(334th Session)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Friday, the 5th January, 2024.

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

[Starred Questions Nos. 128, 129, 130, 133, and 87 were deferred on 21st November, 2023 (333rd Session)]

(*Def.*) *Question No. **128 Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar**: (Notice Received on 29/08/2023 at 3:06 PM) QID: 41546

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

- (a) the funds provided by the World Health Organization in the field of mental health during the last ten years with province wise breakup, indicating also the names of beneficiaries of the same;
- (b) whether any audit of utilization of the said funds has been conducted, if so, the findings thereof; and
- (c) whether any training has been provided by the WHO in the field of mental health, if so, the details of participants thereof?

Dr. Nadeem Jan: (a) World Health Organization does not provide funds to the M/o NHSRC.

(b) WHO has its own system of funds utilization including audit.

(c) WHO in collaboration with M/o NHSRC and Provincial Health Departments started the process of implementing Mental Health Gap Action Programme in Pakistan. A number of consultative meetings were held in the Ministry and follow up meetings in the Institute of Psychiatry Benazir Hospital Rawalpindi. Subsequently, planning meetings were held with Departments of Health in the provinces. The mhGAP was duly contextualized and priority mental health disorders identified and endorsed by the provinces as well. M/o NHSR&C led all the discussions and meetings at federal and provincial levels. Subsequently, WHO fielded an international consultant who conducted provincial level TOTs on the implementation of mental health gap action programme (mhGAP) wherein around 104 doctors were trained with the idea that they would do the cascade trainings in their respective areas. Following which a number of cascade trainings were held in Rawalpindi, Quetta, Hyderabad. During Covid-19 Pandemic, WHO and Ministry jointly established a Technical Working Group on MHPSS which was meeting regularly to take stock of the situation and suggest way forward. WHO in collaboration with Ministry and Provincial Departments continued trainings of doctors on mhGAP and on Psychosocial Skill enhancement activities including Psychological First Aid in the flood affected districts.

(*Def.*) *Question No. **129 Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar:** (Notice Received on 29/08/2023 at 3:07 PM) QID: 41547

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government has allocated funds for increasing water efficiency in irrigation sector in the country, if so, the details thereof indicating also the procedure adopted to allocate the same and names of the areas where these are being utilized?

Dr. Kauser Abdulla Malik: Yes, the details of following three projects have been approved with the objectives to "conserve and increase productivity of water" from the ECNEC for the period of five years as per detail given below:

Sr.#	Project Name	Date of ECNEC Approval	PC-I Total Cost (million)
1.	National Program for Improvement of Watercourses	29-08-2019	154,542.355
	in Pakistan: Phase-II		
2.	National Program for Enhancing Command Area in	26-09-2020	23,345.672
	Barani Areas of Pakistan		
3.	Water Conservation in Barani Areas of	29-08-2019	14,177.868
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa		

The M/o Finance allocated PSDP (Federal Share) of funds as per approved PC-Is wherein the Govt. share of intervention cost is to be provided by Federal and Provincial Governments on 40:60 basis respectively. The Provincial share out of Federation budget is directly release by AGPR, Islamabad to respective Province.

The details of the areas where these funded projects being utilized are as under:

- i. National program for improvement of watercourses in Pakistan: Phase-II is executing in all provinces (except Sindh), Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K) and Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT)
- ii. National Program for Enhancing Command Area in Barani Areas of Pakistan is being executed in barani areas of all provinces (except Sindh) including GB, AJK and ICT.
- iii. Water Conservation Barani Areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Project is being implemented only in all districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including merged districts of erstwhile FATA.
- (*Def.*) *Question No. **130 Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar**: (Notice Received on 29/08/2023 at 3:08 PM) QID: 41548

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

- (a) the criteria adopted by H.E.C for awarding scholarships for Higher Education; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that H.E.C has awarded scholarships for Ph.D. on the basis of Master Degree during the current year, if so, the reasons thereof?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) A generalized criteria (may vary slightly from project to project is being adopted for selection of the students on various scholarship schemes/projects) is as under:

Criteria for award of Foreign MS/PhD scholarships:

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

Criteria for award Local MS/PhD Scholarship:

- i. The applicant must be a Pakistani/AJK National.
- ii. The applicant must have a bachelor's degree (16 years of education for MS/MPhil level) and MS/MPhil/Equivalent (18 years of education for PhD) and no 3rd division or grade "D" in his/her career.

- iii. Must not be availing any other scholarship currently.
- iv. The maximum age is 35 years, except for those working on a regular basis in the public sector whose maximum age is 40 years, by the closing date of submission of applications.
- v. Public sector employees need to apply through the proper channel.
- vi. The Scholar will have to be a fuill-time student to avail scholarship. Those who are employed have to arrange study leave for the full duration of the program.
- vii. The applicant must qualify for the HEC Aptitude Test with a minimum score of 50 to be considered for the award of a scholarship.

Owing to limited seats and to accommodate the scholars from all provinces, HEC select scholars as per Federal Government quota policy (the details of quota and selection procedure is attached at **Annex A**).

(b) Yes, HEC follows the criteria for PhD enrolment abroad as per the provision spell out in PC-I of the project (for specific scholarship scheme). The applicants must have a MS/MPhil/ME/Equivalent degree for PhD Scholarships. However, international universities abroad accept PhD enrolment for both having BS (16 years) & MS/MPhil (18 years) of education. However, PhD candidature is established by the university itself based on certain requisite monitoring/training.

Federal Government Quota Policy:

The Government of Pakistan has approved the following quota policy for the award of scholarship in ECNEC meeting held on July 29, 2011:

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Special Disable Quota:

The PhD projects also address the capacity/capability of disabled individuals by keeping 2% scholarships reserved for special persons i.e. (deaf, blind, any body part permanent disability etc.) to promote the higher education among disable enthusiastic research students.

Selection Procedure:

- Advertisement in the newspapers of Pakistan and HEC website as per the eligibility criteria defined in the PC-1.
- ii. The scholarship test is conducted by the Education Testing Counsel (ETC) of HEC.
- Scrutiny of documents and preparation of merit list as per the approved criteria in PC-1/ Scholarship Management Committees.
- iv. Approval of the merit from the relevant Scholarship Management Committee.
- v. Display of merit list and provisional award of scholarships.

(*Def.*) *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?

Dr. Nadeem Jan: (a) It is not a fact that prices of medicines have recently been further increased. Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, with the approval of Federal Cabinet notified a Drug Pricing Policy-2018 which provides a mechanism for fixation, decrease & increase in MRPs of drugs. Since July 01, 2016 annual increase in Maximum Retail Prices of drugs has been linked with Consumer Price Index (CPI) under Drug Pricing Policy-2015/2018 notified after approval of Federal Government. Increase in prices for the financial year, 2023 has been allowed vide SRO.595(I)2023 dated 19th May, 2023 with approval of the Federal Government under Drug Pricing Policy-2018. However, this increase has been restricted to 14% in case of essential drugs and 20% for other drugs. The above said increase has been allowed due to increase in inflation/Consumer Price Index (CPI) and devaluation of Pak Rupee against US \$.

(b) Part b of the Question (Increase in taxes and duties on drugs) partially pertain to Federal Board of Revenue.

Following steps have been taken to bring down the prices of medicines:—

(iv) Reduction in MRP of Remdesivir 100mg Inj for treatment of Covid-19.

Since fixation of MRP @ 10,873/1's on 20-06-2020, MRP of Remdesivir 100mg Injection has been reduced 5 times as under:

Date of Reduction	MRP
22-10-2020	Rs.9,244/injection
07-12-2020	Rs.5,680/injection
22-09-2021	Rs.3967.34/injection
07-03 2022	Rs.2308.63/injection
20-07-2022	Rs. 1892 /I's injection

(v) Reduction in MRPs of other drugs.

Reduced Maximum Retail Prices of 20 Originator brands drugs vide S.R.O 24(I)/2023 dated 11th January, 2023 were notified after approval by the Federal Government.

Moreover, Maximum Retail Prices of 20 drugs were reduced on generic basis to maintain minimum difference of 15% with their respective Originator Brands vide SRO.209(I)/2023 dated 21st February, 2023.

(iii) Encouragement of production of generics.

- a. Manufacturing of generic drugs is being encouraged and facilitated, as by and large the generic products are cheaper than the branded drugs. Priority and all facilitations are being given to the manufacturers of generic drugs and to make their investment fruitful in the shortest possible time. For that purpose, meetings of the various boards are being held frequently.
- b. Priority is also being given to grant registration to new licenses/new sections to increase production of drugs which increase competition in the market which in turn results in the reduction of prices of drugs.

(iv) Coordination with provincial health authorities to monitor prices in the market.

Under Section 6 of the Drugs Act, 1976, the storage and sale of drugs in the market is regulated by the Provincial

Governments, therefore, DRAP has advised the Provincial Health Authorities to take action under the law against the companies who increase prices of drugs more than approved prices.

(v) Review of Drug Pricing Policy, Shortage of Medicines and Establishment of Pharma Park

- (a) On the direction of Honorable Minister, the case for review of CPI and Drug Pricing Policy has been forwarded for consideration of Policy Board, DRAP.
- (b) In order to cater the shortage of medicine, a Committee on availability of life saving drug (CALSD) has been working under the supervision of Additional Director. An android based Drug Shortage Reporting application (available on goggle play store) has been developed to immediately resolve the drug shortage complaints and provide information for alternative brands to the public.
- (c) DRAP has also prioritized registration of all of those molecules which are short in the market. This initiative of DRAP for injecting alternative on fast tract registration has helped to ease out shortages on reasonable prices.
- (d) A concept note for establishment of Pharma park for manufacturing of APIs has been prepared and same is under consultation with Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC). The local production of API's would be a step towards self-sufficiency along-with providing the better pricing on permanent basis.

