monitoring and quality of FPP.

***Question No. 126 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 28/08/2023 at 10:17 AM) QID: 40843

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state whether the Higher Education commission has granted M. Phil equivalence to MS Degree in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: In terms of the National Qualification Framework (NQF), a mechanism for classification of the qualifications based on the learning outcomes i.e., skill, competence, and knowledge, both MS and M.Phil are level 7 qualifications and equal in terms of level of education. The equivalence of MS/M.Phil degree is granted on individual basis as per online process available at HEC URL.

<https://www.hec.gov.pk/English/Services/students/DES/Pages/IntroductionObjectives.aspx>

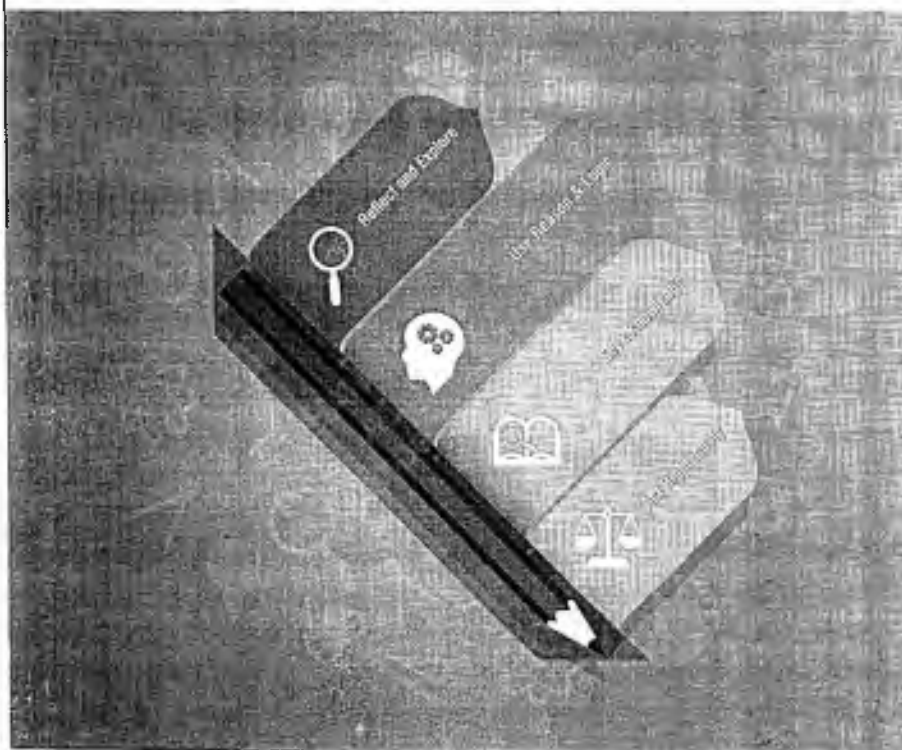
Details are attached at Annex-I.

Annex-I

Higher Education Commission (HEC) has developed a National Qualifications Framework (NQF) which provides clearly defined levels of knowledge, skills, and competencies to be acquired by each graduate that are easy to comprehend by students, employers, and human resource development policy makers. As per NQF, the MPhil and MS are both level 7 qualifications (extract from NQF is attached as **Annex-A**), those are equivalent in terms of academic requirements and universities (both public & private) are at liberty to offer either the MPhil or MS degree program as per approval of their statutory bodies and after seeking upfront NOC from HEC. Likewise, for the purpose of provision of allowance to the employees having MPhil or MS degree, HEC had already issued clarification in 2017 (HEC's letter dated 23rd May, 2017 is attached as **Annex-B**).



National Qualifications Framework of Pakistan 2015





National Qualifications Framework of Pakistan 2015

Levels and Programme Titles

The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications of Pakistan is developed and published by Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. It describes the levels of achievements and features of higher education qualifications. It covers academic qualifications from Level 5 to Level 8.

The NQF has eight levels that are based on the generic nomenclature used for the qualifications in the country. A qualification must be assigned to one of the eight levels. The Framework does not describe qualifications at the same level as being equal and qualifications at the same level are not interchangeable, however, they are at a comparable level in terms of knowledge, skills or competence required to be demonstrably completed.

Table 2: Programmes by Levels and Credit Hours Requirements (New System)

Levels	Award Type	Award Example	Semesters	Technical/Vocational
Higher Education Levels	8	Doctoral	PhD	38 Ctr Hrs course work and dissertation evaluated by at least two PhD experts from technologically/academically advanced countries in addition to one local expert and doctoral Committee members
	7	Master's	MA/ M.Phil./MIS/MBA, M.Sc. (Eng), M.E, M.Tech	Minimum 30 Credit Hours with them or without them
	6	Bachelor (Hons)	BA, BS, B.E, B.Arch, BSc (Eng), BSc (Agri), B.Tech (Hons) MA (25% 16 year), LLB, B.Com (Hons), M.B.S, D.T.M, B.D.S, Pharm.D	5-10 semesters/120-140+ Credit Hours
	5	Associate Degree Ordinary Bachelor	BA/BSc (Part), B.Tech (Part), Associate Degrees etc	4-6 semesters/50+ Credit Hours
Higher Secondary Education	4	Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC)	F.A, F.Sc, ICS, I.Com, DBA, D.Com etc	A Level
Secondary Education Level	3	Secondary School Certificate (SSC)	Matriculation	O Level
Basic/Elementary Education Level	2	Middle (3 Years)		
	1	Primary (1-5 Years) Pre-Primary (1-2 Years)		



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Ref: 1-1 (NQF)/QAD/2017/HEC/ 49-/
Date: May 23, 2017

Subject: Grant of MPhil Allowance @ Rs. 2500/- Per Month

- Reference to F.No.3(6)Imp/2016-Vol-II-4 dated January 04, 2017 on subject cited above.
- Under the provision of Section 10 clause 1(o) of HEC's Ordinance No. LIII, dated 11.09.2002, the Quality Assurance Division of HEC has devised the Admission and Award of Degree Criteria for MS/MPhil/PhD/Equivalent Programs. As per HEC approved criteria (enclosed), there is no difference between MS and MPhil degrees except nomenclature. As such, there are two types of MS/MPhil Degrees that are mentioned below:
 - MS/MPhil by Course Work (30 credit hours)
 - MS/MPhil by Thesis (24 credit hours course work + 06 credit hours thesis)
- It is further added that in some cases, nomenclature was changed from MPhil to MS after the introduction of BS and MS programs by HEC. As such following types of degrees are awarded as equivalent to 18 years of schooling:

Sl#	Degree Title	Description
i	a. MPhil Degree (with thesis) b. MS Degree (with thesis)	Both are equal degrees, awarded after 24 credit hours course work + 06 credit hours thesis. There is no difference except nomenclature.
ii	a. MPhil Degree by Course Work b. MS Degree by Course Work	Both are equal degrees, awarded after 30 credit hours course work. There is no difference except nomenclature.
iii	Equivalent degrees of Other disciplines like Engineering, Agriculture, Law, MBA, etc.	In these disciplines, degrees are not awarded with MS/ MPhil Title while these degrees are equated to 18 years of schooling.

- According to above referred Office Memorandum of Govt. of Pakistan, Finance Division, the MPhil allowance is granted to those only who acquire/possess the degree of MPhil recognized by the HEC. However, in view of the above mentioned clarification, all those who have MPhil or MS degrees (18 years schooling) should be eligible to draw the allowance @ Rs. 2500/- per month.
- Forwarded for your favorable consideration, please.

With kind regards,

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***Question No. 127 Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:**
(Notice Received on 29/08/2023 at 10:58 AM) QID: 41542

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether HEC has taken any notice of the fact that some universities including Iqra University Islamabad has enrolled hundreds of students in PhD Physical Therapy Programme without the approval of the Commission, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether any application from any university or institution for approval of the said programme is pending in HEC, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the measures taken by it in this regard so far?*

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) Iqra University, Karachi is chartered by the Government of Sindh. It has two recognized campuses at Islamabad (one at H-9 and the second one at Chack Shehzad). Recently, HEC has issued NOC to the University for its Chack Shehzad campus, Islamabad to offer Allied Health Sciences Courses including Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT which is a bachelor's degree) (**Annex-I**). As per FIEC's policy/regulations (enforced since November 07, 2023), the universities (both public & private) are required to seek upfront NOC from HEC to start any MS/MPhil/PhD degree program. Iqra university has never made any such request to HEC for issuance of NOC for PhD in Physical Therapy. However, it is clarified that since 2013 HEC has issued NOC of PhD Physical Therapy to Khyber Medical University, Peshawar only.

(b) So far, HEC has received only two applications, one from University of Karachi, Karachi and second one from University of Faisalabad, Faisalabad for issuance of NOC to commence PhD in Physical Therapy. After initial scrutiny, certain observations have been communicated to the concerned universities (**Annex-II & III**) to rectify those and resubmit.

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

***Question No. 131 Senator Dost Muhammad Khan:**

(Notice Received on 1/09/2023 at 10:51 AM) QID: 41566

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the details of workers welfare fund utilized for development during the last three years with province wise breakup and erst while FATA?

Mr. Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti: Details of **Rs. 4,088.643 million** utilized for development during last three years with Province wise breakup and erstwhile FATA is as under.

Rs. (In Million)

Provincial WWBs/ WWF	Amount Utilized			
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Total
Punjab	532.777	371.486	328.595	1,232.858
KPK	511.928	160.664	181.207	853.799
Balochistan	87.958	104.768	116.307	282.225
WWF	736.795	296.178	686.788	1,719.761
Grand Total:	1869.458	933.096	1312.897	4,088.64

2. The government merged Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). in 2018 through 25th Constitutional Amendment. It abolished the discriminatory status of FATA after 70 years and granted basic fundamental rights to the people. In pursuance, to the amalgamation of FATA region via 25th amendment to the constitution, the Federal Board of Revenue vide circular No. 13 of 2021 operations dated 26.03.2021 exempted income of any individual domiciled or company and Association of persons resident in the Tribal Areas forming part of the provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan w.e.f. 1st June, 2018 to 30th June, 2023.

3. After expiry of the exemption period, the Workers Welfare Fund and Workers Welfare Boards would be able to collect 2% WWF and

5% leftover amount of WPPF from Industries / Manufacturing Units established in former FATA.

4. However, the Governing Body in its 156th (held on 24.02.2023) in principle approved the following four (4) development projects for newly merged areas in FATA KPK:

1. *Establishment of 25-beds Hospitals at District Kurram.*
2. *Rescue Center with Ambulance at Orakzai.*
3. *Establishment of Vocational Training Centers at District Kurram, Bajaur, Mohmand, Waziristan.*

5. The allocation will accordingly be made by the DWP Committee upon approval of each scheme for consideration of Governing Body. The premise of block allocation amounting to Rs. 500 million was to launch new development schemes in merged areas of KP, erstwhile FATA, after due diligence and feasibility of schemes, furnished by KP, WWB.

*Question No. 132 **Senator Dost Muhammad Khan:**
(Notice Received on 1/09/2023 at 10:53 AM) QID: 41565

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the details of the expenditure incurred on the development of cricket in the country during last 10 years, with province wise break up including erstwhile FATA?

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination: Regrettably, there is no provision in PCB's accounting system to book expenses based on province. Therefore, all expenses are booked in relation to the respective Tournament / Activity and on financial year basis. The details of expenditure in different heads incurred on the development of cricket in the country during the last 10 years is attached as **Annex-A** and **Annex-B**.

