SENATE SECRETARIAT

"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Tuesday, the 10th September, 2024

Deferred Questions

[Questions No. 14, 15, 17 and 20 were deferred on 9th August, 2024 (341st Session)]

(*Def.*) *Question No. 14 **Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani:** (Notice Received on 8/07/2024 at 3:48 PM) QID: 42172

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the estimated number of individuals, retailers, service providers, entities and companies to be brought into the tax net during the next five years with year wise and sector wise break up indicating also the procedure/ measures to be adopted for the same?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: Federal Board of Revenue has always been striving for enhancement of tax base through different initiatives. During tax year 2023, more than **3.5 Million** new taxpayers have been registered. Based on the above results, ongoing initiatives, measures taken both through policy interventions and operational enforcement, FBR expects an increase in number of new taxpayers during next five years as detailed hereunder;

FY	Type of Taxpayer*	Estimated Increase
2024-25	Individuals	3,689,512
	Entities/ AoPs	23,594
	Companies	9,540
	Total	3,722,646

2025-26	Individuals	3,873,988
	Entities/ AoP	24,774
	Companies	10,017
	Total	3,908,779
2026-27	Individuals	4,067,687
	Entities/ AoP	26,012
	Companies	10,518
	Total	4,104,217
2027-28	Individuals	4,271,071
	Entities/ AoP	27,313
	Companies	11,044
	Total	4,309,428
2028-29	Individuals	4,484,625
	Entities/ AoP	28,679
	Companies	11,596
	Total	4,524,899

^{*} taxpayers also include Retailers and Service Providers

Measures for achievement of BTB target

- Policy interventions like differential taxation for filer, nonfilers and late filers.
- Digitalization of tax system and processes, integration of data with third parties using technology and data analytics
- Strong nudging activity- Sending SMS/Whatsapp messages to high-profile Unregistered persons to file their returns
- Temporarily disabling of cell phones, gas and electricity connections of selected high net-worth non-filers as provided under section 114B of the I. Tax Ord. 2001
- Media Campaign to encourage the citizens to visit the Malomaat portal and file their returns

• Registration of new taxpayers and enforcement of returns from non-filers through DG (BTB) by recently established District Tax Offices (DTOs).

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) through above initiatives, planes to ensure the achievement of above projected target of broadening of tax base.

(*Def.*) *Question No. 15 **Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani:** (Notice Received on 9/07/2024 at 11:43 AM) QID: 42177

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

- (a) the measures being taken by FBR to broaden the tax base; and
- (b) whether any mechanism has been devised by FBR to ensure implementation of these measures, if so, details thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: (a) Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) through its field formations has been continuously striving for increasing the tax base with a number of initiatives aimed at adding potential new taxpayers.

- One hundred and forty-six (146) District Tax Offices (DTOs) have been established with specific task of registering new taxpayers and enforcement of returns from non-filers. Field formations submit monthly performance reports in this regard. In addition, it is continuously monitored through Dashboard.
- Federal Board of Revenue has initiated a simplified tax regime namely "Tajir Dost Scheme" to facilitate retailers in registration and payment of advance tax. So far more than 50,000 retailers have registered under this scheme. Recently FBR has also issued SRO No. 1024 of 2024 and has introduced fixed monthly payment depending on the indicative income at identified localities for shopkeepers and retailers in 42 cities.

- Cell Phone of more than **265,000** selected potential non-filers/stop filers have been temporarily disabled through TELCOs. Till date **103,337 SIMs** have been restored after filing of returns.
- (b) So far **3,574,221** new taxpayers have registered themselves during FY 2023-24 and **1,780,406** new returns filed which are 55% and 69.8% more than new registration and new returns filed during corresponding period of last fiscal year.

(*Def.*) *Question No. 17 **Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani:** (Notice Received on 10/07/2024 at 2:05 PM) QID: 42187

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to promote industries and industrialization in Less Developed Areas of Pakistan?

<u>Rana Tanveer Hussain</u>: <u>Pakistan Stone Development Company</u> (<u>PASDEC</u>)

Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC) has been established by the Ministry of Industries and Production for the development of Marble and Granite Sector of Pakistan.