(*Def.*) *Question No. **87 Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur**: (Notice Received on 9/10/2023 at 3:18 PM) QID: 38931

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of laws enacted by the Government in pursuance of the ILO Convention 29 on bonded labor; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to stop / abolish bonded labour in the country during the last three years in pursuance of those laws?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development: after the 18th Constitutional Amendment, the subject of Labour has been devolved to the federating units/provinces who are now responsible for labour legislation and its implementation including Bonded Labour. Further in pursuance of Presidential Order No. 18 of 1980, the ICT administration is dealing with the labour related matter for the workers of Islamabad Capital Territory. The ICT administration is working under the administrative control of M/o Interior. Under Rules of Business 1973, this Ministry has been assigned with the mandate of coordination on the subject of labour with provinces in Pakistan.

After devolution under 18th Constitutional Amendment, 2010, Provinces have adopted /enacted their own legislation to deal with the issue of Bonded Labour as under:—

ICT Administration

The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act ,1992.

Punjab

The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1992.

Sindh

The Sindh Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 2015.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 2015.

Balochistan

Balochistan Forced and Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 2021.

(b) The above laws are being strictly enforced in the provinces through the rigorous inspections carried out by the notified inspectors and by taking cognizance against the violators.

This Ministry and the provincial government have taken following septs to curb the issue of bonded labour, as per their mandate:—

Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & HRD

- The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development framed the National Strategic Framework to Eliminate Child and Bonded Labour in Pakistan in 2017 in consultation with provincial Labour departments and social partners. The framework drives 18 recommendations for the Provinces to eliminate child and bonded labour from Pakistan.
- The child labour survey is in process in all the Provinces and ICT with the assistance of UNICEF, Provincial Planning and Development Departments and Provincial Bureau of Statistics. Child Labour Survey is completed in Punjab and GB, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's report is also expected during next month.
- Gap analyses concerning P029- Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 has been initiated with the collective collaboration of Ministry of OPHRD and ILO Country Office for Pakistan, with the objective to identify the extent to which the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and its Protocol of 2014 (P-29) have been incorporated into laws, regulation and policies in Pakistan.

ICT Administration

 ICT Administration has conducted Survey of all Brick Kilns situated in ICT and no bonded labour was found. Further notices have been issued to Brick Kilns for registration under Factory Act, 1934 and so far, 20 Brick Kilns have been registered. District vigilance committee under Labour system (Abolition)
 Act, 1992 has been constituted by ICT administration to monitor the issue of bonded labour.

Punjab

- The Punjab Government has made certain amendments in the act ibid in the year 2018 in resonance with the ILO Convention 029 to incorporate the term "forced labour" and stringent penalties for perpetrators of forced and bonded labour in the province.
- District vigilance committee were constituted in 36 districts of the Punjab to abolish bonded labour and to keep an eye in the such incidents.

Sindh

- District Vigilance Committees (DVCs) in every district of Sindh have been established to discuss and monitor the issue of child labour, bonded labour and trafficking.
- Training programme for DVC member were organized at Hyderabad which was attended by the top officials of District Government of Sindh.
- Provincial level multi-stakeholders consultation for community based monitoring and remedial mechanism for Child labour was held at Hyderabad on 13-12-2021 wherein participants were sensitized on Sindh Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act, 2015 and Prohibition of employment of Child Act, 2017.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

- The department of Labour, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has formulated rules under relevant law on bonded labour.
- The department of Labour, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has designed SOPs which help the inspection team in the identification of victims. In addition to it, since August 2022, inspecting staff has also started to work in close collaboration with police and refer those cases to the Police Department who are under potential threat of forced labour or compelled labour.

- District Vigilance Committees (DVCs) in every district of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been established to discuss and monitor the issue of child labour, bonded labour and trafficking.
- Labour Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is working to reactivate the unit called "Child & Bonded Labour Unit". This unit was first established under an ADP scheme i.e. "Establishment of Child & Bended Labour Unit" worth Rs. 16 million but later on due to its excellent performance it was regularized and made a permanent feature of this Department. In order to strengthen this unit, provincial government has created 12 posts which include 7 posts of social mobilizers who will not only conduct inspection but also create awareness among workers and employers regarding this issue. Recruitment process of these posts is underway by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa public service commission.
- Awareness raising and training sessions were conducted by the Labour Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through a specialized wing called Worker Education Wing. In 2022, the wing has incorporated the angle of bonded/forced labour and trafficking in persons in their training and highlight this issue and the relevant law to create awareness in the worker's and employer's community.

Balochistan

- The department of Labour, Balochistan launched an awareness complains in the Brick Kilns and other commercial establishments of Balochistan in the month of February, & November, 2022.
- 66 officials of Labour Department were provided training on SOPs on inspection of forced, bonded and child labour.
- 14 Orientation sessions on Forced, Bonded and Child Labour for the Workers & Employers were conducted by the Labour Inspectorate in 2021 and 2022.
- Platform awareness campaign on Forced, Bonded and Child Labour was launched by the Labour Inspectorate through distribution of brochures, abstracts of laws in Urdu language to the stakeholders.

- The Director General, Labour Welfare Balochistan uploaded a video message for all the stakeholders and plead them for their cooperation by abiding by the Laws, and by refraining from forced, bonded and child labour. The information was disseminated through Print, Social Media (Facebook, twitter, and Linkedln) and Website of the Labour Department.
- Further, the Labour Inspectorate carried put inspections on bonded, forced labour; however, no Case of bonded and forced labour was found in functional Brick Kilns of Sibi and DM Jamali. The Brick Kilns of Quetta and Kalat Divisions were found closed as this industry is seasonal, and they remain dysfunctional in winter season in Balochistan.
- Moreover, the Department of Labour, Balochistan has the monthly inspection reporting mechanism, whereby the Labour Inspectorate carries out inspection of the workplaces and submits their report to Chief Inspector/Director General on monthly basis for consolidation at the Directorate General.
- In the year 2022, (587) inspections were carried out; however, no case of forced and bonded labour was reported.
- In the year 2023 till October, 37 inspections were carried out in the Brick Kilns; no case of forced and bonded labour was reported. However, under sections of Balochistan Factories Act, 2021 and Balochistan OSH Act, 2022 (5) cases were prosecuted, and Rs. 50,000/- were imposed as fine by the honorable Labour Court.

*Question No. **87 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi**: (Notice Received on 29/08/2023 at 9:06 AM) QID: 41190

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the details of funds provided by WHO for control of T.B, HIV / AIDS, Cancer and Child Malnutrition in the country during the last three years and utilization of the same?

Dr. Nadeem Jan: It is pertinent to mention that WHO provides technical support for the continuity of key programmes in Pakistan included: health systems strengthening; reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health; Communicable and non-communicable diseases; nutrition;

Expanded Programme on Immunization; Polio Eradication; and Emergencies and health Security. In addition, WHO also provided services during emergencies including COVID and recent floods. It is pertinent to mention that WHO does not provide funds to the M/o NHSRC.

*Question No. **88 Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar**: (Notice Received on 30/08/2023 at 9:07 AM) QID: 41291

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of roads of NHA damaged by floods in the province of Sindh during the year 2022, indicating also the number of said roads got repaired and expenditure incurred on the same?

Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar: The details of damaged roads of province of Sindh during floods in 2022 are mentioned as below:

- (a) During devastating floods in 2022, Indus Highway (N-55) and Mirpur Khas-Umerkot Road Section (N-120) have been severely affected from Jamshoro to Larkana at different stretches mainly near Sehwan and from Kakar to Mehar where the road remained inundated for more than one and half months. National Highway Authority took measures on war footing basis for restoration of affected road sections through operational Emergency. However, near Sehwan 03 No. bridges have been proposed (under ADB Flood Emergency Loan) for crossing of flood water in. future.
 - i. Route N-55 from Km, 136-137 SBC/NBC (Bridges near Sehwan), Length 70M.
 - ii. Route N-55 Km 142-143 SBC/NBC (Danister Wah Bridges), Length 70 KM
 - iii. Route N-55 from Km 142-143 SBE/NBC (New Bridges near Sehwan, Length 120M

(Total Length of proposed Bridges is 260M)

- (b) Critical damaged road & sub-merged road section/portion from Larkana to Jamshoro on Indus Highway (N-55) and Mirpur Khas Umerkot Road (N-120) have been repaired and restored for traffic. However, for proper rehabilitation, the road schemes have been approved, which are under procurement process.
- (c) Details of expenditure along-with road section are also attached (Annex-A).

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*Question No. **89 Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar**: (Notice Received on 30/08/2023 at 9:10 AM) QID: 41550

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of tertiary roads connected with CPEC route from Multan to Sukkar which are in dilapidated condition at present; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that as per the agreement, the Chinese companies working on the said CPEC route had to repair those tertiary roads but the same could not be implemented / done, if so, the reasons thereof?

Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar: (a) The detail of tertiary roads connected with Interchanges from Multan to Sukkur is as below:

S#	I/C Name	Town/City	
1	Rohri	Rohri	
1	KOIIII	Sukkur	
2	Pano Aqil	Pano Aqil	
3	Ghotki	Ghotki	
4	Guddu	Guddu	
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10	Jalalpur	Lodhran	
11	Shujabad	Shujabad	
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(b) It is fact that as per contract agreement, the EPC contractor of the project M/s China State Construction and Engineering Corporation (CSCEC) had repaired all the tertiary roads connected with Multan to Sukkur at the completion of the project in 2019 which were used during the construction activities.

*Question No. **90 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi**: (Notice Received on 30/08/2023 at 10:40 AM) QID: 41302

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to control the manufacturing of substandard and spurious drugs in the country?