Annexure 'A'

Pakistan Cricket Board

Details of Expenditure incurred on the development of cricket in the country during the last 10 years
From June 2013 to June 2022

Details	Jun-22	Jun-21	Jun-20	Jun-19	Jun-18	Jun-17	Jun-16	Jun-15	Jun-14	Jun-13
Players central contract fee	365,143,850	153,010,625	170,653,958	5,940,000	42,582,000	18,320,000	16,900,000	33,480,000	75,340,000	21,501,000
Players Development Program	307,021,312	103,025,218	140,238,531	168,799,690	377,547,978	73,638,626	35,827,845	32,282,013	25,417,628	27,613,727
Players match fee, allowances and incentives	284,496,860	243,070,700	180,658,100	172,003,762	248,770,825	138,237,300	74,723,095	75,199,258	63,223,501	65,654,750
Prize money	35,250,000	34,318,002	26,863,538	21,852,575	33,202,000	25,713,000	20,128,000	26,285,000	6,829,500	10,001,876
Players related other expenses	108,430,927	75,087,248	51,826,855	37,046,232	49,674,410	71,031,708	52,321,825	49,426,467	42,350,397	48,448,774
Traveling	124,144,213	59,890,893	49,384,331	35,567,959	27,302,914	45,052,264	31,699,941	30,678,967	25,432,006	29,273,876
Accommodation	440,506,223	320,481,941	813,239,107	94,095,394	79,462,348	121,559,842	78,265,769	58,854,962	46,940,352	48,052,502
Match and team official expenses	105,101,795	67,640,927	42,306,828	74,785,121	55,697,381	65,255,411	48,279,553	74,383,264	76,889,150	48,845,167
Grant for domestic tournaments	-	-	-	68,221,223	40,160,000	50,650,000	9,794,300	33,828,111	10,037,577	11,111,000
Fuel and power	9,771,389	11,096,599	6,631,100	12,386,358	16,945,996	36,053,542	32,702,110	14,654,797	2,473,131	-
Security expenses	25,368,484	6,294,945	5,238,179	10,267,919	7,070,748	9,494,789	8,280,085	4,806,872	10,022,007	-
Catering expenses	69,223,140	30,226,827	25,326,073	27,121,815	6,885,960	7,779,518	6,400,516	4,025,264	-	-
Committees expenses	2,358,629	1,040,861	1,485,261	5,150,782	5,922,061	10,445,439	6,566,727	4,638,262	-	-
Ground rent	11,893,960	4,119,020	2,355,360	2,668,500	2,403,098	3,573,010	2,841,020	3,078,925	-	2,507,859
Production cost	312,978,882	213,877,367	12,882,781	29,433,172	26,813,394	24,139,279	4,297,232	2,738,527	-	-
Marketing and advertisement	12,076,625	35,978,371	3,035,171	6,053,955	14,790,859	22,588,585	11,479,743	3,854,882	-	32,216,805
Others	10,395,967	9,689,490	13,166,688	10,154,851	9,834,843	5,431,246	3,147,323	4,525,420	1,104,879	931,239
Coaching expense	4,120,004	2,756,693	6,028,286	7,170,391	130,436	-	-	89,634	-	8,6252
Compasship courses	-	-	760,509	-	15,613,591	17,174,357	12,173,155	2,131,270	5,502,604	2,760,520
Committees expenses	5,402,357	3,729,689	4,032,424	21,272,819	750,720,651	735,040,746	437,906,039	464,177,425	423,155,808	358,374,201
Grants	2,035,152,687	1,746,665,396	864,892,657	794,632,435	750,720,651	735,040,746	437,906,039	464,177,425	423,155,808	358,374,201
Cricket grants to Districts / Clubs / Clubs	-	-	2,814,800	4,762,104	7,294,100	8,719,354	5,894,191	1,757,880	3,145,325	8,573,268
Grant for operations and domestic tournaments	5,995,765	5,605,258	8,283,368	56,284,932	62,717,541	67,257,851	52,342,560	51,002,803	53,165,264	61,136,929
Others	5,995,765	5,605,258	11,098,168	61,047,086	70,811,641	71,977,207	58,236,751	53,960,683	58,510,489	67,776,193
Total	2,041,131,452	1,403,705,684	856,090,725	855,079,411	821,032,292	808,037,953	496,232,750	517,539,258	481,644,097	426,641,391

Annexure 'B'**Pakistan Cricket Board****Detail of Infrastructure Development Expenditure
From June 2013 to June 2022**

Project Name	Grand Total
Bio-Lab -NCA	53,743,689
Gaddafi Stadium Boundary Wall	5,600,777
Gaddafi Stadium Far End Pavillion	399,906,528
Ghari Khuda Buksh Stadium	84,565,954
GSL-Players Dressing Rooms	61,525,473
Karachi Cricket Academy-NSK	145,194,612
Multan Cricket Academy	107,694,591
Multan Cricket Stadium (Boundary Wall)	48,100,684
National cricket Academy Boundary Wall	7,658,235
NSK-Floodlights	7,753,860
Rawalpindi -Far End	153,981,673
Rawalpindi -Main Building (upgradation)	129,583,033
Islamabad Cricket Stadium	61,287,105
National Stadium Karachi-Upgradation	769,354,727
Cricket House	270,924,925
Grand Total	2,306,875,866

***Question No. 133 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 1/09/2023 at 12:26 PM) QID: 41227

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that pharmaceutical companies have recently further increased the prices of life saving drugs, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Government has recently increased taxes and duties on drugs, if so, the steps being taken to control the prices of medicines?*

Reply Not Received.

***Question No. 134 Senator Dost Muhammad Khan:**
(Notice Received on 5/09/2023 at 12:26 PM) QID: 41582

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the details of doctors of Mental Health, Cancer and Cardiac departments in hospitals under the administrative control of the Federal Government during the last two years?

Dr. Nadeem Jan:

Pakistan Institute of Medical Science (PIMS)

There are eighteen (18) doctors working in Psychiatry (Mental Health), thirteen (13) in the Oncology (Cancer) department and thirty-nine in the Cardiac department of PIMS. The detail is at **Annex-I**.

Federal Government Polyclinic Hospital (Polyclinic)

There are twelve (12) doctors working in Cardiac Center, one (01) in Oncology and one in the Psychiatry (Mental Health) department of FGPC. The detail is at **Annex-II**.

National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM)

The National institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM) is a tertiary care Hospital for persons with disabilities for their long-term rehabilitation and treatment. There is one qualified Psychiatrist and six Psychologists providing mental health care to patients suffering from all types of Psychiatric disorders. The detail is attached at **Annex-III**.

As such no facility for **cancer and cardiac treatment** is available.

Shaikh Zayed Post Graduate Medical Institute, Lahore

There are three (03) doctors working in the Psychiatry /Mental Health department and six (06) doctors are working in the Cardiac department. The details are attached at **Annex-IV**.

The Cancer facility is not available in this hospital.

Federal General Hospital (FGH)

This subject matter relates to Tertiary Care Hospitals whereas, the Federal General Hospital is a secondary care referral hospital. However, FGH has a department of Medicine, where cardiac diseases are being treated.

Annex-I

The details of doctors working in Psychiatry, Cancer & Cardiac Centre of PIMS

Psychiatry (Mental Health Department)		
Sr. No.	Name of Post	Number of working
1	Professor	01
2	Assistant Professor	01
3	Medical Officer	03
4	Postgraduate Trainees	13
Total		18
Oncology / Cancer Department		
Sr. No.	Name of Post	Number of working
1	Professor	01
2	Senior Registrar	01
3	Medical Officer	03
4	Postgraduate Trainees	08
Total		13
Cardiac Department		
Sr. No.	Name of Post	Number of working
1	Professor	02
2	Associate Professor	03
3	Assistant Professor	02
4	Medical Officers	16
5	Postgraduate Residents (FCPS/MD/MS)	16
Total		39

(Annex-II)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLYCLINIC HOSPITAL (PGMH), ISLAMABAD.**Department of Cardiology: -**

Sr	Name of officer	Designation	Qualification	Working Since
01	Dr. Mamoon Qadir	Consulting Physician (Cardiology) BS-20	MCP, MRCPS, FRCP, BHRS	17-12-2019
02	Dr. Hamid Iqbal	Physician BS-19	MBBS FCPS	02-12-2019
03	Dr Maria Shahzad	Physician BS-19	MBBS MD	15-08-2022
04	Dr. Shagufta Zafar Qureshi	Physician BS-19	MBBS, MCPS	17-01-2017
05	Dr. Naveed Yaqoob Niazi	Associate Physician BS-19	MBBS, FCPS	24-02-2006
06	Dr. Fahad Khalid	Associate Physician BS-19	MBBS, FCPS	02-12-2022
07	Dr. Huma Abid	Medical Officer BS-18	MBBS	03-08-2009
08	Dr. Mussarat Jabeen	Medical Officer BS-18	MBBS	19-02-2011
09	Dr. Waqas Muhayuddin	Medical Officer BS-18	MBBS, FCPS	21-06-2021
10	Dr. Asma Zafar Khawaja	Medical Officer BS-18	MBBS	28-12-2021
11	Dr. Zara Khan	Medical Officer BS-18	MBBS	15-05-2018
12	Dr Abdul Wahab	Medical Officer BS-18	MBBS	17-04-2018

(Annex-II)**Department of Oncology (Cancer):-**

S.r	Name of officer	Designation	Qualification	Working Since
01	Dr. Muhammad Khashif Khan	Associate Surgeon (Surgery/oncology) BS-19	MBBS, FCPS (Surgery/oncology)	10-10-2019

Department of Psychiatry (Mental Health):-

S.r	Name of officer	Designation	Qualification	Working Since
01	Dr. Ibad-ul-Haq Medical Officer	Medical Officer BS-18	MBBS, FCPS (Psychiatry)	14-06-2021

Annex-III**The details of doctors of Mental Health during the last two years working in NIRM, Islamabad.**

Sr. #	Name of Doctor	Designation	Qualification	Working Since
1.	Dr. Aasma Kiyani	Psychiatrist (BS-18)	MBBS, FCPS (Psychiatry)	15-12-2021
2.	Ms. Gulshan Afroz	Psychologist (BS-17)	MSc. Applied Psychology	06-01-2006
3.	Ms. Irum Ambreen Kiani	Psychologist (BS-18)	MSc. Psychology	06-01-2006
4.	Ms. Rehana Noor	Psychologist (BS-17)	MSc Professional Psychology (Clinical Group), Post Magistral Diploma in Clinical Psychology, M.S Clinical Psychology, Ph.D Psychology	17-02-2006
5.	Ms. Farwa Ali	Psychologist (BS-17)	MSc. Applied (Psychology) MSc (Clinical Psychology)	29-02-2008
6.	Ms. Samina Waqar	Psychologist (BS-17)	Master of Behavioral Sciences M.Phil in Psychology	29-12-2005
7.	Ms. Bushra Ambreen	Psychiatrist (BS-18)	MSc. (Applied Psychology), M. Phil in Psychology, Advance Diploma in Clinical Psychology	22-12-2005

Annex-IV

The details of doctors working in Psychiatry (Mental Health) & Cardiac in Shaikh Zayed Post Graduate Medical Institute (SZPGMI) Hospital Lahore.

Psychiatry (Mental Health)				
Sr. #	Name of Doctor	Designation	Working Since	Qualification
1.	Prof. Dr. Abdul Shakoor (Rtd.)	Prof &HOD	02-12-2000 To 03.11-2022	MBBS, FCPS (Psychiatry)
2.	Dr. Naveed Abad	Asstt Professor	10-03-2017	MBBS, FCPS (Psychiatry)
3.	Dr. Tariq Attique	Medical Officer	28-01-2017	MBBS, MD (Medicine)
Cardiac Department:				
Sr. #	Name of Doctor	Designation	Working Since	Qualification
1.	Prof. Dr. Qazi Abdul Saboor	Prof &HOD	20-12-05	MBBS, FCPS (Cardiology)
2.	Dr. Aqeel Ahmad	Associate Professor	13-09-17	MBBS, MS (Cardiac Surgery)
3.	Dr. Qazi Muhammad Tufail	Assistant Professor	29-10-2010	MBBS, FCPS (Cardiology)
4.	Dr. Arz Muhammad	Sr. Registrar	11-05-16	MBBS, FCPS (Cardiology)
5.	Dr. Wasim Ibrahim	Sr. Registrar	01-02-2017	MBBS, FCPS (Cardiology)
6.	Dr. Waseem Rehman	Sr. Registrar	27-11-2006	MBBS, MS (Cardiac Surgery)
7.	Dr. Husnain Bashir	Medical Officer	04-12-2006	MBBS, FCPS-II (Cardiology)

*Question No. 135 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 5/09/2023 at 12:48 PM) QID: 41299

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority regulates and fixes the fee for private*

schools in Islamabad Capital Territory, if so, the maximum fee fixed for O and A levels; and

(b) the steps taken against those private schools found involved in violation of the said regulation during the last three years?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) In pursuance to Section 4(c) and 5(b) of ICT - PEIRA Act No. XI of 2013, ICT-PEIRA has been empowered to regulate and fix the fees of private schools of Islamabad.