The Company's core function is to develop the dimensional stone industry of Pakistan, which is being carried out by introduction of latest mechanized machinery (Machinery Pools), development of quarries, establishment of state of the art Marble Cities/Industrial Estate and Common Facility & Training Centers/ Warehouses along-with the skill development to overcome the skilled workforce issues faced by the industry.

Following initiatives have been undertaken by the Government to promote industries and industrialization in Less Developed Area of Pakistan.

(a) Establishment of Marble Cities

To attract investor and foster industrializations, dedicated Marble city has been established at Risalpur with state of art infrastructure, whereas another Marble City at Loralai is in the planning phase Marble

City Risalpur is developed on a total area of 185 acres. There are total 218 plots of 2, 4 and 8 kanals. Major development works have been completed. 67 factories have already started their operations. Moreover a number of factories are also under construction.

(b) <u>Establishment of Machinery Pools</u>:

Two machinery Pools have been established in Balochistan and KPK to provide latest quarry machinery on subsidized rental basis to quarry owners. So far more than 135 quarry owners have been facilitated through latest machinery.

The Machinery Pools have played a major role in providing the raw material for the local processing industry and is a source of production of square blocks which are exported to different countries.

(c) Mechanized Quarries

Mechanized quarries have been developed across the country to demonstrate international best practices and save precious reserves. Mine owners are adopting mechanized mining practices in the country which results in production of export quality material.

(d) Other Measures

- The Marble and Granite sector had limited access to the finance in the country, however a MOU has been signed between PASDEC and Bank of Khyber for extending finance facility with low interest rates.
- The objective of this activity is to provide access to finance for the Marble Granite manufactures in order to equip them with latest machines and equipment which will enable them to manufacture international quality products and increase exports.

2. <u>Pakistan Gems & Jewellery Development Company (PGJDC)</u>

 PGJDC is mandated to develop and promote Gems and Jewellry Industry through Skill Development, Technology Up-Gradation, Quality Assurance and Marketing/Branding. The Company is currently under revival phase, and its initiatives such as training centers, gem labs and assaying and hallmarking centers including those in less developed areas of the Country, are being revived.

- Training Center at Peshawar is being operated through collaboration with KP-TEVTA, training Center and Gem Lab at Gilgit is being operated through collaboration with MICL Gilgit whereas training center and gem lab at AJK is being operated through collaboration with AJK-TEVTA. Training programs are being offered at these centers and gem certification is being done for promotion of this industry.
- A proposal has been submitted to EDF for revival of assaying and hallmarking and marketing components through which the centers at Peshawar and Quetta will be revived and this industry will be promoted extensively.
- The Company has submitted proposal for Establishment of Gemstone Processing Units at Quetta, Gilgit, Muzaffarabad, Peshawar and Karachi for promotion of value added gemstone products.
- The Company intends to organize an international Gems and Jewellry Exhibition to promote the Gems and Jewellry Industries from all across the Country including KPK, Gilgit-Baltistan, Balochistan and AJK.

3. <u>Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA)</u>

The following are the steps being taken by SMEDA to promote industries and industrialization in less developed area of Pakistan;

- i. Business Skill Development Center for Women, D.I. Khan.
- ii. 1000 Industrial Stitching Units.
- iii. Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP) Project.

- iv. Bananas in Pakistan's Bio-economy: Transforming Waste into Textile.
- v. SME Fund.
- vi. Agro Food Processing Facilities (AFP), Multan.
- vii. Over the Counter Products & Business Development Services of SMEs by SMEDA.

4. **Agro Food Processing (AFP) Facilities**

AFP is working in Multan (a city in Southern Punjab) for fruit processing since 2009. This company is providing facilities to small growers and farmers in Southern Punjab for pulping of fruits like mangos and guavas as well as cold storage facilities for preservation purposes.

(*Def.*) *Question No. 20 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:** (Notice Received on 19/07/2024 at 3:09 PM) QID: 42212

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of international aid received so far in respect of floods, 2022 especially after the pledges made at Geneva Convention held on 9th January, 2023 indicating also the distribution of the same, with province wise breakup; and
- (b) the current status of rehabilitation of the flood affected areas of the country?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry: Total Pledges committed for post-flood reconstruction during the Geneva Conference were USD 10.96 Billion. The total amount committed is in the form of project financing and oil financing. A detailed breakdown of the pledges as received from the Economic Affairs Division is at **Annex-I.**

(b) The M/o PD&SI is the Ministry where the Recovery and Reconstruction Unit (RRU) is housed for coordination of post-flood reconstruction activities. The main function of the RRU is coordination for the 4RF projects and donor funding.