Dr. Nadeem Jan: In order to have coordinated and effective mechanism to prevent detect and response to Spurious and substandard Drugs, DRAP, NHS,R&C has been taking all necessary steps required by an NRA, through enforcement of DRAP Act, 2012, including but not limited to the following:

- DRAP, through implementation of Schedule BII, DRAP Act, 2012 ensures the enforcement of cGMP for quality monitoring during manufacturing. DRAP has initiated Risk Based GMP Inspection Program on the methodology of Pharmaceutical Inspection Cooperation Scheme PIC/S.
- 2. Post market Surveillance activities are conducted by Inspectors of Drugs throughout Pakistan along with other Law Enforcing Agencies like FIA and Police and samples of drugs are taken testing by the Drug Testing Laboratories. A National Task Force was constituted in 2018, in order to have coordinated efforts for eradication of substandard, spurious and un-registered drugs. More than 3000 cases and 87 FIRs have been registered for violations of DRAP Act, 2012.
- 3. Laboratory capacity for testing of Drugs, has been immensely Strengthened during the past few years, for quality control of Drugs and detection of Spurious and substandard Drags. Pakistan is the only country in the region having 05 WHO Pre Qualified laboratories.

- 4. Developed an effective communication system including **Alert and recall System** and Online **Report a Problem** for eradication of SF product posing high level threats and effective recalls of defective therapeutic goods.
- 5. As a measure for Strengthening DRAP has been preparing for achieving status of **WHO Listed Authorities**. DRAP has gone through formal benchmarking through Global Benchmarking Tool (GBT) by WHO Expert team for level III which indicates a Stable Formal System.
- 6. The Federal Government has notified **Bar Coding System** (**Serialization**) for prompt tracing and tracking of spurious/counterfeit drugs at every level.
- 7. NHS, R&C recently inaugurated a **Mobile App, Drug Shortage Report** ® which will enable DRAP in identifying drug shortages, a major factor responsible for infiltration of spurious drugs in the market.

*Question No. **91 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan**: (Notice Received on 5/09/2023 at 12:49 PM) QID: 41308

Will the Minister for Federal Education, and Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the function and responsibilities of Pakistan Academy of Letters, Quaid e Azam Wing, Quaid e Azam Academy and Quaid e Azam Memorial Fund, National Library of Pakistan and it's OPAC (Online public Access Catalogue) indicating also the budget allocated to these institutions during the last 3 years?

Mr. Jamal Shah: Function, responsibilities, performance and total budget allocation of:

- 1. Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL), Islamabad (Annex-I)
- 2. Quaid-i-Azam Wing (Annex-II)
- 3. Quaid-i-Azam Academy (QAA), Karachi (Annex-III)

- 4. Quaid-i-Azam Memorial Fund (QAMF), Karachi (Annex-IV) and
- 5. National Library of Pakistan (NLP), Islamabad OPAC online access to catalogue during the last three years (Annex-V)

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

*Question No. **93 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed**: (Notice Received on 12/09/2023 at 9:20 AM) QID: 41152

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the import of medicines and medical equipment is suspended due to which government hospitals in the country specially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are facing shortage of medicines, if so, the steps being taken by the government in this regard; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there is an acute shortage of medicines in the government hospitals of Federal Capital, if so, its reasons and the steps taken by the government to overcome the shortage of medicines?

Dr. Nadeem Jan:

(a) **DRAP**

It is stated that pharmaceutical raw materials, finished products are cleared from custom for import under Drugs (Import & Export) Rules, 1976. It is further submitted that DRAP has never suspended/stopped the import of registered medicines & medical equipment. DRAP has always facilitated the import of registered life saving drugs to the general public and even other unregistered/ unavailable medicines of personal use and Hospital use.

(b) <u>DRAP</u>

DRAP has already taken up this matter and directed the manufacturers and importers to resolve shortages of all Federal and Provincial hospitals at the earliest. The shortage of drugs is a dynamic process which involves supply chain disruption, quality defects, cost escalation, regulatory actions, discontinuation, quota allocation, etc. overcoming shortage of therapeutic goods is top priority of DRAP and understands the significant impact this can have on patient care and is doing everything within its authority to help prevent and alleviate these disruptions and shortages.

Recently, DRAP Has resolved shortage of paracetamol tablets and suspensions. DRAP has expeditiously processed the registration applications of those medicines which are reported short in the market. Recently, Heparin Injections were registered on priority basis.

The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan continues to work closely with manufacturers and importers to mitigate and prevent shortages. Through a proactive approach and the use of all tools, including regulatory flexibilities, DRAP aims to shorten the duration of the shortage and ultimately prevent it, while adhering to the sacred responsibility of ensuring safe, efficacious, quality, and affordable therapeutic goods to the people of Pakistan.

PIMS

It is to inform that PIMS is facing shortage of few medicines, reasons behind are two i.e. one is liability in term of payments which are pending due to budgetary constraints, while second is inflation rate which creates inadequacy between supply & demand.

FGPC

It is stated that some of the life saving medicines have been made available including injection streptokinase and isoflurance inhalation solution. However, most of the medicines are still not available due to the reasons including budgetary constraints/ pending payments and inflation in rates. However, injection heparin, Labetalol, Isoptin, Hepamerz, Sandostatin, Epival, Rhophylac and Anti-Rables vaccines are not available.

*Question No. **94 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi**: (Notice Received on 12/09/2023 at 2:40 PM) QID: 41609

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

- (a) whether the Government has established institutes for imparting training to the teachers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of teachers trained in the said institutes during the last-three years; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more such institutes, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) The Federal College of Education was established in 1974 as Directorate of In-service Teachers Education and Resource Material Center Islamabad. The mandate of FCE was to build the capacity of in-service teachers. In 1978, it was converted into Teachers Education College and renamed as Federal College of Education. Presently FCE is working with the following mandate:

Pre-service Teachers Education.

In-service Teachers Education

- (b) The total number of Teachers (from FDE) trained in Federal college of Education during the last three years is 1390.
 - (c) NIL

*Question No. **95 Senator Dost Muhammad Khan**: (Notice Received on 12/09/2023 at 3:16 PM) QID: 41614

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the details of the land of Quaid-e-Azam University retrieved from the illegal possession during the last three years?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi:

Reply from HEC: No piece of land has been retrieved from illegal possession of settlers/encroachers during the last three years.

Reply from QAU: No anti-encroachment operation has been conducted by the CDA/Government in the last three years to retrieve the university land from the illegal possession of settlers/encroachers.

*Question No. **97 Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur**: (Notice Received on 27/09/2023 at 10:04 AM) QID: 41650

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in October 2019, Prince Mohammed Bin Salman, during his visit to Pakistan, announced the immediate release of 2,107 Pakistanis incarcerated in Saudi jails, if so, the details of all those prisoners released and reached Pakistan so far?

Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani: Following is the data of the prisoners released since the visit of Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed Bin Salman to Pakistan in October 2019:

Year	Released Prisoners (Under consular jurisdiction of Parep Riyadh)	Released Prisoners (under consular jurisdiction of Parep Jeddah)	Total
2019	545	_	545
2020	402	490	892
2021	367	549	916
2022	450	881	1331
2023	301	146	447
Total	2065	2066	4130

It may be noted that it is difficult to bifurcate/differentiate the number of the prisoners who may have been able to avail this clemency under this announcement due to continuous inflow as well as outflow of the prisoners.

*Question No. **98 Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur**: (Notice Received on 28/09/2023 at 11:42 AM) QID: 41654

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many online sports betting sites are functional and being used by Pakistanis for betting in cricket matches, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that these sports betting sites have been offering lucrative bonuses and offers to lure people into their trap, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to stop operation of these sites in Pakistan?

Mr. Fawad Hasan Fawad: (a & b) State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) vide letter dated 8th March, 2023 (Annex-I) had highlighted some surrogate brands engaged in online betting. These websites/ domains are foreign controlled and thus any usage of their services by resident Pakistanis would result in outflow of precious foreign exchange of the country. SBP had requested Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to ensure that these platforms do not offer any services in Pakistan and to devise a code of ethics for its franchises, obligating them to abide by the laws of the land while selecting international sponsors.

Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (M/o I&B) vide letters dated 25th September, 2023 (Annex-II) and 20th October, 2023 (Annex-III) also identified some surrogate companies illegally engaged in sponsoring and advertising contracts with a number of media outlets and sports enterprises and had strictly advised not to promote them (the surrogate companies of betting houses) through any kind of advertisement and also advised to immediately terminate all existing agreements with such surrogate companies. Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) was also advised to block all such websites/applications containing illegal betting of surrogate companies as well as social media handles of other

individuals/ organizations containing/ displaying logos of these surrogate companies. M/o I&B has also issued fresh advisory on 19th December, 2023 (Annex-IV) wherein they have reiterated their earlier directions.

Ministry of IPC vide letter dated 20th December, 2023 placed at **Annex-V** has also directed PCB to submit a detailed report on the actions taken by PCB for implementation of above stated directions.

Moreover, Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) vide their letter dated 26th December, 2023 (Annex-VI) has prohibited Broadcast/distribution of advertisement of surrogate companies (in any manner what so ever) with immediate effect who are promoting gambling / betting in different sports events being telecast / broadcast / rebroadcast in the country and on repeated violation, legal proceedings under relevant provisions of PEMRA laws shall be initiated.

PCB vide letter dated 13th December, 2023 (Annex-VII) has informed that PCB strictly prohibits all forms of betting or associated activities.

Ministry of IPC has yet again instructed PCB to ensure against any surrogate advertising while finalizing Media Rights for PSL 9 & 10 (Annex-VIII). It is therefore, clear that GoP has a zero tolerance policy for any such activities.

(Annexure have been Placed in Library and on Table of the Mover/Concerned Member)

*Question No. **100 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed**: (Notice Received on 11/10/2023 at 12:41 PM) QID: 41331

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria including qualifications laid down for appointment of the Chairman, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB); and
- (b) the qualifications of the incumbent Chairman (PCB), indicating also the posts against which he has served earlier?

Mr. Fawad Hasan Fawad: (a & b) The Criteria for appointment of Chairman, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) including qualification is laid down in Article 7 of the PCB Constitution, 2014, which is reproduced as under.