The enabling Rules of Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Fee Determination) Rules, 2016 for fee fixation and determination i.e. Rule 36 and Rule 37 and mechanism defined as criteria and financial model as set out in Schedule-V and Fee increase proposal (FIP) are struck down by Honorable Islamabad High Court (IHC). In this regard, ICA has been filed and still not decided. The ICA is fixed for hearing on November 11, 2023.

In pursuance of Judgement of Honorable IHC *vide* Writ Petition No. 22/4/2019, ICT-PEIRA has formulated and issued Fee Determination Policy for PEIs in ICT, while seeking a benchmark guideline from Judgements of August Supreme Court of Pakistan and Honorable Islamabad High Court (**Annex-A**).

However, the said policy has also been challenged by private schools in the Honorable Islamabad High Court and the matter is subjudice with the directions that no coercive measure shall be adopted, in pursuant to the policy impugned.

Dues charged by private schools of Islamabad for O and A level are under Rules of ICT-PEIRA to the extent of tuition fee only. Furthermore, Registration, Examination and Logistic Cost/ fees for O and A level is linked with the concerned Foreign Examining Bodies in accordance with currency rate fluctuations and directly charged by concerned foreign examining body which does not come under the purview of ICT-PEIRA.

(b) The complaint cell has been established in ICT-PEIRA and working pro-actively 24/7 to resolve the issues/ complaints raised by the students / teachers / parents / guardians of Islamabad Capital Territory.

Complaints regarding fee increase more than 5% annually are dealt/redressed according to above mentioned Fee Determination Policy and being resolved accordingly.

Annexure-A

Preamble

The fee determination of Private Sector Schools has been a longstanding issue between the regulators and private schools across Pakistan. The regulators have been in the state of dilemma when the public demands for regulation of fees in private schooling, whereas, the private schools (which are being run under private limited companies etc.) see such move as a threat to the essence of a private enterprise. However, maintenance of a balance was crucial for designing a regulatory framework, by employing a realistic and flexible approach. Recently, the Supreme Court of Pakistan and Islamabad High Court also issued guiding principles for fee-determination by the regulators, while protecting the rights of private enterprises, entrusted under Article 18 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Whereas, keeping in view the extent of litigations by the private sector schools and in order to address their valid concerns while keeping the spirit of a privately owned setup, PEIRA affirmed its commitment to develop a consensus in order to establish policy-ownership by PEIs, through engaging with all stakeholders (including representatives of PEIs and parents/ students) in the policy-making process, for which high-level consultative meetings were also held

Therefore, the "Policy Guidelines for Fee-Determination of PEIs" in Islamabad Capital Territory have been devised while maintaining a balance, keeping in account the *quality of education and other facilities being offered by school* with a reasonable return over the referred expenses.

Fee-Determination Policy for PEIs in ICT

1. Background & Mandate

The Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority- PEIRA is mandated (through the *Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013* of the Parliament) to regulate fee of private educational institutions- PEIs. In purview of Section 4 (c) and Section 5 (a), (b) of the Act, PEIRA is mandated to regulate fee charged by PEIs (up to higher secondary level or equivalent) operating in Islamabad Capital Territory- ICT.

The function of fee determination requires to be performed according to regulatory provisions and judgements passed by the Honorable Courts of Law in different petitions, to develop a rationalized and comprehensive fee-determination policy.

Accordingly, in view of the concerns frequently raised by stakeholders including parents, schools' owners and students at various forums, all stakeholders were involved in the process of developing a transparent and quality-oriented fee-determination policy. These "Policy Guidelines for Fee-Determination of PEIs in ICT" are developed in order to make the fee-determination process based on rationality and transparency, which may also be adopted by provincial set-ups as "good practices" in the national context.

3. Principles for Fee-Determination in context of Judicial Verdicts

The issue of high fee charges has been raised by public at large and discussed extensively in various Courts of Law. Previously, the Supreme Court of Pakistan- SC (in year 2018) took up the matter and issued the order for fee-determination by the regulators¹. In pursuance to this, PEIRA issued notices/ directives to PEIs for fee-determination which were challenged in Islamabad High Court- (IHC) by various private schools' associations, based on the question of pertinence of SC's decision with private schools operating in ICT.

3.1. Misconception in ICT about Supreme Court's 2019 Judgement on Fee Determination

The Honorable Islamabad High Court (IHC), disposed-off the petitions² while referring to the SC's afore-stated decision as: -

"Judgement pertains to fixation and regulation of fee with respect to private educational institutions of Punjab and Sindh and directions were made by the august Apex Court for regulation of fee in accordance with the Rules framed under the statute governing the Institutions", and that

"Since statutory provisions of Punjab and Sindh are different from the Islamabad Capital Territory, hence strict adherence to the guidelines and directions may not be practicable but as stated above guidance can be sought while regulating fee of private educational institutions in ICT".

¹ Ref. C.A No. 1095-1097 and 1021- 1026 of 2018- judgements dated June 12 and September 09 of the year 2019.

² Ref. W.P. No. 2274 of 2019- judgement dated February 28 of the year 2020.

F. 1-4/MoFE&PT/PEIRA/P&C/PD/2020/1092
 Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training (FE&PT)
 Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA)

Islamabad: August 06, 2021

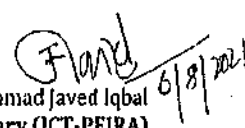
Subject: **Fee-Determination Policy for PEIs Operating in ICT**

This is with reference to the judgement of the Honorable Islamabad High Court (IHC) on W.P. No. 2274 of 2019 dated February 28, 2020, in pursuance to which ICT-PEIRA initiated the process for developing a transparent and comprehensive fee determination policy for PEIs- *private educational institutions* in ICT- *Islamabad Capital Territory*, in accordance with its mandate.

2. Keeping in view the background of fee-determination issue, previous litigations, parents' and school owners' valid concerns, ICT-PEIRA made efforts to devise a sustainable solution to the issue of fee-determination, based on rationality and transparency, through a participatory approach, wherein, all stakeholders including parents and PEIs' representatives were given due representation through various consultative sessions and meetings.

3. Therefore, in pursuance of functions and power enunciated under Section 4 (c) and Section 5 [1.] (a), (b) of the *Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013*, ICT-PEIRA is pleased to announce that after extensive revisions, the "Fee-Determination Policy for PEIs in ICT" has been approved, and, hereby notified for compliance by all private educational institutions (up to higher secondary level or equivalent) operating in Islamabad Capital Territory (e-copy of the Policy is also available at <https://peira.gov.pk/downloads-3/>).

4. This issues with approval of the Competent Authority, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 7 [2.] of the *Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013*. Failure to comply with the above-mentioned shall ensue initiation of appropriate action against the defaulter institution, as mandated under Section 16 and 19 of the *Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013*.


 Muhammad Javed Iqbal
 Secretary (ICT-PEIRA)

✓To

The Principal/ CEO/ Owner
 All Private Educational Institutions Operating in ICT

Copy (for information) to:

- i. PSO to the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training
- ii. P.S to the Secretary for Federal Education and Professional Training
- iii. P.S to the Additional Secretary for Federal Education and Professional Training
- iv. P.S to Chairperson (ICT-PEIRA)

4. Framework for Fee-Determination of PEIs

In due consideration of PEIs' increase in cost of running an educational setup (*owing to diminution in the value of rupee*), and any additional facilities made available at a specific campus, a PEI may charge and increase fees (annually), subject to compliance of provisions set by PEIRA.

4.1. Baseline Fee Structure

All PEIs shall charge fee as per the rates which were being charged during the Academic Session 2016-17, as per record and other documentary evidence.

4.2. Provisions for (Annual) Increase in Fee

A PEI operating in ICT may increase fee (on annual basis only) while ensuring that the increase in rates of fee charged shall not exceed five percent, per annum (from the year 2017 and onwards).

4.3. Provisions for Beyond Five Percent (Annual) Increase

Any institution demanding more than five percent annual increase shall be required to establish a case, based on rationality and keeping in view the extra-ordinary/ additional *facilities available* and the *quality of education* in a PEI. However, the beyond five percent increase in fee shall range from six to eight percent (on annual basis).

4.4. PEIs' Obligations to Ensure Transparency in all Financial Matters

The charge of fee is considered to be based on an agreement between a PEI's management and the student/ guardian. Therefore, a PEI shall be bound to duly declare all fee structure, school's internal policy (if any), and other charges to parents/ guardians prior to granting admission and to maintain transparency in sharing of fee structure including monthly fee, tuition fee, annual charges, development charges or any other charges. These charges shall be clearly communicated so that the parents/ guardians and students can make an Informed Decision to seek admission in appropriate institution as per their educational needs and affordability. Accordingly:-

- a. The annual increase in fee (ranging from one to five percent) must be done under intimation to PEIRA and extra-ordinary annual increase in fee shall be subject to prior permission of PEIRA.
- b. There shall be no increase in fees at any level, during an ongoing academic session. Whereas, the PEIs shall charge fees on monthly basis only. In case of late fee submission, the school may waive-off late fee charges (fine), however, the imposition of fine shall be as follows:-
 - i. in case of fee due in 30 days' bracket, the fine shall not exceed 5 percent of the actual fee.
 - ii. In case of fee due in 60 days' bracket, the fine shall not exceed 10 percent of the actual fee.
 - iii. Whereas, in case of fee due for 60 days or more, the cases shall be dealt correspondingly.

4.4.2. Prohibition on Provision of Uniform, Textbooks and other Stationery Items etc. through Specific Vendors

The establishment of private sector enterprises is based on the essence of competition. However, the practice of compelling students to buy school items from specific vendors/ shops is tantamount to profiteering by private schools, which results in socio-economic imbalances across the society (burdening parents and adversely affecting market forces i.e. independent uniform/ booksellers etc.). Therefore, following shall be obligatory for PEIs in ICT:-

- a. No PEI is authorized to compel parents/ students to purchase uniform, textbooks and other stationery items etc. from specific vendors (including supplies from schools' shops).
- b. Notebooks with printed logos and embroidered/ stitched/ printed uniform badges shall be strictly prohibited. However, school branding (logo) shall only be done through pin badges and stickers etc. for notebooks (if required).

*Question No. 138 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice Received on 8/09/2023 at 11:40 AM) QID: 40774

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the achievements and performance of Institute of Strategic Studies during the last 3 years?

Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani: Established in 1973, the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), is an autonomous, non-profit research and analyses organization affiliated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The purpose of the Institute is to foster dialogue, understanding and collaboration amongst scholars, policy-makers and other stakeholders. During the last three years i.e., 2020-23, the ISSI registered a quantitative surge and qualitative improvement in all three streams of its work research, discourse and policy inputs to the government. In terms of policy discourse the Institute organized **581** events during 2020-2023, which

includes 5 Conferences, 21 Seminars, 24 Public Talks, 82 Webinars/Web Talks/Web Celebrations, 34 Roundtables, 60 Online Panel Discussions, 100 In-House Meetings; 29 Book Launch/Report Lunch, 6 Tuesday Dialogue, 4 Think Tanks Meetings,, 12 Bilateral Dialogue, 5 Centre Inaugurations, 13 Advisory Board/ Review meeting, 24 MoU, 3 Monday Retreats, 32 Visits, 4 Workshops, 3 Thought Leaders Forum, 6 Grand National Dialogue, 3 Islamabad Security Dialogue, and 65 informal discussions.

2. From 2020 to date, the ISSI has published 11 journals including 60 articles. Besides Strategic Studies, the Institute has published over 407 issue Briefs, periodically published 14 additions of Pivot Magazine, 7 Books, 5 Islamabad papers and 8 Special Report. All of which are available at ISSI's website at www.issi.org.pk.