Therefore, the M/o PD&SI keeps a record of the overall summary of financial and physical progress of projects (in %) under 4RF. A list of flood reconstruction projects and relevant data on post-flood reconstruction is in **Annex II.**

Out of this Sindh has the highest portfolio amounting to **US\$ 2186.69** and the cumulative spending in Sindh till date is **US\$ 948.59** million which is the highest across the country.

The second most affected province was Balochistan and the total signed portfolio to date amounts to **US\$ 494.35** Million with cumulative spending of **US\$ 30.81 million.**

The total signed portfolio in KP amounts to **US\$ 554.16** and the cumulative spending is **US\$ 25.34** million.

The total signed portfolio in Punjab amounts to **US\$ 2.8** Million and the cumulative spending is **US\$ 2.8** million.

US\$ 223.14 Million was allocated to the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) initially after the floods which were directly distributed amongst its beneficiaries (details of these could be obtained from BISP).

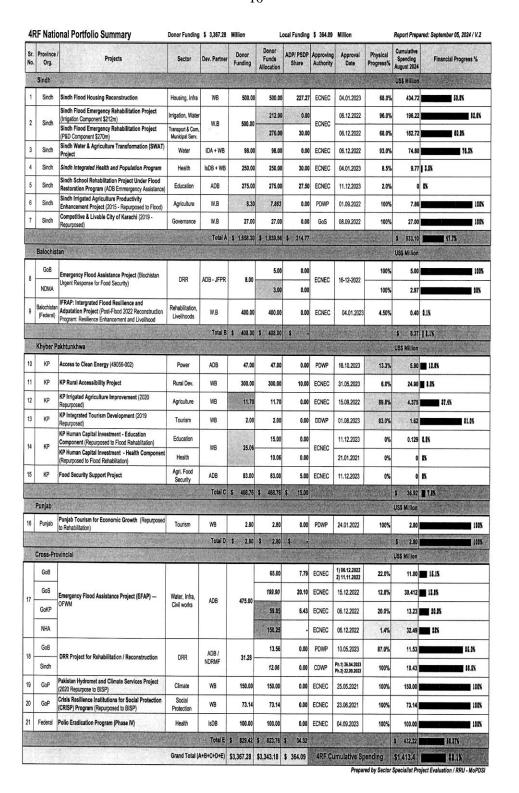
The relevant data is accessible online on M/o PD&SI's dedicated portal at:

www.4rf.pc.gov.pk

Annex-I

		Pledged	Amount	Disbursement (US\$ Mn)		
S/N	Development	Amount	Realized	Actual	Projected	
o partner	partner	(US\$ Mn)	(US\$ Mn)	Up to June 2024	FY 2024- 2025	1st Q FY 2024- 2025
Proje	ct Financing					
1	World Bank	2,199.94	2,199.94	1,184.14	287.07	86.00
2	ADB	1,561.28	1,561.28	144.67	249.18	-
3	AIIB & China US\$ (250+ 750 + 100) Mn	1100.00	830.00	250.00	6.26	6.26
4	IsDB	600.00	410.70	64.70	111.07	60.00
5	Paris Club Countries*	798.69	773.79	100.38	73.78	14.194
6	USA/USAID	100	100	68.00	32.00	13.00
7	Non-Paris Club Countries (Qatar)	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1,807	Total (A)	6,384.91	5,705.7 1	1,811.89	759.36	179.45
Oil Fi	nancing					
. 8	IsDB	3,600.00	250.00	250.00	500.00	100.00
9	KSA/SFD	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
	Total (B)	4,600.00	1250.00	1250.00	500.00	100.00
11	Cash Deposited in PMFRF (C)	2.10	2.10	2.10	0.00	0.00
Grand	1 Total (A+B+C+D)	10,987.01	7,127.8 1	3,063.99	1,259.36	279.45

^{*} Out of US\$ 798.69 Mn pledges of Paris Club Countries, US\$ 233.109 is off Budget



*Question No. 84 **Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:** (Notice Received on 12/07/2024 at 11:57 AM) QID: 42204

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

- (a) the number of listed Public Entities declared under section 36 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2019; and
- (b) whether there was any increase or decrease in the numbers of public entities, during the last 5 years, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: (a) Public entities are established under respective laws and are governed under these laws and rules made thereunder. Public Finance Management Act, 2019 lays down principles of prudent management of public funds by such entities. For this purpose, the State Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) Act, 2023 was notified by the Government in February 2023. SOE Act, 2023 defines the governance and operations, and financial efficiency of state-owned enterprises.