Article 7(5):

In order for a person to be eligible to be elected to the office of Chairman such person shall be holder of at least a Bachelor's degree or an equivalent professional degree or higher from a local university or college recognized by the Pakistan Higher Education Commission, a foreign university or college recognized by a similar body in the relevant country and possesses sufficient administrative managerial or financial experience.

Article 7(6):

No person shall be elected as, or hold the office of, Chairman, if he,—

- a is not a citizen of Pakistan or ceases to be a citizen of Pakistan;
- b has been convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude and sentenced for such an offence with imprisonment of either description for a term exceeding two years for any offence under the National Accountability Bureau Ordinance, 1999(XVIII of 1999);
- c has been dismissed, on account of misconduct from the service of any Government, Statutory Corporation, Organization, Authority or a Body established or controlled by or under the authority of a federal or provincial government, or in which any such government has a controlling share or interest;
- d has been adjudged as insolvent by a competent court of law; and
- e is incapable of discharging his functions for reasons of physical or mental incapacity;

The CV of incumbent Chairman, Management Committee is at (Annex-I).



PROFILE

Being a reputed entrepreneur, Mr. Zaka Ashraf is a well-known businessman and a versatile professional. He has multifaceted talents in diversified fields of business management. He is a distinguished public figure in Pakistan rendering invaluable services to the public and providing pragmatic solutions to the business community as a whole. A thorough professional serving the industry and business community and has proved himself as a pivotal contributor towards economy of the country in general and towards agro-sector in particular by representing Pakistan on various forums and contributing towards progress of Pakistan by serving on different and distinguished rales and capacities upholding the positive image of Pakistan.

He is a seasoned business development professional with 40 years plus corporate experience as Chairman/CEO in versatile Industries especially Sugar manufacturing and public sector leadership as chief of government organizations. Being a cricket enthusiast and his corporate and managerial skills combined allowed him to play a pivotal role in the uplift of cricket during his tenures as chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board, where he conceived, laid down the structure and launched a new league for Pakistan which is now known as the Pakistan Super League (PSL), which is one of the many contributions that were made during his tenure.

CURRENT POSITIONS

CHAIRMAN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD (PCB)

ASHRAF GROUP OF INDUSTRIES

CHAIRMAN

SUBAR RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT BOARD (SRDB)

CHIEF MINISTER AGRICULTURE TASK FORCE, PUNJAB

EXPERIENCES/HONORS/POSITIONS HELD

Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Development Committee

2011 - 2013

CHAIRMAN

PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD (PCB)

2013 - 2013

Skills

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

ADMINISTATIVE HEAD

PUBLIC SERVICE

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

LEADERSHIP

NETWORKING

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PROBLEM SOLVING

Languages

ENGUSH

URDU

PUNJABI

Hobbies

- CRICKET
- AGRICULTURE
- RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

~ident & CEO	2008 - 2011
Zarai Taraqiciti Bank Limited (ZTBL)	
Voluntarily served without salary and perks. Sur	passed all targets and
indicators since emergence of bank and for su	ch great performance,
the rating of ZTBL was upgraded by the State Bo	ank of Pakistan.
Chairman	2021 - 2022
All Pakistan Sugar Mills Association	
Introduced Ethanol Policy and High Pressure Te	chnology in power
generation through 'cogeneration' which has eand still has further potential to bring billion of a	arned Billion of Dollars
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Chairman	2020 - 2021
Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (Punjab Zone)	
Chairman	2006 - 2008
Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (Punjab Zone)	
Chairman	2004 - 2006
All Pakistan Sugar Mills Association	
Chairman Standing Committee on	2005 - 2006
Agriculture	
Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce	e & Industry
Member Executive Committee	2002 - 2004
Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry	
Chairman	2000 - 2002
Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (Punjab Zone	
Member Board of Governors	1989 - 2013
Sadiq Public School, Bahawalpur	
Member Executive Committee	1989 - 2013
Sadig Public School, Bahawalpur	

*Question No. **101 Senator Fawzia Arshad**: (Notice Received on 31/10/2023 at 4:55 PM) QID: 41688

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the whether the posts of Executive Director, Higher Education Commission and Director General, Federal Directorate of Education have been filled on regular basis, if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the same will be filled on regular basis?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi:

Executive Director, Higher Education Commission

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) was established under Ordinance No. LIII of 2002, as an autonomous body, validated vide the 18th Constitution amendment, for the promotion of Higher Education, research and development and the position of Executive Director carries a salary package of MP-I Scale (Annex-I).

The position of Executive Director has been advertised thrice Since October, 2018 for appointment to an open competition. A suitable candidate has not been found through this process. As Per Rule 16(a) of the Employees (Recruitment) Rules, 2009 (Annex-II), whereby, in case of non-availability of any expertise within the Commission is unable to find any incumbent with the desired expertise, even after completion of Recruitment process the competent authority can made appointments on deputation. Therefore, the officer can be posted on deputation basis on standard terms and conditions even against an MP scale position as Rule ibid.

Prof. Dr. Zia ul Qayyum has appointed as Executive Director on MP-1 HEC for a period of 04 years vide HEC's Notification dated 13th November, 2023 (Annex-III).

Director General, Federal Directorate of Education

It is stated that the post of Director General (BS-21), Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) required to be filled on contract basis and may also be filled up by appointment, by transfer/ deputations according to Establishment Division O.M. No.10/1/84-R-V dated 13th August, 2020 (Annex-IV).

The procedure for filling up the post of Director General, FDE is under process. In this regard, this Ministry vide Circular dated 18th September, 2023 circulated the post of DG, FDE (BS-21) among all Ministries/ Divisions/Provincial departments for suitable nominations of BS-21 officer(s) (Annex-V). On receipt of nominations, the due process shall be carried out as per rules / regulations. Meanwhile, Mr. Tanvir Ahmed, Deputy Director General (Operations) (BS-20), FDE vide office dated 07-11-2023 has been allowed to exercise administrative and Financial powers of DG, FDE till further orders (Annex-VI).

Moreover, post of DG (FDE) was widely circulated through Federal Secretariat / HEC as well as in Provincial Govts. Accordingly applications were received till closing date. Applications so far received are in process evaluation/scrutiny. The shortlisted candidates to be received in due course of time for conduct of interview to be chaired by Federal Minister at the convenient date and time.

Annex-I

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ISLAMABAD, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 2009

Islamahad, the 1st September, 2009

SUBJECT: Higher Education Commission Employees (Recruitment) Rules, 2009

S. R. O. 522(1)/2009— In exercise of the powers emferred by Section 12 (2) of the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, No. Lill of 2002, the Commission in its meeting held on 27.06.2009 vide item No. 6 make the following rules regulating the recruitment of persons to the Higher Education Commission, namely:---

may be called the Higher Education Commission Employees (Recruitment) Rules, 2009.

> (ii) They shall come into force in once and shall apply to all the employees in whole time employment of the Commission working in the Head office; Regional Centre, MP Scales and Projects.

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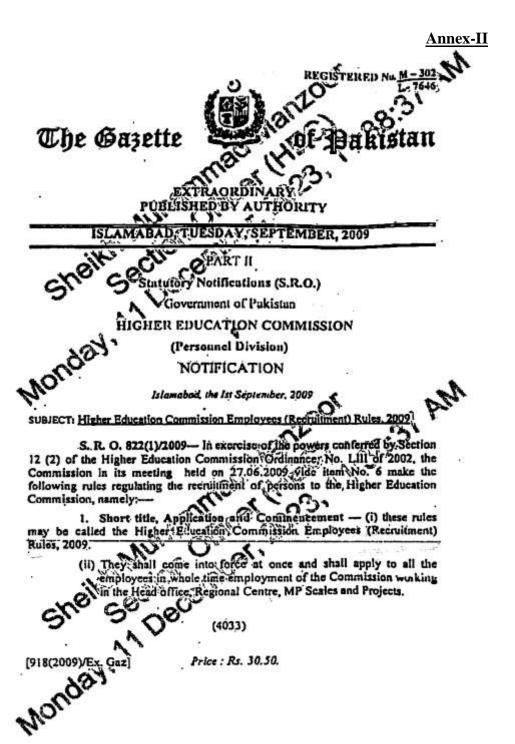
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regiowing additions/amendments shall be made in Schedule III of the Rules, for appointment to the under mentioned posts:-

PRESCRIBED QUALIFICATION. EXPERIENCE AND AGE LIMIT FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT TO THE UNDER MENTIONED MANAGEMENT POSITIONS (MP) POSTS

S. No.	Dosignation of the Post	Scale	Qualification & Experience	Max. Ago Limit
1.	Executive Olrector	S. S	BS/M.A.M.Sc. Dogreo (18 years education) in any discipline. PhD would be preferable but is not required. A minimum at 20 years work experience in Government! Private Soctor. Civil Soctory or the Higher Education Soctor Shauding at least two years consentation Sector Shauding at least two years consent force at a Senior Management level Significant Academic leadership experience is proferable. As creative education experience with the copacity to listen and to build an efficient Management Jean. An excellent recruiter of parsonnel Experience with Management of Complex. Administrative and financial Organizations.	GO Max.

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PART II

Statutory Notifications contoloing Rules and Orders issued by all Ministries and Divisions of the Government of Pakistan and their Attached and Subordinate Offices and the Supreme Court of Pakistan

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Annex-III

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD (HRM DIVISION)

No. 19(3)HEC-Recruitment/HRM/2023/3048

November 13, 2023

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of HEC's offer of appointment letter No. 19(3)/HEC-Recruitment/HRM/2023/3043 dated 13-11-2023, Prof. Dr. Zin ul Quyyum has joined as Executive Director (MP-I), Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad for a period of four (04) years w.e.f. 13-11-2023.