3. During the period under review, the ISSI signed 25 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with over 40 institutes and think tanks in 25 countries. Under these. MoUs, the Institute held bilateral dialogues, hosted scholars from partner institutes and organized joint seminars and conferences with them. These arrangements facilitated research visits of the Institute's research faculty to foreign institutions.

4. The ISSI provides inputs to MoFA and other Govt depts through formal and informal. ways consisting of policy/issue briefs, takeaways of conferences/ Dialogues and also when sought by MoFA on specific issues. The Institute also shares its inputs with Parliamentary Committees when sought by these including those relating to foreign affairs.

***Question No. 139 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 12/09/2023 at 9:19 AM) QID: 41149

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistanis citizens working in foreign countries particularly in Saudi Arabia are facing problems despite having legal documents and iqamas, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to help and facilitate them?

Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani: Saudi Arabia is home to around 2.5 million Pakistanis. The problems faced by our diaspora, related to documentation, can be divided into three categories.

- i. Those who have expired iqamas (resident permits) and have never renewed them for years due to non-payment of government fees; but are still working and have become illegal. Whenever they are arrested by authorities, they are immediately deported back home.
- ii. Those who have valid legal documents (iqamas) but work independently of their sponsors (Kafeel) and work somewhere else (commonly known as Azad Visas). They are also arrested and sent back home. As per laws in Saudi Arabia, it is strictly prohibited to work outside the sponsor and other than the profession mentioned on Residency Permit (iqama).
- iii. Those workers who travel to Saudi Arabia on work visa, but their employers fail to provide work to them. In such cases, effort is made to get them employed at other places. Still if they fail to get work, assistance is provided to them to have final exit. It is worth mentioning that in 2022, half a million Pakistanis, came to Saudi Arabia for employment. However, very few of them faced job related problems.

Steps taken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for facilitation.

- (a) The Officers/Officials of the Embassy/Consulate remain available round the clock to provide assistance to Pakistanis' facing these problems. Three (03) Community Welfare Attaches each have been posted at both our Missions in KSA i.e. Riyadh and Jeddah. A helpline exists in the Embassy of Pakistan Riyadh and Consulate General in Jeddah; and any Pakistani who needs help in any matter is immediately responded to and all possible efforts are made to resolve issues in coordination with concerned local authorities. Besides helpline, official emails addresses have also been widely circulated among our diaspora.
- (b) Issue regarding Azad visa has been raised with the Saudi side. Azad visa is where worker holds Kafala of one employer but works independently or with another employer.

Steps taken by Saudi Authorities:

The local authorities have imposed fines on Iqama transfers. Moreover, Saudi authorities have introduced professional tests for the transfer of sponsorship/profession.

***Question No. 141 Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 13/09/2023 at 9:15 AM) QID: 38790

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of students who were granted scholarships for education abroad during the last three years with province-wise break-up indicating also the number of students hailing from Sindh (Urban) and Sindh (Rural); and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for selection of these students indicating also the percentage of quota fixed for each province for the said scholarships?*

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) A total of **1115** students have been granted overseas scholarships for higher education during the last three years. The year and province-wise break-up is as under:

Province	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Total
Punjab	101	269	264	634
Sindh (Urban)	6	18	21	45
Sindh (Rural)	6	25	32	63
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	31	91	69	191
Balochistan	14	40	28	82
Islamabad Capital Territory	6	15	9	30
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	2	8	21	31
Gilgit Baltistan	4	9	6	19
Ex-FATA	2	10	8	20
Grand Total	172	485	458	1115

(b) A generalized procedure (may vary slightly from project to project is being adopted for selection of the students on various scholarship schemes/projects) is as follows:

General Criteria for award of Foreign Scholarships

- i. Applicant should be a Pakistani/Azad Kashmir national.
- ii. BS/BE/master's or equivalent to 16 years of education in relevant field of studies (for MS/MPhil level).
- iii. MS/MPhil/ME or equivalent to 18 years of education in relevant field of studies (for PhD level).
- iv. Applicants must have a minimum CGPA 3.0 out of 4.0 in semester system or first division (in the annual system) in BS/BE/Masters/equivalent for MS. scholarships and MS/MPhil/ME/Equivalent degree for PhD Scholarships.
- v. Maximum one-second division throughout the academic career prior to the final degree.
- vi. Maximum age on the time of advertisement:
 - (a) 40 years for full-time regular Faculty Members of Public Sector Universities/Colleges or employees of the Public Sector organization.
 - (b) 35 years for all others.
- vii. Must not be availing any other HEC's scholarship.
- viii. Employees of any Public Sector University/organization need to submit a NOC to apply for the scholarship from his/her organization.

Scholarships are awarded based on the prevailing federal Govt. quota policy as mentioned below:

Quota	Percentage
Merit	7.5
Punjab	50
Sindh (R)	11.4
Sindh (U)	7.6
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	11.5
Balochistan	6
FATA	3
GB	1
AJK	2
Total	100

It is essential to mention that few scholarship projects (for e.g., Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan Scholarships, Law Graduates Scholarships Programme for Balochistan) are designed to cater a specified province and are only awarded to the successful candidates, belonging to that particular province.

***Question No. 144 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**
(Notice Received on 15/09/2023 at 9:54 AM) QID: 41638

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of measures taken by the Government during the last one year in order to enhance and strengthen Pak-Iran relations in areas of counter terrorism, trade, economy, tourism and energy sectors?

Mr. Jalil Abbas Jillani: Pakistan and Iran enjoy brotherly relations based on historical, cultural, and religious commonalities.

Regular high-level exchanges are the hallmark of bilateral relations. The Prime Minister held a meeting with President Raisi on the sidelines of the 78th UNGA Session in New York in September 2023. Foreign Minister held meeting with the First Vice President of Iran on the sidelines of SCO CHG meeting in October 2023.

An overview of the broad contours of Pakistan-Iran relationship and steps taken by Government of Pakistan as follows:

Trade and Commerce:

Pakistan-Iran bilateral trade in year 2022 was 2.33 billion USD. Pakistan's export to Iran were 842 million USD while Pakistan's imports from Iran were 1.48 billion USD. Both countries remain committed to achieve the target of 5 billion USD bilateral trade in next five years.

The 21st Pakistan-Iran Joint Economic Cooperation Commission was held in Islamabad in August 2022. Both sides agreed to achieve the trade target of at least US \$ 4 billion in barter trade, and of US \$ 5 billion in bilateral trade.

The 9th Joint Border Trade Committee meeting was also held in May 2022 to regularize border-trade related matters, including building of requisite infrastructure on border gates to facilitate movement of trucks and goods.

Iran removed ban on imports of all items from Pakistan under the Pakistan-Iran PTA in December 2022.

The landmark Five-Year Strategic Trade Agreement (2023-2028) was signed during the visit of Iranian Foreign Minister to Islamabad on 03 August 2023. The Agreement provides a framework to achieve the target of 5 billion USD bilateral trade in next five years.

Important institutional mechanisms including 3rd Joint Investment Committee (JIC) and 3rd Joint Banking Committee (JBC) held their regular sessions in August 2023. The Minutes of the 3rd JIC were signed during the visit of Iranian Foreign Minister to Islamabad on 03 August 2023.

Both sides undertook initiatives aimed at uplifting economic well-being of the people living in the border areas as well as curbing illegal movement of people and goods across the border. Former Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Iranian President Raisi jointly inaugurated Mand-Pishin Border Marketplace on 18 May 2023. It was the first formal inauguration of one of the six border marketplaces to be established. Work is underway on the border markets of Gabd-Reemdan and Chigdi-Kuhak.

Tourism:

Pakistan and Iran remain committed to promote people-to-people exchanges between the two countries. In order to facilitate tourism

exchanges, Pakistan has opened new four border crossing points at New Mandi, Kulki, Talab and Kapkapor in September 2023.

In order to promote tourism and people-to-people exchanges, Pakistan and Iran are working to initiate new flight destinations between the two neighboring countries. In this regard, 4th meeting of Technical Committee on Aviation was held on 04 September 2023. The Cultural Exchange Programme for Culture, Art and Tourism is under consideration. Likewise, proposal like ferry operations between Pakistan and Iran is also under-consideration to promote tourism cooperation between the two countries.

Counter Terrorism/Border Security:

Pakistan and Iran have robust institutional mechanisms for promoting cooperation in the field of counter-terrorism and border security. 24th Pak-Iran Joint Border Commission meeting took place in Zahidan, Iran in November 2022. Both sides deliberated upon ways to improve and enhance border management and security. 10th Special Security Committee (SSC) meeting was held in Islamabad in June 2023. Both sides held in-depth discussions on border security and counter terrorism. 6th Joint Consular Commission (JCC) was held in Tehran in July 2023. Both sides reviewed progress in the area of security, consular affairs and issues pertaining to mutual legal assistance.

Energy

Energy cooperation is an important part of bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and Iran. During last one year, both sides worked closely to promote energy cooperation. On 18 May 2023, former Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi jointly inaugurated Polan-Gabd Electricity Transmission Line. This Line plays a crucial role in meeting the energy needs of the region, including households and businesses by bringing in additional 100 MW electricity from Iran.

***Question No. 145 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 18/09/2023 at 2:48 PM) QID: 41641

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Federal Directorate of Education has signed an agreement for transfer of 21 kanal plot in F-11, Islamabad, allotted to it for establishment of a Government School, for construction of a private school, if so, the details and reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the name of authority which signed that agreement with the private party indicating also the law/rules under which the same has been signed;*
- (c) *whether the said agreement required prior or post-facto approval of the Federal Government / Cabinet, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *whether the said approval of the Cabinet for that agreement has been obtained, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof indicating also the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) No. It is not a fact & plot has not been transferred.

(b) Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training has initiated the project after meeting all codal formalities, involving P3A, CDA and Law Division.

(c) No.

(d) N.A.

***Question No. 146 Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:**
(Notice Received on 26/09/2023 at 4:00 PM) QID: 41648

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names/details of public and private sector Universities/Degree Awarding Educational Institutions in the country where students are being provided with the facility of Career Counselling before entering into any field of study; and*

- (b) whether it is a fact that many public and private sector universities do not provide the said facility to the students, if so, the steps being taken by HEC in order to make it mandatory for all the universities (public or private) to provide the said facility to new students?*

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) Career Counseling/coaching to the enrolled students is an integral part/function of a university/Degree Awarding Institution (DAI). The question was referred to all HEIs to seek updated data/information. So far, 136 HEIs have responded affirmative that there exists a facility of career counselling for the students. (List attached at **Annex-I**). The information received from the remaining HEIs will also be shared.

(b) The majority of the HEIs (except a few being newly established entities) have already established the student services departments under different appellations. So far, only **05** HEIs have intimated that these haven't got such facility. (Details with reasons for the non-existence of Career Counselling facility are attached as **Annex-II**).

HEC has taken various initiatives to augment student learning so that they can get better employment prospects. For the said purpose, HEC has started a PSDP project "Youth Development Center (YDC) Prime Minister's Youth Program" in 2021 with total cost of Rs. 447.466 million and scope of this project is to establish 90 YDCs in leading public sector HEIs. (Details are given in **Annex-III**). Likewise, as per HEC's Undergraduate Education Policy (effective from Fall 2023), the Universities are required to establish an effective Student Advisory System to ensure that academic advice is available to every student, as and when needed (Details at **Annex-III**).