A list of State Owned Enterprises under the administrative control of Ministries/Divisions of the Federal Government, as maintained by Central Monitoring Unit (CMU) of Finance Division is annexed.

(b) The State Owned Enterprises Act, 2023 has been notified in February, 2023. As this is a relatively recent Act, the Federal Government is yet to record change in number of public entities covered under this Act.

ANNEXURE(S)

Annexure 3-A:

Commercial SOEs under Administrative Ministries

Aviation Division

Pakistan International Airlines Corporation

Cabinet Division

Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation

Printing Corporation of Pakistan (Private) Limited

M/o Climate Change

Pakistan Environmental Planning & Architectural

Consultants (Private) Limited

M/o Commerce

Pakistan Expo Centers (Pvt) Ltd

Pakistan Textile City Limited

Trading Corporation of Pakistan (Private) Limited

National Insurance Company Limited

Pakistan Reinsurance Company Limited

State Life Insurance Corporation

M/o Communication

National Highway Authority Pakistan Post Office

Sindh Infrastructure Development Company Limited
(Formerly Karachi Infrastructure Development Company

Limited)

M/o Defense Production

Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works Limited

M/o Energy

Central Power Purchase Agency (Guarantee) Limited

Faisalabad Electric Supply Company Limited

GENCO-I: Jamshoro Power Company Limited

GENCO-II: Central Power Generation Company Limited,

GENCO-IV: Lakhra Power Generation Company Limited

Thermal Power Station, Guddo

GENCO-III: Northern Power Generation Company Limited,

Thermal Power Station, Muzaffargarh

Government Holdings (Private) Limited

Gujranwala Electric Power Company Limited

Hyderabad Electric Supply Company Limited

Islamabad Electric Supply Company Limited

Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited

Multan Electric Power Company Limited

National Engineering Services Pakistan (Private) Limited

National Power Parks Management

National Transmission and Despatch Company

Oil and Gas Development Company Limited

Pak Arab Refinery Company

Pakistan Electric Power Company (Private) Limited Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (Private)

Limited

Pakistan Petroleum Limited

Pakistan State Oil Company Limited

Peshawar Electric Supply Company Limited

Power Holding (Private) Limited

Quetta Electric Supply Company Limited

Saindak Metals Limited

State Petroleum Refining & Petrochemical Corporation

Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited

Sui Southern Gas Company Limited

Sukkur Electric Power Company Limited

Tribal Electric Supply Company Limited
Private Power & Infrastructure Board

Genco Holding Company Limited

M/o Finance

Exim Bank of Pakistan Limited

First Women Bank Limited

House Building Finance Company Limited

Industrial Development Bank Limited

National Bank of Pakistan

National Investment Trust Limited

National Security Printing Company (Private) Limited

Pak Brunei Investment Company

Pak China Investment Company Limited

Pak Iran Investment Company

Pak Kuwait Investment Company (Private) Limited

Pak Libya Holding Company (Private) Limited

Pak Oman Investment Company

Pakistan Revenue Automation (Private) Limited Saudi Pak Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Limited

SME Bank

Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited

M/o Housing & Works

National Construction Limited

M/o Industries and Production

Export Processing Zones Authority

Heavy Mechanical Complex (Private) Limited National Fertilizer Corporation of Pakistan (Private) Limited

Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (Private) Limited

Pakistan Steel Mills Corporation (Private) Limited

Peoples Steel Mills Limited

Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority

State Engineering Corporation (Private) Limited

Utility Stores Corporation (Private) Limited

M/o Information Technology & Telecommunication

National Telecommunication Corporation Telephone Industries of Pakistan

M/o Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage

Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation

Pakistan Television Corporation Limited

M/o National Food Security & Research

Pakistan Agricultural Storage & Services Corporation Limited

M/o Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development

Overseas Employment Corporation (Private) Limited

M/o Ports & Shipping

Gwadar Port Authority

Karachi Port Trust

Pakistan National Shipping Corporation

Port Qasim Authority

M/o Railways

Karachi Urban Transport Corporation

Pakistan Railways

M/o Science & Technology

STEDEC Technology Commercialization Corporation of Pakistan (Private) Limited

Annexure 3-B:

Non-Commercial SOE under Administrative Ministries

Cabinet Division

Federal Liver Transplant Endowment Fund

M/o Climate Change

Fund for Protected Areas

Ghazi Brotha Taraqiati Idara

Mountain Areas Conservancy Fund

M/o Commerce

Pakistan Horticulture Development and Export

Company

Pakistan Tobacco Board

Pakistan Cotton Standards Institute

M/o Energy

Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan

Energy Conservation Fund

WAPDA Endowment Fund for Sports

M/o Finance

Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund

Infrastructure Project Development Facility

National Rural Support Programme

Pakistan Single Window

M/o Housing & Works

Federal Government Employees Housing Authority

Pakistan Housing Authority

M/o Industries and Production

National Productivity Organization

Pakistan Auto Sector Skills Development Company

Agro Food Processing (AFP) Facilities, Multan

Ceramics Development & Training Complex

Engineering Development Board

Gujranwala Tools, Dies & Molds Center

Pakistan Institute of Management Pakistan Stone Development Company Pakistan Industrial Technical Assistance Centre Lahore

Gujranwala Business Centre

M/o Information Technology & Telecommunication

Virtual University of Pakistan

Ignite (Formerly National ICT R&D Fund)

Pakistan Software Export Board

Universal Services Funds

M/o Inter Provincial Coordination

National Academy of Performing Arts

M/o National Food Security & Research

Fisheries Development Board

Livestock & Dairy Development Board

M/o Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development

Overseas Pakistanis Foundation

M/o Textile Industry

National Textile University

Plastics Technology Centre

Synthetic Fiber Development and Application

Centre

Faisalabad Garment City Company

Karachi Garment City Company

Lahore Garment City Company

Pakistan Textile Testing Foundation

M/o Industries and Production

Engineering Development Board

Other Industry

Devolution Trust for Community Empowerment

M/o Federal Education and Professional Training

National Vocational & Technical Training
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M/o Planning, Development and Special Initiatives

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House Building Finance Company Limited	6	Limited - Khairpur Shipping (Private)	
Pak China Investment Company Limited	7	Limited - Lahore Shipping (Private)	
Pak Iran Investment Company	8	Limited	
Pak Libya Holding Company (Private) Limited	9	 Lalazar Shipping (Private) Limited Makran Shipping (Private) 	
Pak Oman Investment Company	10	Limited	
Pak Kuwait Investment Company (Private) Limited	11	- Malakand Shipping (Private) Limited	
Pak Brunei Investment Company	12	 Multan Shipping (Private) Limited 	
Saudi Pak Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Limited	13	- Pakistan Cooperative Ship Stores (Private) Limited	

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*Question No. 85 **Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir:** (Notice Received on 30/07/2024 at 9:52 AM) QID: 42247

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the banks overcharged the dollar price by Rs.15-25 per Dollar as against its market price from the importers during the period from January to December, 2022, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Government had ordered inquiry in the said issue, if so, the details and current status thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: (a) USD / PKR exchange rate came under extreme pressure in the mid of CY22 when PKR hit an all-time low. Further, foreign exchange (FX) rate volatility increased by multiple times during the period from January 2021 to August 2022.

Primary reasons for pressure on PKR were widening of Current Account Deficit (USD 17.4 billion FY22 versus USD 2.8 billion FY21),

depletion of Net Foreign Exchange Reserves of SBP from USD17.7 billion as on 31-12-2021 to USD 9.8 billion as on 30-06-2022, global strengthening of USD, high prices of energy products and political un-certainty.

Moreover, during this period there was a shortage of FX liquidity in the market. Collectively these factors led the banks to charge higher spreads in most of the cases.

(b) On the basis of customers' complaints of charging high spreads on FX sale / purchase transactions, SBP carried out an assessment of selected banks active in FX market.

Based on the findings of assessment, enforcement actions were taken against delinquent banks, which also include imposition of monetary penalties. Further, banks were also warned to improve their pricing practices and rationalize their spreads.