DIRECTOR (HRM)

Distribution:

- i. P.S. to Secretary to the President, President's Secretariat (Public), Islamabad
- ii. P.S. to Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Secretariat, Islamabad
- iii. P.S. to President, AJ&K, Muzaffarabad.
- iv. P.S. to Governors, Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan & Gilgit Baltistan
- v. P.S. to Secretary, Cabinet Division, Islamabad
- vi. P.S. to Secretary, Establishment Division, Islamabad
- vii. P.S. to Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamabad
- viii. Chief Secretories, Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, AJ&K and Gilgit Baltistan
- ix. Staff Officer to Chairperson, HEC
- x. Secretary to Executive Director, HEC
- xi. P.S. to Secretary Education; Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- xii. The Principal Information Officer, PID, Islamabad
- xiii. Members of the Commission
- xiv. P.S. to Vice Chancellors of all Public / Private Universities
- xv. Directors, Centers of Excellence, Area Study Centers, Pakistan Study Centers and Institutes of Higher Learning
- xvi. All Divisional/Sectional Heads of HEC

Annex-IV

Government of Pakistan Cabinet Secretariat Establishment Division

No. 10/1/84-R-V

Islamabad, the 13 August, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:-

AMENDMENT IN RECRUITMENT RULES OF FDE VIDE SRO NO.225(1)/90 DATED 07.03.1990

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training's O.M. No. 4-18/2011-Edu dated 30.07.2020 on the subject and this Division's concurrence for filling up of the post of Director General (BS-21) on contract basis vide O.M. of even number dated 07.02.2020.

The qualification, experience and age limit is prescribed as under:-

Name of the Post	Qualification and experience	Maximum Age Limit
Director General (BS-21)	(i) Master's Degree (Minimum 18 years of Education) from HEC recognized university in Finance/Accounts/Economics/Management/Public Policy, Public Administration, Law, Education Leadership, Management and /or Policy; and	55 years
	(ii) 20 years experience in the field of Management Educational Management, Accounting Finance, Economics, Public Policy, Public Administration, Education Leadership, Management and/or Policy, or Law; and	-2
	(iii) Out of the total experience mentioned in (ii) above, minimum 5 years must be at senior management level or minimum 3 years as head of a public or private sector organization.	

Provided that the post of Director General (BS-21) may also filled up by appointment by transfer/deputations.

(Ramish Hassan Rana) Section Officer(R-5)

The Secretary.

Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training,
Government of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

Annex-V Flag A

No.4-18/2011-Edu-2 Government of Pakistan Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training

Islamabad, 18th September, 2023

CIRCULAR

Subject:

SELECTION / POSTING AGAINST THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL (BS-21), FEDERAL DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION (FDE), ISLAMABAD ON DEPUTATION BASIS

The post of Director General (BS-21), Federal Directorate of Education (FDE), an Attached Department under the administrative control of the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, Islamabad is lying vacant and is required to be filled in, initially for a period of three (03) years on deputation basis.

- 2. In order to select/post a suitable officer as Director General (BS-21) in the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) Islamabad, all Ministries / Divisions/ Provincial Departments are requested to recommend/ forward the nominations of BS-21 officer(s) working in their Ministries/ Divisions/Provincial Departments, who fulfil the regulate criteria attached at Annex-I by 10.10.2023.
- This issues with the approval of the competent authority, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, Islamabad.

Encl: As above.

(Hameed Khan Niazi) Deputy Secretary (Admn) Tel:- 051-9205433

Distribution:-

All Ministries/Divisions/Provincial Departments.

 Executive Director, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad for getting suitable nominations from Universities.

iii) The Executive Secretary, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). 10th Floor, Arfa Software Technology Park, 348-B, Ferozepur Road, Lahore.

iv) The Secretary, Sindh Higher Education Commission (SHEC), F-60/1, Block-4, Near Abdullah Shah Ghazi Shrine, Clifton, Karachi.

 v) The Secretary, Higher Education Department, Civil Secretariat Peshawar, Block-B, Gate No: 5, Opposite Minister Block, Government of KPK, Peshawar.

OC:i) PSO to Secretary, M/o FE & PT, Islamabad: 9 17/9/
ii) SPS to Secretary, M/o FE & PT, Islamabad

ii) SPS to Additional Secretary. M/o FE & PT, Islamahad ____()

Government of Pakistan Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training

Name of Post	Eligibility Criteria / Qualification & Experience
Director General (BS-21)	i) Master's Degree (Minimum 18 years of education) from MEC recognized university in Finance/Accounts/ Economics/ Management/public Policy, Public Administration, Law, Education Leadership, Management and/or Policy; and
	ii) 20 years' experience in the field of Management Educational Management, Accounting Finance, Economics, Public Policy, Public Administration, Education Leadership, Management and/or Policy, or Law, and
	iii) Out of the total experience mentioned in (ii) above, minimum 5 years must be at senior management level or minimum 3 years as head of a Public or Private Sector Organization.

Annex-VI

No.F.4-1/2023-Admn Government of Pakistan Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training

Islamabad, 7" November, 2023

OFFICE ORDER

With immediate effect and until further orders, all administrative and financial powers of Director General, Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) are delegated to Deputy Director General (Operations), Federal Directorate of Education (FDE).

2. This issues with the approval of the Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, Islamabad.

> (Harty) ed Khan Niazi) Deputy Secretary (Admn) Tel:- 051-9205433

Distribution:-

- i) Joint Secretary (FE), Wo FE&PT, Islamabad
 ii) Deputy Secretary (FE), Wo FE&PT, Islamabad
 iii) PSO to Secretary, Mo FE&PT, Islamabad
 iv) SPS to Secretary, Mo FE&PT, Islamabad
 v) SPS to Additional Secretary, Mo FE&PT, Islamabad
- vi) PS to Senior Joint Secretary (Admn), Mo FE & PT, Islamabad.
- vii) Director General, FDE, Islamabad.
- viii) Deputy Director General (Operations), FDE, Islamabad. ix) Section Officer (G&P), Mo FE & PT, Islamabad.

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*Question No. **103-A Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:** (Notice Received on 10/11/2023 at 03:42 PM) QID: 41706

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

- (a) the number of students studying in "A" and "O" level under the Cambridge system in Pakistan at present indicating also the number of students appeared in "A" & "O" level examinations during the period from 2018 to 2021 withe year wise break up; and
- (b) the amount received as examination fee from students appearing in the said examinations during the years during years 2019-20 and 2021-2022?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) After the 13th Constitutional Amendment, the subject of Education was devolved to Provinces. M/o FE&PT maintain information regarding students studying in educational institutions under Federal Directorate of Education and the same is given hereunder:—

Islamabad Model College for Girls I-10/4, Islamabad International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) IGCSE Brief Summary from 2018 to 2023

	No. of students studying in "A" and "O" Level		Det	ails of	Studer	its App	eared	in Ex	amina	tion	De	Hall of Exa Rec	minati eived	on Fee
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1	Nil		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	8	6	5	5	Nil	426,324		481,123

Islamabad Model College for Boys F-8/4, Islamabad

S. N o.	No. of students studying in "A" and "O" Level			Det		Stude Exami			ed in			Detail of Ex Red	amina ceived	
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1				72			33	27	18	10	Nil	Rs. 3,315,03 2/-		Rs. 1,447,324/

In pursuance of Sections 4 and 5 of Islamabad Capital Territory — Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (ICT-PEIRA) is mandated to register and regulate private educational institutions (PIEs) operating in Islamabad Capital Territory only.

As per available record of "O" and "A" level students currently studying in Islamabad Capital Territory is as under;

Number of Students in O Level	Number of Students in A Level
3249	6044

ICT-PEIRA is mandated to register and regulate PEIs. The examining body in ICT is Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) and for equivalence purposes, the body is Inter-Board Coordination Commission (IBCC). They are in collaboration with International Examining bodies including Cambridge International Examination (CIE) and British Council (BC) etc., being examining and equivalence bodies respectively.

(b) Foreign or local Examining Bodies determine Registration, Examination and Logistic Costs / fees for examination independently, which does not come under the purview of ICT-PEIRA as it is not an examination body.

*Question No. **104 Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:** (Notice Received on 16/11/2023 at 4:04 PM) QID: 41717

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government had set up a Directorate General of Religious Education (DGRE), in 2019 if so its mandate; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to modernize and update the Madaris Education Curriculum since 2019 indicating also the names of Madaris where the said reforms have been incorporated during that period?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training notified "Directorate General of Religious Education (DGRE)" in 2019 with its Head Office in Islamabad along with 16 regional offices all over Pakistan. Major function of DGRE is to ameliorate Mandate of DGRE: Major function of DGRE is to ameliorate Madaris Education to support their mainstreaming in the education system of Pakistan. Objectives of DGRE are as under:

- 1. To mainstream religious education in Pakistan.
- 2. To register all Deeni Madaris of Pakistan.
- 3. To collect the data and other relevant information on Madaris.
- 4. To facilitate all the registered Madaris for the opening of their bank accounts in the scheduled banks of the country.
- 5. To facilitate Foreign Students in obtaining Pakistani visas (maximum 09 years) for admission in Pakistani Madaris.
- 6. To facilitate Madaris to get affiliated with the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education as well as Board of Technical Education for SSC / HSSC and in technical & vocational education examinations for the Madaris' Students.
- 7. To facilitate all Deeni Madaris to introduce the contemporary subjects at SSC / HSSC in the next 05 years.
- 8. To facilitate all Deeni Madaris in adopting National Curriculum of Pakistan.
- 9. To facilitate Madaris to enhance national harmony, peace, stability, and socio-economic development in the country through organizing various Co-Curricular and extra-curricular activities.

The National Curriculum Council consists of 58 members. The heads/representatives of five Wafaqs/Tanzimat are also part of the Council. Development of the National Curriculum of Pakistan, earlier called Single National Curriculum was aimed at introducing a balanced

education in the Madaris. The curriculum for grades 1 to 8 was notified in 2022 while the curriculum for grades 9 to 12 was notified on June 14, 2023, and shared with the DGRE. The implementation may start accordingly.