Public Sector Universities

Sr. No	Name of University	Career Counselling Provided?
1	Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan	Yes
2	AIR UNIVERSITY ISLAMABAD	Yes
3	Allama Iqbal Open University	Yes
4	Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur	Yes
5	Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan	Yes
6	Bahria University	Yes
7	Balochistan University of Engineering & Technology, Khuzdar	Yes
8	Begum Nusrat Bhutto Women University Sukkur	Yes
9	Choistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bahawalpur	Yes
10	COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI)	Yes
11	FATA University, PR Kohat	Yes
12	Fatima Jinnah Medical University Lahore Pakistan	Yes
13	Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi	Yes
14	GC University Lahore	Yes
15	Gomal University	Yes
16	Government College Women University Faisalabad	Yes
17	Government College Women University Sialkot Pakistan	Yes
18	Hazara University Mansehra	Yes
19	Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar	Yes
20	Institute of Space Technology	Yes
21	International Islamic University Islamabad	Yes
22	Jinnah Sindh Medical University	Yes
23	Jinnah University for Women	Yes
24	Khushal Khan Khattak University, Karak	Yes
25	Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology, Rahim Yar	Yes
26	Khyber Medical University, Peshawar	Yes
27	Kinnaird College for Women Lahore	Yes
28	Lahore College for Women University, Jail Road Lahore	Yes
29	Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences (LUMHS), Jamshoro	Yes
30	Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro	Yes
31	Mirpur University of Science and Technology	Yes
32	Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture Multan	Yes
33	Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Engineering and Technology, Multan	Yes
34	National Defence University (NDU), Islamabad	Yes
35	National Textile University Faisalabad	Yes
36	National University of Technology (NUTECH), Islamabad	Yes
37	NED University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi	Yes
38	NFC Institute of Engineering & Technology, Multan	Yes
39	Nishtar Medical University Multan	Yes
40	Pak-Austria Fachhochschule Institute of Applied Sciences and Technology	Yes
41	Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad	Yes
42	Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Nilore, Islamabad, Pakistan	Yes
43	Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design	Yes
44	PIR MEHR ALI SHAH ARID AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY RAWALPINDI	Yes
45	Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi	Yes
46	Punjab Tianjin University of Technology Lahore	Yes
47	Punjab University of Technology Rasul Mandi Bahauddin	Yes
48	Qarsahi University	Yes
49	Quaid-i-Azam University	Yes
50	Rawalpindi Women University, 6th Road S/Town, Rawalpindi	Yes
51	Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University Quetta	Yes
52	Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology, Peshawar	Yes

53	Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law Karachi	Yes
54	SINDH MADRESSATUL ISLAM UNIVERSITY KARACHI	Yes
55	Sukkur IBA University	Yes
56	Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad	Yes
57	The Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University of Technology and Skill Development, Kha	Yes
58	The Government College University, Hyderabad was established on 23rd March 2	Yes
59	The Government Sadiq College Women University Bahawalpur	Yes
60	The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB)	Yes
61	The Shaikh Ayaz University Shikarpur	Yes
62	The University of Agriculture Peshawar	Yes
63	The University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad	Yes
64	The University of Chakwal, Chakwal	Yes
65	The University of Faisalabad	Yes
66	The University of Haripur	Yes
67	The University of Modern Sciences, Tando Muhammad Khan	Yes
68	The University of Agriculture Peshawar	Yes
69	The Virtual University of Pakistan	Yes
70	The Women University Multan	Yes
71	Times Institute, Multan	Yes
72	University of Agriculture Faisalabad	Yes
73	University of Balochistan, Quetta	Yes
74	University of Balistan, Skardu	Yes
75	University of Buner	Yes
76	University of Central Punjab, Lahore	Yes
77	University Of Chakwal	Yes
78	University of Education, Lahore	Yes
79	University of Engineering & Technology, Taxila	Yes
80	University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore	Yes
81	University of Gujrat	Yes
82	University of Gwadar	Yes
83	University of Karachi	Yes
84	University of Kotli Azad Jammu and Kashmir	Yes
85	University of Malakand	Yes
86	UNIVERSITY OF Mianwali	Yes
87	University of Narowal	Yes
88	University of Sargodha	Yes
89	University of Sufism and Modern Sciences, Bhittshah	Yes
90	University of Swabi, Swabi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Yes
91	University of Swat	Yes
92	University of the Punjab, Lahore	Yes
93	University of Wah	Yes
94	Kohat University of Science and Technology (KUST)	Yes

Private Sector Universities

Sr. No	Name of University	Career Counselling Provided?
95	ALHAMD ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY	Yes
96	Al-Karam International Institute Bhera	Yes
97	Brains Institute Peshawar	Yes
98	Baqai Medical University	Yes
99	Capital University of Science and Technology, Islamabad	Yes
100	CECOS University of IT & Emerging Sciences	Yes
101	City University, Peshawar	Yes
102	DHA Suffa University	Yes
103	Emaan Institute of Management and Sciences Karachi	Yes
104	Forman Christian College, Lahore (A Chartered University)	Yes
105	Foundation University Islamabad	Yes
106	Ghazi National Institute of Engineering and Sciences Dera Ghazi Kh	Yes
107	GIFT University, Gujranwala	Yes
108	Green International University, Lahore	Yes
109	Habib University	Yes
110	Hajvery University Lahore	Yes
111	Hamdard University Karachi	Yes
112	HITEC University Taxila	Yes
113	Ibadat International University Islamabad	Yes
114	Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture	Yes
115	Institute of Business Management (IBBM), Karachi	Yes
116	Institute of Southern Punjab Multan	Yes
117	Iqra National University	Yes
118	Karachi Institute of Economics & Technology	Yes
119	Karachi School of Business and Leadership (KSBL)	Yes
120	Lahore School of Economics	Yes
121	Lahore University of Biological & Applied Sciences	Yes
122	Malir University of Science & Technology	Yes
123	Millennium Institute of Technology & Entrepreneurship (MiTE) Kara	Yes
124	Minhaj University Lahore	Yes
125	Namal University, Mianwali	Yes
126	National University of Computers & Emerging Sciences	Yes
127	Nazeer Hussain University	Yes
128	Pakistan Global Institute	Yes
129	Qurtuba University of Science & IT, D.I.Khan	Yes
130	Riphah International University	Yes
131	Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology	Yes
132	The Grand Asian University, Sialkot	Yes
133	Textile Institute of Pakistan	Yes
134	Preston University Kohat	Yes
135	UIT UNIVERSITY	Yes
136	University of South Asia, Lahore	Yes

Annex-II

Sr. No	Name of University	Reason for non-provision of Career Counselling
1	Health Services Academy, Islamabad	It is a newly established University. Presently We don not have any Conselling Centre but it is in pipeline for future.
2	PAF Air War College Institute	PAF Air War College is currently offering degree program related to Military services and have a future plan to expand the campus for civil component where career counseling and facilitation will be provided.
3	University of Agriculture,D.I.Khan (UAD)	UAD is a newly established university and will establish career counselling centre in due course of time
4	University of Child Health Sciences, Lahore	The University of Child Health Sciences, The Children's Hospital, Lahore has been given charter 2 years ago. Our university is going for 1st induction, for that a career counselling committee has been formulated. A career counselling counter will be established before admission process start.
5	University of Sahiwal	This is newly established and developing university. In orientation session each department thoroughly discuss scope of their fields and strengthen students' confidence before starting their classes.

Annex-III

Autonomy of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), good governance, academic rigor and student services are the core of HEC's policies since inception of HEC. Career Counseling/coaching is an integral part of a university/Degree Awarding Institution (DAI). The majority of the HEIs have already established the student services departments under different appellations such as 'Career Development Center (CDC)', Students Support Centers, Placement Centers etc. HEC has been mandated for conducting Institutional Performance Evaluation (IPE) based on the 11 standards which include Mission Statement and Goals, Planning and Evaluation, Organization and Governance, Integrity, Faculty, Student, Institutional Resources, Academic Programs and Curricula, Public Disclosure & Transparency, Assessment and Quality Assurance and Student Support Services.

HEC has started a PSDP project "Youth Development Center (YDC) Prime Minister's Youth Program" in 2021 with total cost of Rs. 447.466 million and the scope of this project is to establish 90 YDCs in the leading public sector HEIs. Up till now, YDCs in 45 HEIs have been established, the project is an ongoing scheme and remaining YDCs will be established as per project's timelines and scope. The objectives of the project are:

- To facilitate and guide students in career counseling.
- To foster entrepreneurial culture and open paths for entrepreneurship among the Youth.
- Creating awareness among the students regarding job hunting & much stronger links between employer and youth for job placement and internships.
- Encouraging students to actively participate in sports activities, Student Clubs/Societies for complimenting sporting behavior and individuals' future health.
- High quality talent development to create better talent pool by Training/Capacity Building
- One-stop integrated national and international scholarships hub.

Academic advisement is an integral part of undergraduate education. As per HEC Undergraduate Education Policy, the Universities are required to establish an effective Student Advisory System to ensure that the academic advice is available to every student, as and when needed. Through this system, information must be adequately made available on university profile and history, offered degree programs, courses, admission policy, degree completion requirements, university structure including faculties, departments, affiliated colleges and institutes, application processes, tuition fees, financial aids & scholarships, hostel/accommodation rules, student services, facilities and contact details. University shall also be required to address the key issues faced by students related to selection of major(s), minor(s), fulfilling requirements of interdisciplinary/allied courses, capstone project and field experience.

***Question No. 147 Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:**
(Notice Received on 27/09/2023 at 10:03 AM) QID: 41649

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether HEC has developed any set areas of competencies of Career Service Providers/CSPs in the field of Higher Education, if so, its details;*
- (b) the names of those degree awarding institutions which are imparting quality education in the field of career counselling; and*
- (c) the details of services a career counselor is mandated to provide to students, entering into the university/college as per guidelines/policy of HEC?*

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) Career Counseling coaching to the enrolled students is an integral part /function of a university/Degree Awarding Institution (DAI). The majority of the HEIs (except a few being newly established entities) have already established the student services departments under different appellations and relevant personnel are hired as per their own criteria/statutes. As such no benchmark in this regard is set forth by HEC.

However, HEC has taken various initiatives to augment student learning so that they can get better employment prospects. For the said purpose, HEC has started a PSDP project “Youth Development Center (YDC) Prime Minister’s Youth Program” in 2021 with total cost of Rs. 447.466 million and scope of this project is to establish 90 YDCs in leading public sector HEIs. (Details are given in **Annex-A**). Likewise, as per HEC’s Undergraduate Education Policy (effective from Fall 2023), the Universities are required to establish an effective Student Advisory System to ensure that academic advice is available to every student, as and when needed (Details at **Annex-A**).

(b) Career Counseling as an elective course or content is part of the degree programs in the fields of business, social sciences, and education. However, there is no stand-alone degree program with title

“Career Counselling” and no university is offering the exclusive/designated degree program.

(c) There are no specific policy/guidelines of HEC for Career Service Providers/CSPs in the HEIs. The universities are at liberty to define criteria for hiring the Career Counselors and set their job descriptions/TORs as per their statutes. However, as per HEC’s Undergraduate Education Policy, an effective Student Advisory System in the universities will be established. Through this system, information will be adequately made available on university profile and history, offered degree programs, courses, admission policy, degree completion requirements, university structure including faculties, departments, affiliated colleges and institutes, application processes, tuition fees, financial aids & scholarships, hostel/accommodation rules, student services, facilities and contact details.

Annex-A

Autonomy of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), good governance, academic rigor and student services are the core of HEC's policies since inception of HEC. Career Counseling/coaching is an integral part of a university/Degree Awarding Institution (DAI). The majority of the HEIs have already established the student services departments under different appellations such as 'Career Development Center (CDC)', Students Support Centers, Placement Centers etc. HEC has been mandated for conducting Institutional Performance Evaluation (IPE) based on the 11 standards which include Mission Statement and Goals, Planning and Evaluation, Organization and Governance, Integrity, Faculty, Student, Institutional Resources, Academic Programs and Curricula, Public Disclosure & Transparency, Assessment and Quality Assurance and Student Support Services.

HEC has started a PSDP project "Youth Development Center (YDC) Prime Minister's Youth Program" in 2021 with total cost of Rs. 447.466 million and the scope of this project is to establish 90 YDCs in the leading public sector HEIs. Up till now, YDCs in 45 HEIs have been established, the project is an ongoing scheme and remaining YDCs will be established as per project's timelines and scope. The objectives of the project are:

- To facilitate and guide students in career counseling.
- To foster entrepreneurial culture and open paths for entrepreneurship among the Youth.
- Creating awareness among the students regarding job hunting & much stronger links between employer and youth for job placement and internships.
- Encouraging students to actively participate in sports activities, Student Clubs/Societies for complimenting sporting behavior and individuals' future health.
- High quality talent development to create better talent pool by Training/Capacity Building
- One-stop integrated national and international scholarships hub.