State Bank of Pakistan has moved to market based foreign exchange (FX) regime, in which the spread charged on FX sale / purchase transactions is generally determined by the banks on the basis of market conditions like FX liquidity position, volatility in FX rate, etc.

*Question No. 86 **Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir:** (Notice Received on 30/07/2024 at 9:53 AM) QID: 42245

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the amount in rupees of domestic borrowing of Government from the local banks as on 31st December, 2023 indicating the law / rule of State Bank of Pakistan which determines the ratio of loans by those banks to the Government and private sector?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: The Net Domestic Borrowing of Government from banks as on December 31 2023 is Rs. 20,712.776 million.

Further, there is no specific State Bank of Pakistan regulation, which determines the ratio of loans by banks to the government and private sector.

*Question No. 87 **Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:** (Notice Received on 31/07/2024 at 11:38 AM) QID: 42254

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the details of share value of M/s Nestle Pakistan Ltd. on Pakistan Stock Exchange since 2010 with year wise breakup?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: Nestle Pakistan Ltd.'s share value (weighted average share price) details for each year-end since 2010 are as follows:

As of 31 st December	Weighted Average Share
	Price (Rs.)
2010	1,756.06
2011	3,589.92
2012	3,909.76
2013	6,708.82
2014	9,367.09
2015	10,029.60
2016	7,629.59
2017	10,450.59
2018	11,409.64
2019	7,182.83
2020	6,644.94
2021	5,886.48
2022	5,743.32
2023	6,911.23

As on August 15, 2024, share value (weighted average price) is Rs.7,314.69.

As on August 15, 2024, closing market price is Rs.6,800.00.

*Question No. 88 **Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:** (Notice Received on 1/08/2024 at 11:06 AM) QID: 42258

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

- (a) the amount of agricultural loan provided to the farmers during the last five years with year wise break up; and
- (b) the criteria laid down for provision of micro credit to the small land owners/ farmers indicating also the minimum limits of tax and land holdings for the same?
- **Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb**: (a) SBP plays a leading role in provision of financing needs to the agriculture sector due to its significance for economic growth, employment and food security in the country.

SBP took a number of initiatives during last five years to increase access to agriculture credit to farmers across the country.

As a result of these initiatives, agriculture credit disbursement increased by 82.4 percent from Rs. 1, 215 billion in June 2020 to Rs. 2,216 billion as of end June 2024, Year wise break-up for last five years is as under:

Year	Disbursed Amount (Rs billion)		
FY 20	1,215		
FY 21	1,366		
FY 22	1,419		
FY 23	1,776		
FY 24	2,216		

(b) Commercial and micro-finance banks may extend collateral free (clean) loans to small farmers as per their credit policy. However, there is no requirement from the SBP for holding a certain size of land to be eligible for getting micro-credit from commercial or micro-finance banks.

*Question No. 89 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:** (Notice Received on 1/08/2024 at 4:48 PM) QID: 42261

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the details amount collected by FBR up to July 2024, by deducting Rs. 01 fee on each invoice, point of sale (POS) services fee indicating also the utilization of the same?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

- Chargeability of POS fee is governed under section 76 of the Sales Tax Act 1990 which was introduced in the Finance Act 2021. This charge is collected by 10,345 Tier-1 retailers (out of total 250,000 registered retailers) integrated with the Board's computerized system (POS) for real-time reporting of sales and monitoring of their sales quantum.
- The detail of amount collected by deducting Rs. 01 fee on each invoice, point of sale (POS), is as follows:

Duration	Amount of POS fee Collected (Rs.01/- per invoice)
July 2023 to July 2024 (13 Months)	Rs. 647,319,302/-

- The funds so generated out of the fee are to be utilized for funding the infrastructure development, prize scheme for the customers of integrated Tier-I Retailers, capacity enhancement of Board's POS related technical, logistic and field teams, fuel subsidy allowance, media campaign and welfare of IRS employees.
- The total amount utilized till July 2024 is Rs. 309,337,000/-.

Utilization upto July 2024
Rs. 309,337,000/-

*Question No. 90 **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:** (Notice Received on 2/08/2024 at 12:23 PM) QID: 42264

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that textile exports of the country have declined during the previous FY i.e 2023- 2024, if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce taxes on the textile industry and take other measures to facilitate them to increase the exports, if so, details thereof?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan: (a) It is stated that textiles and apparel exports slightly increased by 0.93% in Financial Year (FY) 2023-24 as compared with FY 2022-23.