DGRE achievements since its inception are as under

- 1. DGRE has established head office in Islamabad & 16 regional offices all over Pakistan including GB & AJK
- 2. DGRE has registered 16,646 Madaris all over the country so far.
- 3. 1,196 teachers provided to 598 Madaris (2 teachers per Madrasah) to support them in imparting contemporary education
- 4. Implemented National Curriculum of Pakistan in 85 Madaris
- 5. Provided free Books to 56,710 students studying in Madaris
- 6. Thirty-six (36) sessions of Paigham-e-Pakistan conducted in Different Provinces.
- 7. Provided training to teachers of Madaris on contemporary education.
- 8. Facilitated 1,294 Foreign Students in obtaining Pakistani visas (maximum 09 years) for admission in Pakistani Madaris
- 9. To mainstream Madaris students by providing Technical & Vocational Education, agreement was signed with NAVTTC to establish 70 labs in Madaris for imparting Technical Education DGRE has Identified 70 Madaris for the establishment of computer labs.

Any intervention pertaining to the Curriculum of Madaris is not the mandate of DGRE, while DGRE had played its role in implementation of National Curriculum in Madaris. DGRE has provided 1,196 teachers in 598 Madaris and books to 56,710 students studying in Madaris thus supporting them in imparting contemporary Education.

*Question No. **105 Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar**: (Notice Received on 17/11/2023 at 4:11 PM) QID: 41724

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

- (a) the details of literacy rate in the country with province-wise break-up; and
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase literacy rate in the country, indicating also the details of assistance being provided to provincial governments by the Federal Government for increasing literacy rate in each province?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) "The Eighteenth Constitution Amendments has introduced a number of changes in the constitutions or Pakistan 1973. It has redefined the existing nature of relationship between the federation and the federating units in Pakistan. It also have profound Impact on the legislative jurisdiction and executive authorities at the federal and provincial levels. The changes also have financial Implications and effects on the allocations of the revenue resources between the governments. Education is one of the key subjects which have been devolved to the provincial mandate. The present challenge of access, equity, and quality of education require a response at national level. According to the Economic Survey 2022-23, the present literacy rate in the country is as under:

Literacy Rate in Pakistan age 10 year and older (%)

Province	Male	Female	Total	
Pakistan	73.4	51.9	62.8	
Punjab	74.2	58.4	66.3	
Sindh	72.9	49.7	61.8	
KP	72.8	37.4	55.1	
Balochistan	69.4	36.8	54.5	

Source: Pakistan Economic Survey 2022-23, Finance Division, Islamabad

- (b) Following steps have been taken by the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFE&PT), Islamabad to promote literacy in the country:
 - National Commission of Human Development (NCHD), MoFE&PT established 1510 Adult Literacy Centers (ALCs) in 117 Districts across the country. In these ALCs 37,750 illiterates have been enrolled.
 - 345 community feeder schools are operational in Islamabad, AJK and GB. Almost 14,000 students have enrolled.
 - NCHD, MoFE&PT has also established 100 Madaris in 16 districts of Pakistan in which 2,600 have been enrolled
 - NCHD, MoFE&PT and BISP inked an agreement for the enrolment of 3 million out of school children of BISP beneficiary families. During the said NCHD mobilized BISP beneficiary families and communities for enrolment. Under the Program, NCHD's field teams across Pakistan enrolled 1.7 million Out of School children (OOSC). Further to this NCHD enrolled 2.6 million from the date of inking agreement.
 - MoFE&PT recently launched Zero OOSC campaign in Islamabad. So far, a total of 81,537 children have been identified as out of school, with 70,491 (86%) of them being successfully enrolled.
 - Basic Education Community Schools (BECS), MoFE&PT is running 1225 schools directly under Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training in three areas ICT, GB and AJ&K. In these schools 39,757 students are enrolled.
 - BECS recently started Accelerated learning Program (ALP) centers for age group (9-16) as special initiative in Islamabad, to enroll at least (660-1100) OOSC.

- National Education Foundation (NEF), MoFE&PT is running 45 Community Model Schools in far- flung areas of AJK with about 4000 enrollments at primary level from the disadvantaged group.
- NEF, MoFE&PT has also running 5 schools Accelerated Leaning Program for out of school children of Islamabad. There are about 310 students are enrolled.

*Question No. **106 Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan**: (Notice Received on 24/11/2023 at 11:46 AM) QID: 41749

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that neither land for construction of Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway has been purchased nor any construction work has been started on the project so far, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the time by which work will be started and completed on the same?

Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar: Land Acquisition for construction of Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway (M-6) Project is in progress.

M-6 project alignment passes through Seven (07) Districts i.e. Jamshoro (21 Km), Hyderabad (12 Km), Matiari (70 Km), Shaheed Benazirabad (59), Naushahro Feroze (64), Khairpur (76) & Sukkur (02). An amount of Rs. 15,237.30 Million has been released to the concerned DCs, as per their demand (land cost)

About 7200 acres land is required for construction of Sukkur Hyderabad Motorway (M-6) that includes 1,014 acre Govt. Land and rest private land. 681 acre Govt land is already reserved and possession handed over to NHA, besides, 5676 acres possession is available to NHA. Therefore, sufficient land is available to start the construction activates.

As a result of failure of Concessionaire M/s TECMC (Pvt.) Ltd. to the achieve Financial Close even within extended period, NHA issued "Preliminary Notice"/Default Notice to the Concessionaire on 16-10-2023, in pursuance to the provisions of PPP Agreement to cure the breaches and achieve Financial Close within 45 days cure period i.e. until 30-11-2023. In response to this notice, the Concessionaire . requested for further

Extension of time for one month to achieve Financial Close due to following grounds:

The delay in achievement of Financial Close was caused due to dispute within the Consortium partners.

The said dispute has now been resolved and the foreign Consortium partner M/s CMC has rejoined the project.

NHA with the assistance of legal councel is reviewing the request of Concessionaire to adopt further course of action in the light of provision of PPP Agreement.

*Question No. **107 Senator Seemee Ezdi**: (Notice Received on 28/11/2023 at 10:33 AM) QID: 41767

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite being food surplus, considerable portion of Pakistan's population is undernourished and stunted, if so its reasons; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government during the period from 2021 to 2023 to achieve "Zero Hunger" for the population?

Dr. Kauser Abdulla Malik: Ministry of National Food security and Research gives utmost emphasis on safe and nutritious food and it is a pre-requisite for health:

- In the Sustainable Development Goal-2(SDG-2) it intends to end hunger, by achieving universal food security and improved nutrition by developing sustainable agriculture.
- Currently Pakistani population is 241 million. However, Pakistan is surplus in food nutritious and falls in global ranking i.e Wheat (7th), Rice (12th), sugarcane (4th) Dates (6th) and Dairy milk (4th).

- According to M/o National Health Services, latest survey National Nutrition Survey (2018),
 - 40% of children aged below 5yrs are stunted
 - 17.7 5 wasted
 - 28.9 % underweight
 - 9.5 overweight
- (b) Government has launched the various nutritious programs in this regard as under:
 - Benazir Nashonuma Pogram (BNP)
 - Specialized Nutritious Services
 - Nutritious counseling
 - Health Services
 - Cash Stipends to 280,000 beneficiaries (including 41,00 pregnant & breastfeeding women, 139,000 children across 158 districts)
 - Ministry of NFSR has developed projects for productivity enhancement of these crop with cost of **Rs 10.274 billion** for following on-going projects.
 - Better Cotton Initiatives
 - Productivity Enhancement of Rice,
 - Productivity Enhancement of wheat
 - National Oilseed Enhancement program
 - Cotton Productivity Enhancement through Eco friendly pink bollworm management.

*Question No. **108 Senator Seemee Ezdi**: (Notice Received on 28/11/2023 at 10:34 AM) QID: 41766

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

- (a) the details of vocational and skill based training being provided by National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVVTC) and colleges/institutions affiliated with it in the country with province wise break up;
- (b) whether NAVVTC and its affiliated institutions are providing any vocational and skill based training to women living in slum and backward areas of the country, if so, the details thereof indicating also the number of women who have successfully completed these trainings; and
- (c) Whether any industrial trainings programs for women are included in the NAVVTC's skill based training, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) National Vocational & Technical Commission (NAVTTC) has recently completed a nationwide skill development program titled; Prime Minister's special package to implement "Skills for All" strategy through its affiliated 900 Training partners including top of the line Universities, TVET institutes, colleges and industries. And a total of 161,550 youth were equipped with employable and income generating skills. The region-wise breakdown of the youth trained under the instant program since year 2020 to-date is as below:

Dogion(a)	Youth Skilled & certified						
Region(s)	Conventional	Hi-Tech	Total				
Punjab	28,489	39,407	67,896				
ICT/GB/AJK	7,986	14,103	22,089				
KPK	6,506	13,754	20,260				
Sindh	14,141	24,269	38,410				
Balochistan	7,687	5,208	12,895				
Total	64,809	96,741	161,550				

(b) NAVTTC in-line with the directions of the federal government always prioritizes the provision of skill training to the women living in backward areas and slums of the country. These backward areas

include; Balochistan, Gilgit Batistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Newly merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Rural Sindh, Southern Punjab ad slums of developed cities. A minimum of 33% quota is reserved for the skill training of women in NAVTTC funded skill training programs. Keeping in view the geographical disparity and availability of limited training facilities in backward areas and slum, domestic skills for women are highly promoted for the self-employment. These skills include; Dress making / Tailoring, Beautician, Textile Designing, Traditional Artifacts, Hand and Machine Embroidery etc. More than 60,000 females were skilled by virtue of Prime Minister's "Skills for All Program and the preference of enrollment was given to the women belonging to backward areas. A number of 300 women belonging to far-flung district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Southern Punjab were skilled in Islamabad and boarding and lodging facility was also provided in reputed TVET institutes.

(c) industrial trainings were included in NAVTTC sponsored training programs and the trades like; Gems and Jewellery manufacturing, Textile designing, Industrial stitching machine Operator, Garment manufacturing, Hospitality and Tourism industry were made the part of training program. Preference was given to the females for enrollment in industrial trainings and more than 2,000 women were skilled in indicated skills paving their ways to sustained source of income generation.