Academic advisement is an integral part of undergraduate education. As per HEC Undergraduate Education Policy, the Universities are required to establish an effective Student Advisory System to ensure that the academic advice is available to every student, as and when needed. Through this system, information must be adequately made available on university profile and history, offered degree programs, courses, admission policy, degree completion requirements, university structure including faculties, departments, affiliated colleges and institutes, application processes, tuition fees, financial aids & scholarships, hostel/accommodation rules, student services, facilities and contact details. University shall also be required to address the key issues faced by students related to selection of major(s), minor(s), fulfilling requirements of interdisciplinary/allied courses, capstone project and field experience.

*Question No. 137 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice Received on 7/09/2023 at 4:41 PM) QID: 40253

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of vehicles entering to National Highway 80 (Islamabad-Kohat) N-80, National Highway 50 (D.I Khan-Kuchlak, Quetta) N-50 and Peshawar Northern Bypass indicating how many were fined for producing hazardous smoke from engines during the last three years upto along-with the details of fine; and*
- (b) *the steps taken/being taken by the Government to control the emission of hazardous smoke from vehicle engines?*

Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar: (a) The National Highway Authority (NHA) was established through an Act of the Parliament in 1991. Main functions of the authority is Planning, Development, Operation, Repair and Maintenance of National Highways and Strategic Roads specially entrusted to it.

NHA Act-1991 authorizes NHA to levy, Collect or cause to be collected Tolls on National Highways, Strategic Roads and such other roads as may be entrusted to it and bridges thereon. For this purpose, NHA has established number of Toll Plazas on its network.

Qutbal Toll Plaza (ETTM) is established on Islamabad-Kohat (N-80) road and D.I Khan-II (Manual) Toll Plaza is established at D.I Khan-Khuchlak-Quetta (N-50) road. Whereas, at present there is no Toll Plaza established on Peshawar Northern Bypass (PNBP)

System generated traffic data of Qutbal Toll Plaza for last three years reveals that total 8,651,338 vehicles crossed the Toll Plaza. On D.I Khan-Khuchlak-Quetta (N-50) road total 2,220,347 vehicles passed from the D.I Khan-II Toll Plaza during last three years. Furthermore, in case of Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway (M-1) total 34,045,260 vehicles plied on the route from July, 2022 till June, 2023. After exiting from Motorway M-1, most of the traffic goes to Peshawar whereas a nominal traffic moves on PNBP. As there is no Toll Plaza established there, therefore the traffic data specific to PNBP is not available.

The data so collected is used, inter alia, for assessing toll revenue potential of the road and does not indicate/reflect the number of smoke emitting vehicles and amount of fine imposed thereon.

Moreover, it is apprised that functions of NHA's Toll Operator is only limited to toll collection and currently, NHMP is not deployed on N-50 and PNBP.

It is apprised that **52092 commuters** of N-50 were briefed in the year 2022 regarding hazards of driving unfit/ smoke emitting vehicles on long routes (Highways). Further, in the year 2023, **26329 road users** have been briefed on N-50 in this regard. Moreover, the detail of enforcement corresponding to fine amount on N-50 is mentioned below:-

S#	Year	Tickets Issued	Fine Amount
01	2022	123	78000/-
02	2023	1413	759200/-

(b) The enforcement details against smoke emission of hazardous smoke from vehicles engines during last three years (i.e. 2020, 2021 and 2022) on Highways and Motorways in the AoR of NHMP is reproduced herein below: -

Carriageway	Ticket Issued	Fine Imposed
Motorways	3,980	1,995,000
Highways	61,399	30,702,000
Total	65,379	32,697,000

*Question No. 140 **Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 12/09/2023 at 12:47 PM) QID: 39134

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the amount collected and deposited in the Road Safety Welfare and Reward Fund during the last three years, and year-wise utilization breakup thereof?

Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar:

Financial Year	Amount collected and deposited in Road Safety Fund	Utilization
2020-21	4,214,375,174	3,247,489,005
2021-22	3,882,780,958	5,811,998,469
2022-23	5,102,179,819	4,794,163,588

Section 89(2)(a) and Section 93 of the National Highway Safety Ordinance, 2000 has empowered the Federal Government, in consultation with Inspector General, National Highway and Motorway Police, to frame Rules for deposit of fine imposed under section 79 of the said Ordinance and its disbursement as reward to the National Highways and Pakistan Motorway Police. Accordingly, the Federal Government (Federal Cabinet) in consultation with Inspector General, National Highway and Motorway Police have framed National Highways and Motorway Police (Road Safety Campaigns, Performance Reward and Welfare Fund) Rules, 2007, as amended from time to time. The NHMP Road Safety Fund is maintained and utilized under the said rules.

*Question No. 142 **Senator Shahadat Awan:**
(Notice Received on 13/09/2023 at 12:32 PM) QID: 39050

Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the silt level has gradually increased since last 15 years preventing large ships from anchoring in KPT water channels; and*
- (b) *steps taken by the Government to remove silt from KPT channels indicating funds allocated / utilized for the purpose during last three years?*

Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar: (a)

1. Approach Channel (Outside Breakwater):

The Approach Channel had designed depth of 13 meters till December 2016 which was increased from 13 to 16 meters in year 2017. The existing approach channel depth is available from 14 to 15 meters within width of 160 meters and length of 10.4 km.

2. The deep draft vessels are entering / leaving the South Wharf (ExpDWCP) without any hindrance at respective tides.

3. Details response regarding approach channel depth status and reasons thereof.

The requisite detail is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

4. **Upper & Lower Channel:** The navigational channel has designed depth of 12 meters and current depth(s) ranges from 12 to 13 meters (avg). The depths in Upper & Lower Channel are being maintained through regular removal of silt / maintenance dredging.

5. **Berthing Basin:**

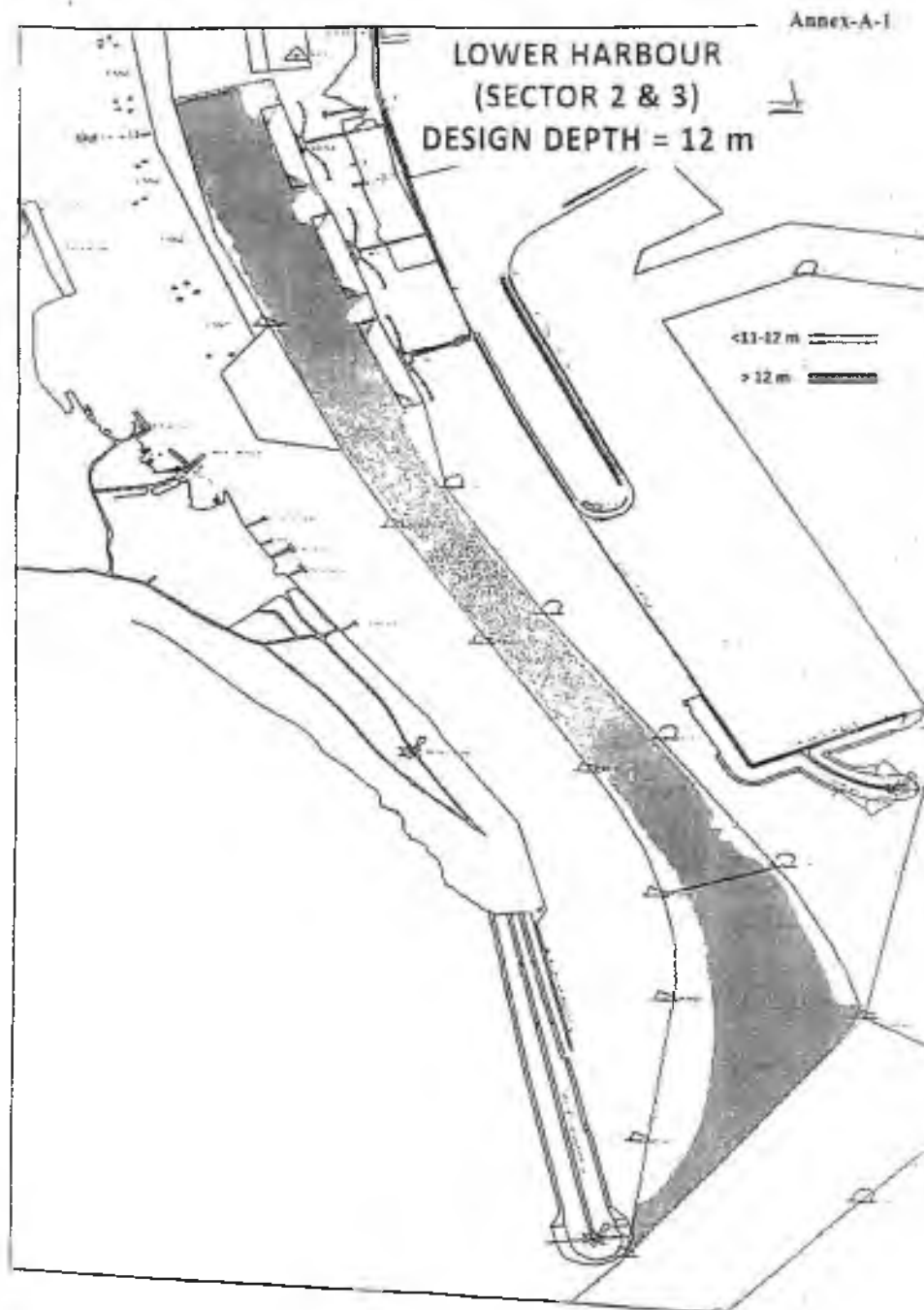
i. The designed depth of berthing basin / terminals is different for each berthing area due to the berths structure design. The KICT has designed depth of 13 meters and current depths are ranging from 12 to 13.5 meters (avg) and being maintained through regular removal of silt / maintenance dredging.