Value in US\$ million (Source: PBS)

FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23	% Change
16,656	16,502	0.93%

(b)

- i. Redesigning of Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS) of FBR for inclusion of all stages of the manufacturing for end-to-end coverage; exemption of registered units from sales tax on utility bills; and remove other procedural irritants to ease the imports for re-export purposes.
- ii. Reliable supplies of energy to export sectors at regionally competitive tariffs.
- iii. Announcement of wheeling policy for electricity.
- iv. Clearance of stuck-up refunds (of sales tax, custom duty drawback and income tax) and expeditious clearance of sales tax refunds within 72 hours as per Sales Tax Rules, 2006.
- v. Clearance of verified claims under Government Support Schemes (DLTL/DDT, TUF).

- vi. Rationalization of tariffs.
- vii. Automate the disbursement process of sales tax refunds same as custom duty rebates.
- viii. Rationalization of policy rate; redesign Export Finance Scheme for better targeting and enhance credit limits.

Further, in pursuance of the PM's directives, a meeting was held on 6th August 2024 under Chairmanship of Federal Minister for Commerce with the relevant Ministries/Departments for sectoral discussions and resolution of issues.

*Question No. 91 **Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:** (Notice Received on 2/08/2024 at 3:41 PM) QID: 42265

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

- (a) the amount of loans obtained by the Government since 2020 indicating also the amount of loans repaid/ returned during the period; and
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to streamline the economy and get rid of the foreign loans?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: (a)

- Public debt is mainly obtained for the financing of the fiscal deficit. There are two main sources of borrowing:
 - i. The domestic borrowing is carried out through issuance of government securities (T-Bills, Pakistan Investment Bonds, Sukuk etc.) and National Saving Schemes.
 - ii. The external borrowing is mainly obtained from multilateral & bilateral development partners and commercial sources which include bank loans and Eurobonds.
- During FY20 to FY24, total net financing of federal fiscal deficit carried out through domestic sources stood at PKR

24.5 trillion whereas, from external sources was around PKR 3.0 trillion.

• Following table describes the details of domestic and external inflows and outflows during FY20 to FY24:

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24 (P)
Domestic Inflows	18,990	18,581	25,751	34,516	33,463
External Inflows	2,224	2,248	2,996	2,404	2,759
Total Inflows	21,214	20,829	28,747	36,920	36,222
Domestic Outflows	16,560	15,598	21,367	27,160	26,059
External Outflows	1,362	940	1,818	3,083	2,438
Total Outflows	17,922	16,538	23,185	30,243	28,497
Domestic Netflows	2,430	2,983	4,384	7,356	7,404
External Netflows	862	1,308	1,178	(679)	321
Total Net flows	3,292	4,291	5,562	6,677	7,725

(b)

- When present government assumed office, the economy was confronted with challenges like low GDP growth, high inflation, higher fiscal deficit, depletion in Forex reserves and Rupee depreciation.
- Through a combination of policy, structural, and administrative measures, the economy has achieved macro-economic stability in FY2024. This has led to improve macro-economic indicators and foreign exchange reserves.
- External sector stability has been achieved as current account deficit during FY2024 narrowed down by 79.2% to \$0.7 bn (\$3.3 bn in FY2023 and \$17.5 bn in FY2022). This CAD is the lowest in last 13 years.
- Current account has been curtailed on the back of significant growth of 11.8% in exports to \$31.1 bn in FY2024 (\$27.9 bn in FY2023).