*Question No. **110 Senator Prof. Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani**: (Notice Received on 1/12/2023 at 2:01 PM) QID: 41781

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of accidents occurred on national highways and motorways in the country during the last one year indicating also the number of persons died and got injured in the same; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that the number of accidents on the highways and motorways is increasing day by day, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the steps being taken by the Government to control the same?

Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar: (a) <u>1st Jan to 15th Dec, 2022 v/s 2023</u> <u>Accidents Comparative report:</u>

Year	<u>Fatal</u>	Non-Fatal	Total	Deaths	Injuries
2022	300	167	467	539	299
2023	252	101	353	441	239
Difference	-48	-66	-114	-98	-60
%age	-16%	-40%	-24%	-18%	-20%
Trend	+	+	+	+	+

- (b) The above data indicates that number of accidents in the category of fatal & non-fatal accidents, deaths and injuries has decreased. Moreover, NHMP has taken following steps to control the traffic crashes:
 - i. Patrolling and provision of help through Helpline 130;
 - ii. Road Safety Messages for sensitization;
 - iii. Seminars, Workshops, Walks and Briefings;
 - iv. Road Safety Campaigns through Print, Electronic and Social Media;
 - v. Distribution of printed pamphlets/brochures;
 - vi. Maximum patrolling during rush hours;
 - vii. Availability of two drivers in Public Service Vehicles travelling on long routes;
 - viii. Meeting with transporters/terminal Managers to educate;
 - ix. Speed Checking;
 - x. Drone cameras are utilized to curtail violations;
 - xi. Anti-Dozing and breathalyzer devices are being used;
 - xii. Cancellation of driving licenses/Route Permits/Fitness Certificates of gross violations;
 - xiii. Strict enforcement against the overloaded and oversized vehicles;
 - xiv. Improvement in road infrastructure;
 - xv. Closure of illegal U-turns on highways.

*Question No. **111 Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan**: (Notice Received on 5/12/2023 at 12:33 PM) QID: 41793

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

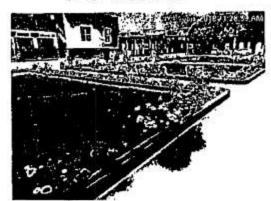
- (a) whether it a fact that FG Boys Higher Secondary School, Rawat, Islamabad is in a dilapidated condition where no rehabilitation work has been carried out for a long time, if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to upgrade and rehabilitate the said school?
- **Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi:** (a) It is submitted that there were no funds available in P&D wing of FDE regarding repair and maintenance work which were mainly carried out through recurring budget of relevant institution. However, Planning and Development wing of EDE initiated PC-1 titled "Provision of Basic Education facilities in Educational Institutions of ICT under FDE" keeping in best interest of institution the name of F.G Boys Secondary School Rawat was included in the said project. List of Schools included in PC-1 (**Annex-I**)
- (b) In the said PC-I the following development work is in the scope to be executed before the completion of the project;
- (c) 01 Admn Block, 01 Laboratory, 01 Computer Lab, 01 Library and 01 Canteen to be constructed in the institution.

Annex-I

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN MINISTRY OF FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ISLAMABAD

REVISED PC-I

PROVISION OF BASIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF ICT UNDER FDE



REVISED CAPITAL COST Rs. 7,490.596 (M) (FY 2021-22 to 2024-25)

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*Question No. **112 senator Kamran murtaza**: (Notice Received on 6/12/2023 at 4:27 PM) QID: 41798

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state;

- (a) whether it is a fact that the pension cases of hundreds of EOBI beneficiaries are lying pending in various regional offices of EOBI for the last several months and years, if so, the details and reasons thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there is no portal or helpline number available for help and guidance of the EOBI beneficiaries, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the steps being taken by the Government to develop the portal and provide helplines to them for their assistance and disposal of pension cases?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development:

- (a) It is a continuous process of receiving claim cases and their settlement. Region & period wise details of the pending cases **Annex-A.** The main reason for pendency is the acute shortage of Iranian resource i.e. about 40% and verification of service from closed units.
- (b) EOBI has established a helpline No. 0800-EOBI (3624) to attend the complaint & queries of pensioners and employers, which is available at website. Further, we resolve the complaints received through PMDU Portal However, EOBI is in process of developing online Complaint Management System like PMDU Portal.

Annex-A

Sr. No.	Region	Pending Cases as on 21-12- 2023	Pending till 45 days	Pending from 46 days to 3 months	Pending from 3 months to 6 months	Pending fro
1	Hasanabdal	40	10	7	6	- 10
2	Sargodha	180	53	4	84	17
3	Gilgit	13	10	3	0	39
44	Faislabad South	204	45	98	31	0
5	Islamabad	278	119	105		30
6	Peshawar	301	107	67	48	6
7	Faislabad Central	253	46		59	68
8	Rawalpindi	67	21	11	93	103
9	Mardan	203	52		27	9
10	Abbottabad	235	120	36	27	88
11	Faisalabad North	249	124	58	32	25
12	Chakwal	221		60	40	25
13	Nazimabad	75	58	61	52	50
14	Karimabad	263		10	5	5
15	City	48	51	70	66	76
16	West Wharf	177	15	16	11	6
17	Karach Central	35	46	61	47	23
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21	Hyderebad	178	11	10	0	0
22	Sukkur	82	31	74	47	26
23	Larkana	40	33	21	15	13
24	Quetta	31	2	13	6	19
25	Hub	4	25	6	0	0
26	Lahore South	340	2	2	0	0
27	Lahore Central	79	98	112	94	36
28	Lahore North	387	166	19	17	6
29	Shahadara	259	47	86 51	77	58
	Sheikhupura	415	116	56	47	114
31	Mangamandi	363	185	116	139 30	104
32	Guirat	146	28	37	45	32
33	Gujranwala	255	64	73	89	36 29
34	Sialkot	11	8	2	1	
35	Sahiwal	20	12	4	3	0
36	Multan	186	98	87	1	0
37	Muzafargarh	179	60	50	33	36
	Bahawalpur	129	53	20	28	28
39	Rahim Yar Khan	98	23	35	25	15
	Total	6,432	2,130	1,685	1,457	1,160

*Question No. 113 Senator Kamran Murtaza:

(Notice Received on 6/12/2023 at 4:29 PM) QID: 41799

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the OPF has not increased the salaries of those employees who are drawing less than the minimum wages as announced by the Federal Government, in the budget, 2023 if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to bring the salaries of the said employees in conformity with the minimum wages as announced by the Federal Government from the 1st July 2023?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development: (a) ● It is submitted that; no employee of OPF Head Office & Regional Offices is drawing less than the minimum wages as announced by the Federal Government; in the budget, 2023.

- With reference to OPF Educational Institution employees, the following is sub-mitted: -
 - To run the affairs of OPF educational institutions efficiently and to provide quality education and educational subsidy (50% concession in monthly tuition fees) to the children of Overseas Pakistanis, the OPF is currently providing annual subsidy to the tune of approximately Rs.400.0 Million to OPF educational institution. In this regard, it is also pertinent to mention here that OPF or its educational projects are not funded by the Federal Government.
 - It is important to mention here that to minimize the losses of educational institutions, since 2018, the staff (teaching & non-teaching) has been hired on contract basis across all OPF educational institutions. The regular (permanent) employees hired before 2018 are getting more than the minimum remuneration as prescribed by the Federal Government while the contractual employees are being paid a salary as per the terms and conditions of contractual employment rules/policies and as per advertisements published in newspapers at the time of hiring. Furthermore, upto 10% annual increment is also being granted to the contractual employees upon renewal of their annual contracts subject to their satisfactory performance. Besides, the contract employees are also

allowed a 100% tuition fee concession for the first child and a 50% fee concession for the second child. The remuneration of some contract employees is still less than the minimum wage as declared by the Federal Government.

- The working hours of all the staff working in OPF educational institutions are less than 8 hours a day, contrary to the staff working in other departments of government and private sector. Besides, the staff also avails summer and winter vacations as announced by Government.
- It is pertinent to mention here that the recent enhancement in the monthly gross salary upto Rs.32,000/- was notified by Finance Division (Regulations Wing) vide office memorandum dated 02-11-2023. As per the notification, the minimum gross salary is for Civil Employees of the Federal Government and the civilians paid from Defence estimates including contingent paid staff and contract employees employed against civil posts in Basic Pay Scales (Annex-I). Similarly, vide its notification dated 31-07-2023, the Chief Commissioner ICT also notified that the minimum monthly wages of unskilled workers in all industrial establishments in the ICT is fixed at Rs.32,000/- with effect from 01-07-2023 (Annex-II).
- The Contractual employees of OPF Educational Institutions staff are not employed against the civil posts in the Basic Pay Scale, therefore, the said notification is not applicable to them, accordingly.
- (b) salaries of the said employees are already in conformity with the minimum wages as announced by the Federal Government from the 1st July, 2023.

Annex-I

Government of Pakistan Finance Division (Regulations Wing)

F. No: 1(2)R-5/2022

Islamabad, the 2nd November, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: GRANT OF SPECIAL ALLOWANCE TO THE CIVIL EMPLOYEES
OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject noted above and to state that the President has been pleased to enhance with effect from 1st July, 2023 and nil further urders, minimum wage/ gross salary to all the Civil Employees of the Federal Government as well as the civilians paid from Defence estimates including contingent paid staff and contract employees employed against civil posts in Basic Pay Scales on standard terms and conditions of contract employment. Those whose gross salary is less then Rs, 32,000/- shall be allowed the difference as Special Allowance.