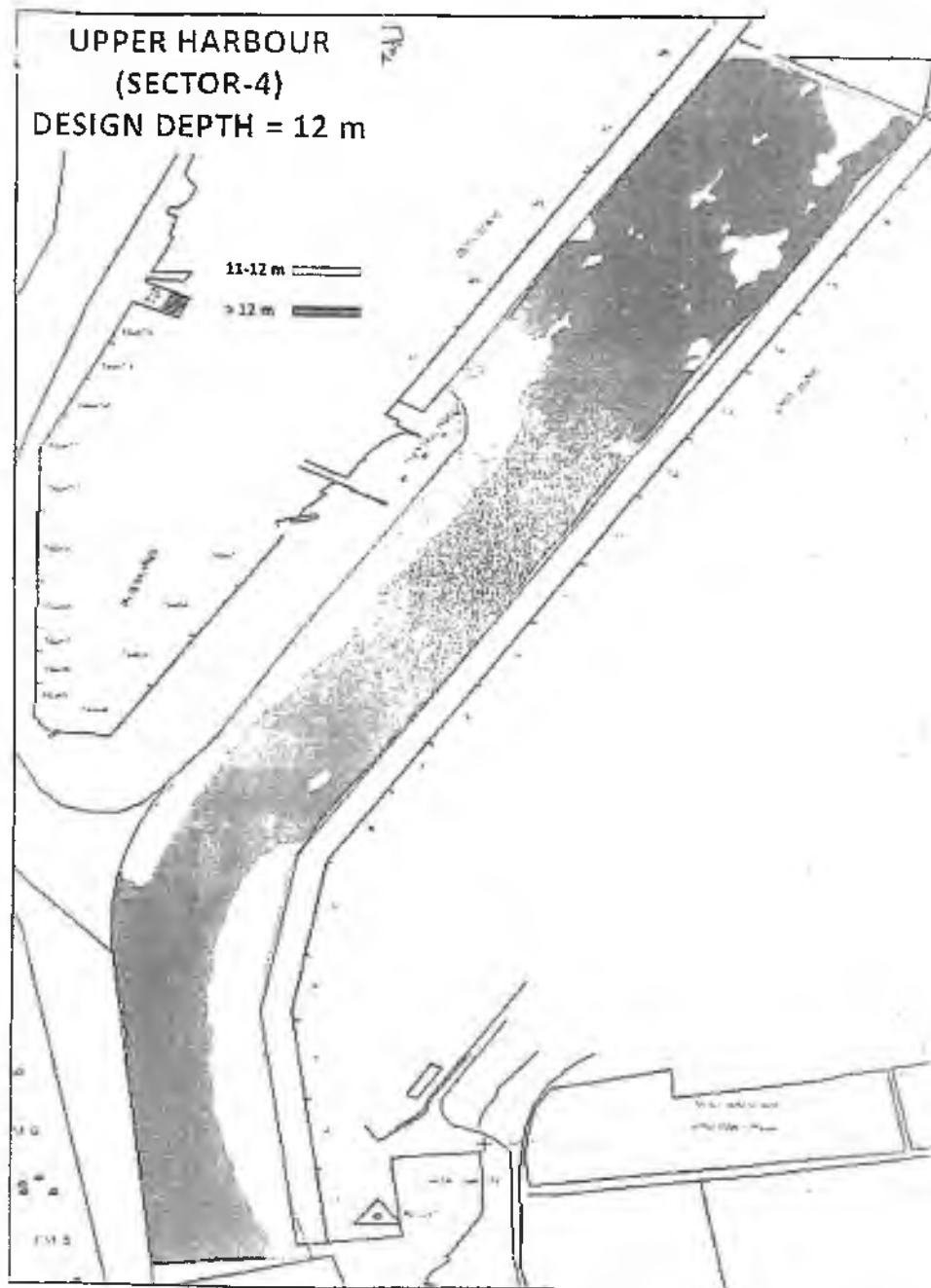
ii. The sanctioned depth of berthing basin of KGTL is 13 meters and current depths are ranging from 13 to 13.5 meters (avg). The maintenance dredging of KGTL berths is being maintained, as and when the berthing basin is made available with sufficient time window, through dredging / removal of silt by mechanical dredgers.

(b) Sedimentation is continued natural phenomena and siltation occurred through this process is removed through different types of KPT dredgers. As such, KPT dredgers during last 03 years have removed approximately 4.157 million cubic meters of silt.

Annex-A

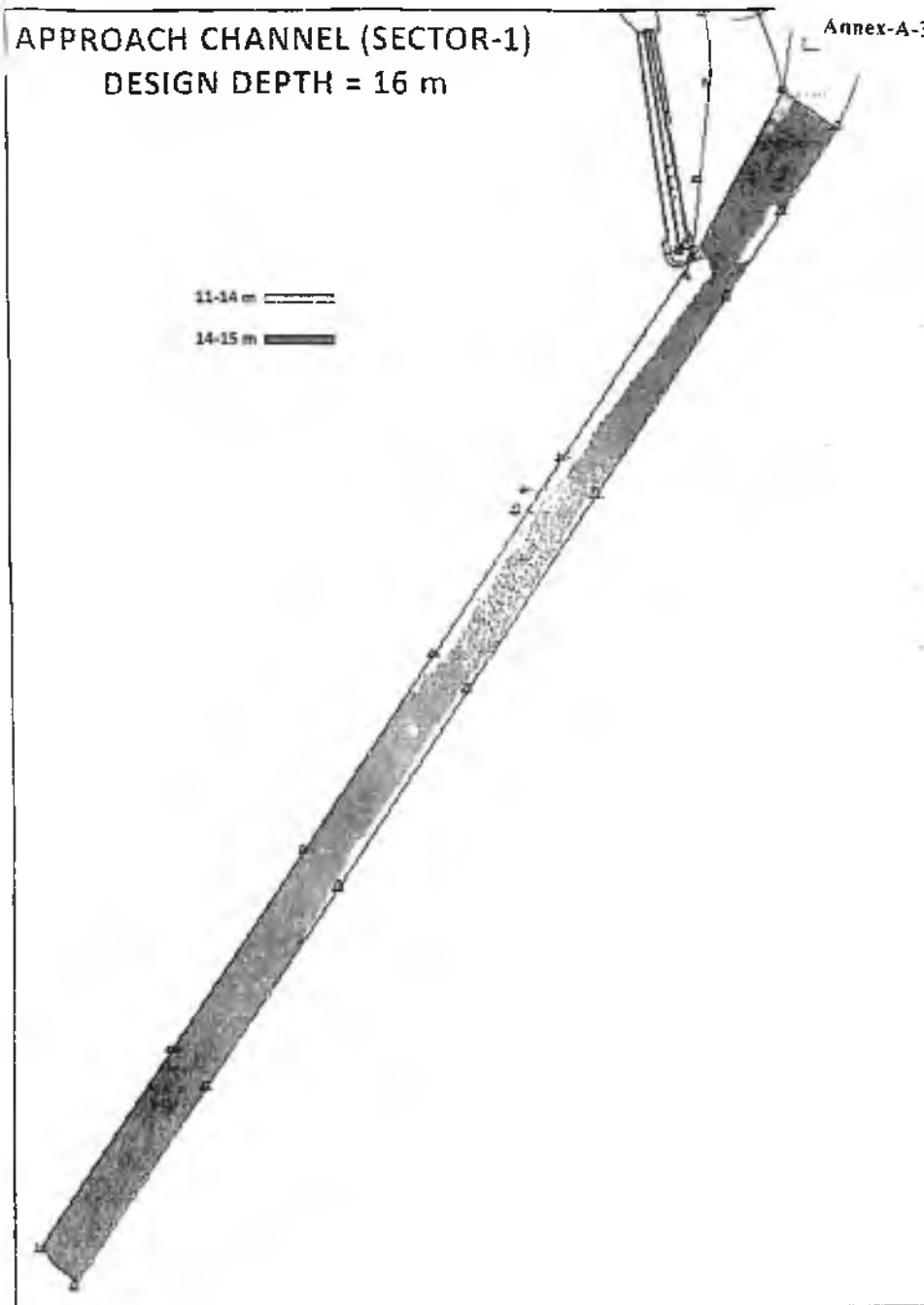
- a. The maintenance dredge volume have accumulated during last 02 years due to repair / maintenance (fair wear & tear) of Trailer Suction Hopper Dredge (TSHD) Abul (the only TSHD available). Major Overhaul of the said dredge is also planned during the current years. The other possible aspects, but not limited to, which lead to the accumulation of dredge material are shortage of onboard technical dredging officer / staff. Delayed spare supportability (late provision of spare & foreign currency requirement). Foreign OEM technical support, only one available dry dock in Pakistan and shortened deployment periods due to essential repairs / emergency breakdowns of TSHD Abul dredger.
- b. Karachi Port Upper & Lower Harbour (Sectors 2 to 4) has design depth of 12m wherein, existing depth ranges from 12 to 14 meters. Channel Tin model depicting existing depths is enclosed as Annex-A-1 & A-2.
- c. Karachi Port Approach Channel (Sector-1) & Tipu Sultan Channel including South Wharf Basin have design depth of 16m. The status of existing depths are appended below:
 - i. The siltation in Port Channel / Harbours is a natural phenomenon which occurs during the year especially during monsoon period. The Yearly siltation of Karachi Port Channel/Harbour is approximate 2.0 M³
 - ii. Approach & Tipu Sultan Channels have width of 300m to 520m and length 10.4 km.
 - iii. Approach & Tipu Sultan Channels Starboard side (Green) have existing depths ranging from 14 to 15 meters (avg.) with width of 160 meters (approx.). Channel Tin model depicting existing depths is enclosed as Annex-A-3 & A-4.
 - iv. Whereas, remaining Approach & Tipu Sultan Channels Portside (Red) have existing depths ranging from 11 to 14 meters (avg.) with widths from 80 to 140meters (approx.). Channel Tin model depicting existing depths is enclosed as Annex-A-3 & A-4.
 - v. The maintenance dredge volume as per the survey of Pre-monsoon (March 2023) is 4.48 Mm³ and anticipated volume Post-Monsoon 2023 is 5.50 & above Mm³. Post-Monsoon surveys 2023 are underway (to be completed in October 2023).





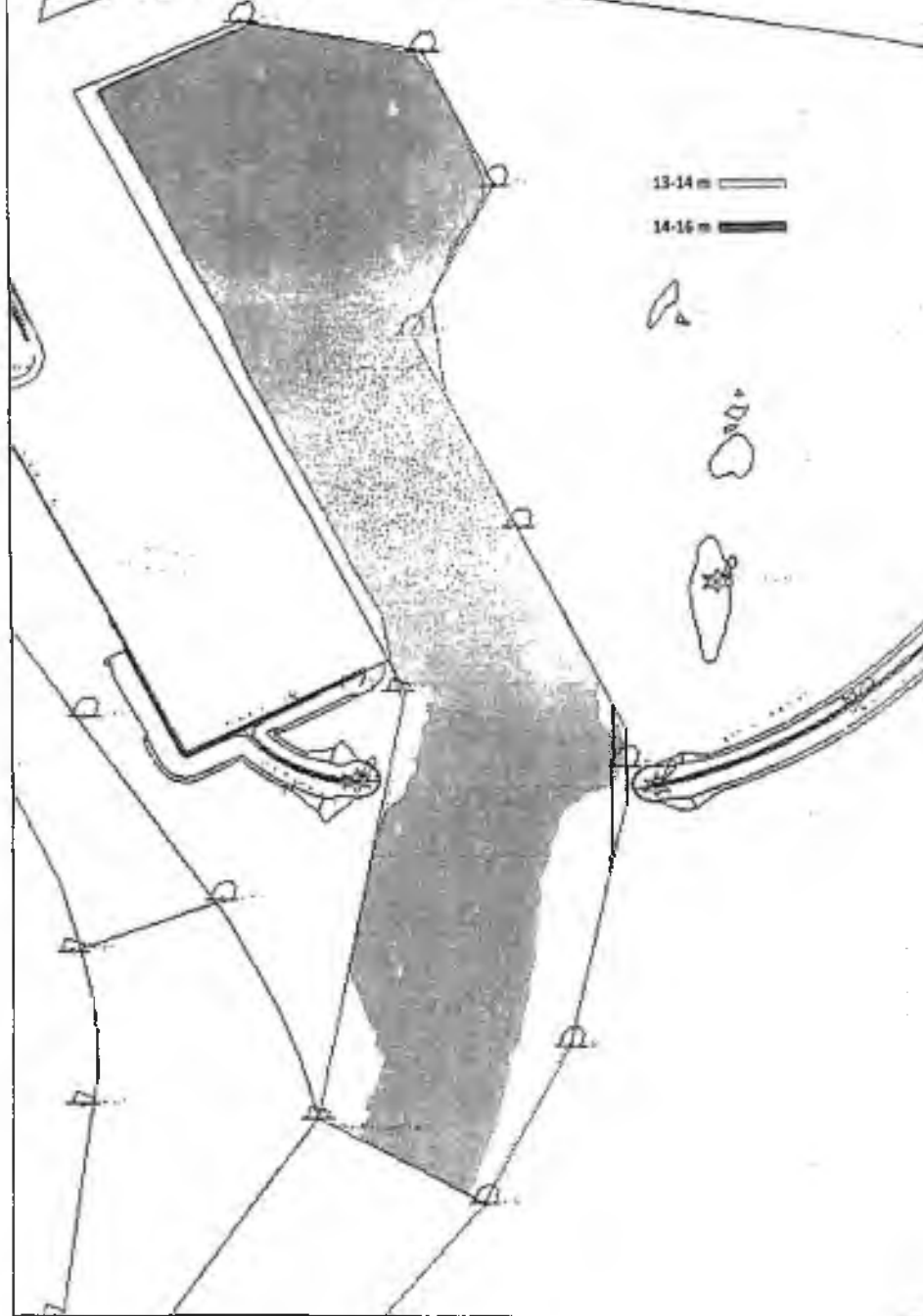
APPROACH CHANNEL (SECTOR-1)
DESIGN DEPTH = 16 m

Annex-A-3



SOUTH WHARF BASIN & TIPU SULTAN CHANNEL
DESIGN DEPTH = 16 m

Annex-A-4



***Question No. 148 Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 20/10/2023 at 11:39 AM) QID: 41680

Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be please to state the details of the steps taken by the Government for welfare of the fishermen at ports during the last 3 years?

Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar: (a)

i. Steps taken by Karachi Port Trust: -

- a. Toll fee is charged @ Rs.60/- Per Ton per annum only and has not been increased since decades in comparison to other types of crafts.
- b. Construction of new jetties/piers for the use of fishermen families to and from fishermen Goth to Keamari and vice versa, with sitting / rest room arrangements. Phase-I is completed and Phase-II is under construction.
- c. Assistance in Harbour and Port limits whenever required by fishermen. Provision of anchoring in designated area for supplies and waiting which is only allowed to fishing boats.
- d. Vaccination of fishermen Goth natives during pandemic period and frequent physical visits of KPT Doctor / Paramedics to Goths.

ii. Steps taken by Gwadar Port Authority: -

- a. Prime Minister's Initiative-Financial Assistance amounting to Rs. 822. 7 million to the 3291 local fishermen of Gwadar District in CFY;
- b. Installation of footing jetty at Gwadar Fish Harbour with cost of Rs. 157.7 Million completed in FY2022-23;
- c. Upgradation of berthing facilities for Boats at Gwadar with cost of Rs. 131.9 Million completed in FY2021-22.
- d. Distribution of 7000 solar panels for deserving locals of Gwadar District through Grant-in Aid from Peoples Republic of China;

- e. Incorporation of 3 additional bridges of 100 ft length on Eastbay Expressway of Gwadar Port (from Early Harvest CPEC Project) for passing out the boats of local fishermen at a cost of Rs. 1.017 billion (completed); Construction of Groyne Wall/ Breakwater Construction of Fish Auction Hall at Eastbay are under-execution by the Gwadar Development Authority at a cost of Rs. 1448.8 million
- iii. Steps taken by Port Qasim Authority:
 - a. Hired the fishermen for watch keeping duties at PQA. light house.
- iv. Steps taken by KoFHA:-
 - a. Korangi Fish Harbour Authority has informed that most of the Fishermen live in near-by villages, the Authority supply them with fresh water resource for their families, expense incurred for dispensation is Rs. 1.5 million per annum, and this amount/expense is borne by the Authority under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).
 - b. Authority distributes ration on the occasion such as Eid-Milad-un-Nabi, 14th August etc.
 - c. It allows the schools of the vicinity to use the harbour premises to hold different social and cultural programs and events.
 - d. The Fish processing and allied industries established at KoFHA are providing employment to over 2500 individuals with additional 3000 fishermen work on approximately 300 fishing vessels that use KoFHA as Home Port.
 - e. With the rise in operational income of the Authority, more amount would be spent on welfare of fishermen community and fishermen working inside the harbour premises. The Authority has plans to establish a primary school, a hospital/ dispensary and community park for the fishermen in the vicinity of the Harbour as soon as its financial position is stable.

ISLAMABAD,
the 20th November, 2023

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN,
Secretary.

(333rd Session)

SENATE SECRETARIAT**“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****Tuesday, the 21th November, 2023****DEFERRED QUESTIONS****[Questions No. 9 and 10]**

Were deferred on 4th August, 2023 (330th Session)

(Def.) Question No 9 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 8/05/2023 at 12:02 PM) QID: 40601

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the details of the Resolutions passed relating to the Ministry by the Parliament and Provincial Assemblies, with implementation status during the last 5 years?

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination: Details of the resolutions passed by the Parliament and Provincial Assemblies relating to M/o Inter-Provincial Coordination are as under:—

Senate / National Assembly/ Provincial Assemblies	Number of Resolutions passed related to M/o IPC	Implementation Status/ Remarks
Senate	One Resolution bearing No 535 (related to Pakistan Cricket Board) was passed by the Senate.	Response received from Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) was forwarded to the Senate Secretariat. Senate Secretariat on 23-08-2023 circulated the response to all the Members of the Senate (Annex-I).
National Assembly	Nil	Nil
Punjab Assembly	Provincial Assemblies were requested to provide requisite information	As per data available on website total 116 Resolutions

	(Annex-II) Punjab Assembly informed to visit/consult website: https://www.pap.gov.pk for the desired information (Annex-III).	passed by the assembly relating to different Departments. As such no resolution directly relates to M/O IPC.
Sindh Assembly	Sindh Assembly provided the list of resolutions passed by Provincial Assembly relating (not directly) to M/o IPC /PCB (Annex-IV).	Response from PCB on the resolution is at Annex-V. As per available record in the Ministry implementation status/ processing on the resolutions is at Annex-VI.
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly provided the list of resolutions passed by the assembly relating to IPC Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (not directly relating to Mo IPC) (Annex-VII).	As per available record in the Ministry implementation status/ processing on the resolutions is at Annex-VIII.
Balochistan Assembly	Balochistan Assembly informed that no resolution passed by Provincial Assembly relating to M/o IPC (Annex-IX).	-

(Annexures have been placed in Library and on Table of the mover/concerned Member).

(Def.) Question No 10 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi** :
(Notice Received on 25/05/2023 at 1:39 PM) QID: 41189

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the number of scholarships granted by HEC for M.S, M.Phil. and PhD programs during the last three years indicating also the names of universities and disciplines for which the scholarships were granted and the amount of stipend granted / being granted for the same in each case?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: A Total of 3044 scholarships (1103 Foreign and 1941 Local) have been granted by HEC under different scholarship Schemes/projects during last three years.

Year wise/Program wise breakup of scholarships awarded is as under:

S. No	Program	Year I	Year II	Year III	Total
Local Scholarships	MS/MPhil	123	924	1	1048
	PhD	283	520	90	893
Total		406	1444	91	1941
Foreign Scholarships	MS/MPhil	37	30	14	81
	PhD	138	450	434	1022
Total		175	480	448	1103

Lists of Universities for local and foreign Scholarship programs are attached at **Annex-A&B** respectively, while List of Universities containing discipline along with payment of stipend are attached at **Annex-C & D.**

Discipline wise bifurcation is appended below:—

Discipline	Local Scholarships	Foreign Scholarships
Agriculture & Veterinary Sciences	413	134
Arts & Humanities	185	15
Biological & Medical Sciences	231	231
Business Education	148	55
Engineering & Technology	361	371
Physical Science	288	183
Social Sciences	315	114

Higher Education Commission Grants Rs.12000/ month stipend to MS/MPhil student while PhD Scholars receives Rs. 18000/ month for local Scholarship programs.

The rate of monthly stipend for foreign scholarship programs varies from country to country and University to University, details are given below.

S No.	Country	Currency	Stipend (per month)
1	Austria	EUR	1000
2	Australia	AUD	1583.33
3	Belgium (Ghent University)	EUR	1350
4	Belgium (Other Universities)	EUR	1000
5	Canada	USD	1600
6	China	USD	800
7	France	EUR	1000
8	Finland	EUR	1000
9	Germany	EUR	950
10	Italy	EUR	1000
11	Malaysia	USD	800
12	Netherlands	EUR	1286
13	New Zealand (Waikato University)	USD	1083.33
14	New Zealand (Victoria University)	USD	1250
15	New Zealand (Auckland University)	USD	1200
16	New Zealand (Massey University)	NZD	1750
17	South Korea	USD	900
18	Spain	EUR	1000
19	Turkey	USD	950
20	UK	GBP	1015
21	USA	USD	1600

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Question No. 18 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan :**
(Notice Received on 21/08/2023 at 11:43 AM) (QID: 41490)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the amount charged/ collected as Tobacco cess in the country during the last three years with year wise and province wise break up indicating also the amount collected under the same from Districts Charsadda, Mardan and Swabi and its utilization?

Dr. Kauser Abdulla Malik: Pakistan Tobacco Board (PTB) is an autonomous, self-sustaining, statutory regulatory body established under Pakistan tobacco Board Ordinance, 1968 (Ordinance 1 of 1968) for promotion of the cultivation, manufacture and export of tobacco and tobacco products. Under Section-9 of PTB Ordinance 1968 (Ordinance 1 of 1968) reproduced below:

9- Levy of cess. ——— (1) For the purpose of this Ordinance, there shall be levied and collected in such manner as may be prescribed a cess on tobacco produced in Pakistan at such rate or rates, not exceeding three percent ad valorem, as the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify in this behalf: and the proceeds of the Cess, after deducting the cost of collection, if any, shall be paid to the Board.

PTB directly collects tobacco cess on consumption from the cigarette manufacturing companies. Break up for three years cess collection from the companies is attached as **Annex-A**. However, tobacco purchased by the dealers, agents, non-manufacturing cigarette companies, venders or any person or persons, is collected through cess collection contractor. Award of cess contract is auctioned through open bidding. PTB awards such contracts province wise. Details are attached at **Annexure-B**.

Pakistan Tobacco Board
Cess Collection Detail from Cigarette Manufacturing Companies
For Financial Year 2020-21

S. No.	Name of Companies	Amount of Cess (Rs.)
1	Asia Tobacco Company	76,790
2	Frontier Leaf Tobacco	3,941
3	Khyber tobacco Company	4,500,000
4	New Kashmir Tobacco Industries	41,568
5	Pakistan Tobacco Company	111,090,339
6	Philip Morris Pakistan Limited	18,293,823
7	Royal Tobacco Company	87,714
8	Sarhad Cigarette Industries	1,018,378
9	Souvenir Tobacco Company	1,630,252
10	Universal Tobacco Company	576,690
11	Walton Tobacco Company	981,371
12	watton tobacco company	1,216,157
Total		139,517,023

Pakistan Tobacco Board
Cess Collection Detail from Cigarette Manufacturing Companies
For Financial Year 2021-22

S. No.	Name of Companies	Amount of Cess (Rs.)
1	Asia Tobacco Company	50,930
2	Frontier Leaf Tobacco	483,500
3	International Cigarette Ind.	157,500
4	Khyber Tobacco Company	2,500,000
5	New Kashmir Tobacco Industries	41,651
6	Pakistan Tobacco Company	151,305,171
7	Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited	19,441,978
8	Royal Tobacco Company	51,077
9	Sarhad Cigarette Industries	837,320
10	Souviner Tobacco Company	1,646,369
11	Universal Tobacco Company	227,575
12	Walton Tobacco Company	10,500
13	Watton Tobacco Company	206,941
Total		176,960,512

Pakistan Tobacco Board
Cess Collection Detail from Cigarette Manufacturing Companies
For Financial Year 2022-23

S. No.	Name of Companies	Amount of Cess (Rs.)
1	Pakistan Tobacco Company	127,744,915
2	Philip Morris (Pak) Limited	25,204,483
3	Souviner Tobacco Company	864,180
4	Khyber Tobacco Company	5,061,791
5	Sarhad Cigarette Industries	201,450
6	Watton Tobacco Company	126,381
7	Asia Tobacco Company	52,710
8	Walton Tobacco Company	397,405
9	New Kashmir Tobacco Ind.	52,358
10	Star Tobacco Company	79,265
Total		159,784,938

Annexure-B

Pakistan Tobacco Board
Cess Collection Detail

Years	KP	Baluchistan	Punjab	Sindh	Cess Received from Contractors	Cess received from Cigarette Manufacturing Companies
2020-21	100,500,000	5,600,000	29,650,000	31,034	135,781,034	139,517,023
2021-22	136,000,000	14,200,000	60,300,000	37,553	210,537,553	176,960,512
2022-23	158,000,000	14,500,000	66,000,000	45,168	238,545,168	159,705,673
Total	394,500,000	34,300,000	155,950,000	113,755	584,863,755	476,183,208

Question No. 19 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan :
 Notice Received on 12/10/2023 at 11:19 AM) QID: 41666

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of land of National Highway Authority in Islamabad, Rawalpindi and Khyber Paktunkhwa province leased out during the last five years?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD,
 the 20th November, 2023

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN,
 Secretary.