- The amount of Special Allowance:
 - i. Will be subject to income Tax;
 - Will be admissible during leave and entire period of LPR except during extra ordinary leave;
 - Will not be treated as part of emoluments for the purpose of calculation of Pension/Gratuity and recovery of House Rent;
 - iv. Will not be admissible to the employees during the tenure of their posting/deputation abroad; and
 - v. Will be admissible to the employees on their repatriation from posting/deputation abroad at the rate and mount which would have been admissible to them had they not been posted abroad.
- The Office of the Chief Commissioner, Directorate of Industries & Labour Welfare, iCT, Islamabad vide Notification No. ADLW 8(20)-ICT/2021-325 dated 31-07-2023 has already notified the rate of minimum wage at Rs. 32,000/- per month as announced in Budget 2023-24.
- 4. The above Special Allowance/ increase in minimum wage shall be accommodated from within the budgetary allocation for the year 2023-2024 by the respective Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments and no supplementary grants would be given on this account.

Section Officer (R-5)

(Mohammad Ali)

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Annex-II

GOVERNMENT OF PARISTAN OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES & LABOUR WELFARE ICT, ISLAMABAD

No ADLW 8(20)-(CT/2021- 32-5

Islamabad 31,07. 2021

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of powers conferred upon him under Section-4 of the Minimum Wages Ordinance, 1961, read with Law and Justice Division Notification No.F-17(2)/Pub/80 dated 31-12-1980, issued in pursuance of Article-2 of the Islamabad Capital Territory Administration Order 1980 (P.O. No.18 of 1980) and all-others powers enabling him in this behalf, the Chief Commissioner ICT, Islamabad has been pleased to fix the minimum monthly reages of un-skilled workers and the Juvenite Workers in all the industrial/commercial establishment in the I.C.T, Islamabad, w.e.f. 1st July, 2023 The schedule of minimum wages is appended below.

S.No.	Category of Workers	Minimum rates of wages	
		Per Day (for 8 working hours)	Per Month (for 8 working hours)
l.	Adalt Urskilled workers employed in industrial undertakings in ICT, Islamabad	Rs. 1,231/-	Rs. 32,000
2.	Juvenile workers, allowed by the law, employed in industrial undertakings in ICT Islamabad	Rs. 1,231/-	Rs. 32,000/-

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

ISLAMABAD CAPITAL TERRITORY

(MEHREEN BALOCH) PAS Director (Industries & Labour Welfare) ICT, Islamebad

The Manager, Printing Corporation of Pakistan Press, Islamabad,

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The Deputy Commissioner, ICT, Islamabad.

The Vice Commissioner, Islamabad Employees Social Security Institution (IESSI).

> PS to The Chief Commissioner, ICT, Islamabad.

All Industries & Commercial Establishments in Islamabad.

*Question No. 114 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:

(Notice Received on 12/12/2023 at 4:43 PM) QID: 41820

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Each Higher Education Institution/HEI is mandated to constitute an "Anti-Drug & Tobacco Committee" comprising of five members duly notified by the Vice Chancellor/Rector of the HEI under its "Policy on Drug and Tobacco Abuse in Higher Education Institutions 2021", if so; the mandate of this committee; and
- (b) the details of all those HEIs which have so far established such committee inside the campuses?

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi: (a) Drug abuse and smoking pose serious risks to human health and the social life of the community and have significant-economic and environmental costs. Cognizant of that Higher Education Commission (HEC) has devised the "Policy on Drug and Tobacco Abuse in Higher Education Institutions" (available on HEC Website) and all HEIs have been directed for implementation and strict compliance. The policy envisages:

Anti-Drug & Tobacco Committee (ADTC)

Each HEIs shall constitute an "Anti-Drug & Tobacco Committee" comprising of five members duly notified by the Vice Chancellor/Rector of the HEI. Any sub-campus of the HEI shall also establish its own sub-committee constituted on a similar pattern to perform similar duties.

Composition of the ADTC

- 1. Director Student Affairs or senior university officer / faculty designated as Chair of the accessibility committee.
- 2. two members from the faculty (one male and one female, both female in case of all women university)
- 3. at least one member from the student body as may be prescribed by the university.
- 4. one representative of psychological wellbeing committee / university's medical center / planning & development department
 - 5. one staff member deputed as secretary to the ADTC.

Roles and Responsibilities of the ADTC

The committee will be responsible for ensuring a drug and smoke free environment in the HEI and to take measures to safeguard the interests of the students in the following ways:

- 1. by inquiring into, investigating, and resolving any matter regarding the usage/consumption, sale and distribution illegal drugs in the HEI.
- 2. by inquiring into, investigating, and resolving any matter regarding the violation of Anti-Tobacco Legislation at the HEI.
- 3. by coordinating with and connecting students to rehabilitative services including counseling, medical care and helplines when needed.
- 4. by raising awareness on the prevalence, problems and persistence of drug abuse and tobacco consumption.
- 5. by providing advice to HEIs regarding the implementation of this policy and relevant legislation; and
- 6. by ensuring effective coordination with all relevant stakeholders inside and outside the HEI.
- 7. maintain close liaison with hostel wardens for implementation of this policy and may relocate the reasonably suspected student for drug abuse or found addicted student.
- 8. By taking any other appropriate measures including but not limited to testing of an accused from any authorized laboratory

Focal Person for Drug and Tobacco Abuse

The member of the ADTC who is from the HEI's administration shall be appointed a Focal Person for matters related to Drug Abuse and unlawful tobacco consumption. The Focal Person will act as a liaison for the members of the HEI to the ADTC. If a student staff, or faculty member feels that he or she needs medical and/or mental health assistance and counseling or would like to report Drug Abuse or smoking, the student, faculty, or staff member may reach out to the Focal Person who will connect the individual to the services requested or refer the matter to the ADTC to begin an inquiry as the case may be.

(b) To date, 65 Universities (Annex-I) have furnished information about ADTC.

(ANNEXURE-I)

SNO	University/DAName		Roynes
1	Allama Iqbal Open University	Islamabad	ICT
2	Bahria University	Islamabad	ICT
3	Capital University of Science and Technology	Islamabad	ICT
4	COMSATS University	Islamabad	ICT
5	Foundation University	Islamabad	ICT
6	Institute of Space Technology	Islamabad	ICT
7	National University of Science & Technology	Islamabad	ICT
8	Pakistan Institute of Development Economics	Islamabad	ICT
9	Shaheed Zulfiqar All Bhutto Medical University	islamabad	ICT
10	Islamia University of Bahawalpur	Bahawalpur	Punjab
11	University of Agriculture	Faisalabad	Punjab
12	International Institute of Science, Arts, and Technology	Guļranwala	Punjab
13	The GIFT University	Gujranwala	Punjab
14	University of the Punjab	Gujranwala	Punjab
15	University of Gujrat	Gujrat	Punjab
16	Government College University	Lahore	Punjab
17	Information Technology University	Lahore	Punjab
18	Lahore College for Women University	Lahore	Punjab
19	Lahore Garrison University	Lahore	Punjab
20	Minhaj University	Lahore	Punjab
21	National College of Arts	Lahore	Punjab
22	Nur International University	Lahore	Punjab
23	Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design	Lahore	Punjab

24	Qarshi University	Lahore	Punjab
25	The Superior University	Lahore	Punjab
26	University of Child Health Sciences	Lahore	Punjab
27	University of Education	Lahore	Punjab
28	University of Engineering & Technology	Lahore	Punjab
29	University of Health Sciences	Lahore	Punjab
30	University of Management & Technology	Lahore	Punjab
31	University of the Punjab	Lahore	Punjab
32	University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences	Lahore	Punjab
33	University of Mianwali	Mianwali	Punjab
34	Bahauddin Zakariya University	Multan	Punjab
35	Emerson University	Multan	Punjab
36	Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture	Multan	Punjab
37	Muhammad Nawaz Sharlf University of Engineering & Technology	Multan	Punjab
38	Khawaja Freed University of Engineering & Information Technology	Rahim Yar Khan	Punjab
39	National University of Medical Sciences	Rawalpindi	Punjab
40	Rawalpindi Women University	Rawalpindi	Punjab
41	HITEC University	Taxila	Punjab
42	University of Wah	Wah	Punjab
43	Fatima Jinnah Women University	Rawalpindi	Punjab
44	Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences	Jamshoro	Sindh
45	University of Sindh	Jamshoro	Sindh
46	Dawood University of Engineering & Technology	Karachi	Sindh

47	DHA Suffa University	Karachi	Sindh
48	DOW University of Health Sciences	Karachi	Sindh
49	Iqra University	Karachi	Sindh
50	Karachi School for Business & Leadership	Karachi	Sindh
51	NED University of Engineering & Technology	Karachi	Sindh
52	Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage	Karachi	Sindh
53	Sukkur IBA University	Sukkur	Sindh
54	Khushal Khan Khattak University	Karak	KP
55	Abasyn University	Peshawar	КР
56	CECOS University of Information Technology and Emerging Sciences	Peshawar	KP
57	City University of Science and Information Technology	Peshawar	КР
58	Iqra National University	Peshawar	KP
59	Sarhad University of Science and Information Technology	Peshawar	КР
60	The University of Agriculture	Peshawar	KP
61	Iqra National University	Swat	KP
62	University of Swat	Swat	КР
63	Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water and Marine Sciences	Lasbela	Balochistar
64	Al-Hamd Islamic University	Quetta	Balochistar
65	University of Poonch	Rawalakot	AJK

*Question No. **109 Senator Prof. Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani**: (Notice Received on 1/12/2023 at 2:00 PM) QID: 41789

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the present status of immunization of children in the country indicating also the number/percentage of fully and partially immunized children separately?

Reply Not Received.

ISLAMABAD, the 4th January, 2024

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN, Secretary.

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<u>DEFERRED QUESTION</u>

[Question No. 19] was deferred on 21st November, 2023 (333rd Session)

(Def.) 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 Pakhtunkhwa province leased out during the last five years?

Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar: It is to apprise that no NHA Land along its Road Network has been leased out during last five years.

ISLAMABAD, the 4th January, 2024

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN, Secretary.