- Moreover, government's budgetary and administrative measures to attract worker's remittances from formal channel remained instrumental as it posted significant growth of 10.7% in FY 2024 to \$ 30.3 bn (\$27.3 bn in FY2023).
- Through fiscal consolidation efforts, government ensured optimal resource mobilization and prudent expenditure management achieved primary balance surplus of 0.9% of GDP in FY2024 compared to deficit of 1.0% of GDP in FY2023. During FY2024, fiscal deficit stood at 6.8% of GDP (7.8% of GDP in FY2023).
- To facilitate investment inflows and restore investor's confidence, government has established SIFC. As a result, FDI increased by 16.9% in FY2024 to \$1901.6 mn (\$ 1627.0 mn in FY2023).
- Anti-smuggling measures have been launched by the government which are supporting to stabilize exchange rate and narrowed down the difference between interbank and open market exchange rates. Resultantly, it is easing out the pressure on external sector.
- Government's effective policies have been transmitted in rebuilding of FX reserves by \$ 4.8 bn in FY2024 (depletion of \$6.3 bn in FY2023).
- Pakistan has successfully completed the 9-month SBA program in March 2024. The IMF has acknowledged that Pakistan's economic and financial position has improved with growth and confidence continuing to recover on the back of prudent policy management and the resumption of inflows from multilateral and bilateral partners.
- In July 2024, IMF and Pakistan reached a staff-level agreement on a 37-month Extended Fund Facility (EFF) Arrangement of approximately US\$7 billion. This agreement is subject to approval by the IMF's Executive Board.

- The new program aims to support the government's efforts to further strengthen macro-economic stability and create conditions for stronger, more inclusive, and resilient growth.
- The government is committed to making this the last program of the country. To that end, the Budget 2024-25 lays the foundation for a home-grown reform plan that will put the economy on a higher, inclusive and sustained growth trajectory, ultimately achieving self-reliance.
- Key areas of economic reforms are to establish a broad-based fair taxation system, privatization, SOE Reforms, energy sector reforms, private sector development, moving from government-led to a market economy, and a targeted social protection system.

*Question No. 92 **Senator Quratulain Marri:** (Notice Received on 7/08/2024 at 11:15 AM) QID: 42273

Will the Minister for Finance & Revenue be pleased to state that the strategy of growth devised by the Government indicating the measures taken for the execution of same in Federal Budget 2024-25?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: Growth Strategy

- In FY2024, the economy his witnessed a moderate recovery GDP growth is estimated at 2.4% on account of 6.3% in agriculture (the highest in the last 19 years), 1.2% in industry and Services.
- Economic stability has been achieved through a combination of policy, structural, and administrative measures.
- Present government has devised a growth strategy based on home reform program aiming to move Pakistan from economic stabilization to strong, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth.
- With the recovery observed in FY2024 and the positive spillover effects of a robust agricultural sector on industrial

and services growth, along-with the government measures to continue positive momentum in domestic economic activities, GDP is projected to grow by 3.6% in FY2025, and further to 4.8% in FY2026.

- in the medium term, the growth projection is set at 4.8-5.5% with price stability and fiscal and external sector sustaintability.
- Inflation is projected at 12.0% in FY2025 and further to decline to 7.5% by FY2026.
- The government has outlined a comprehensive policy direction 24-25 aimed at achieving the set targets for FY2025 and This direction focuses on addressing structural issues home-grown reform program.
- Budget 2024-25 is anchored on principles of sound fiscal and debt management strategies. Fiscal consolidation and strengthening the country's external account position are central features of the budget.
- Key area of economic reforms are to establish a broad-based fair taxation system, privatization, SOE Reforms, energy sector reform, private sector development, moving from government-led to a market economy, and at targeted social protection system.

Measures taken in Federal Budget FY 2024-25 to implement Growth Strategy

The Agriculture, Information Technology, Industries and SMEs. exports and education have been identified as drivers of growth Accordingly, following budgetary allocations have been made to support, these sectors to generate growth in economy:

• Rs. 38bn have been allocated for IT initiatives in current budget as grants for digitization of FBR, Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) and other digital infrastructure initiatives.

- Rs.5bn allocation has been made for Mark-up Subsidy Scheme for Farm Mechanization for thrashers, tractors, planters, harvesters, and mobile grain dryers which will enhance productivity and reduce wastage.
- The allocation for Export Refinance Scheme has been enhanced from Rs.3.8bn to Rs.13.86 bn for export promotion.
- Rs. 10.6bn have been allocated in current budget for SMEDA funds SME Asaan Finance Scheme, subsidy for enhancing financing to SME sector and other SME related initiatives.
- Considering the Education is key element for growth, the allocation for various initiatives under Ministry of Education has been increased from Rs.26.9bn (last year) to Rs.39.3bn (CFY).

*Question No. 93 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:** (Notice Received on 16/08/2024 at 3:45 PM) QID: 42296

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

- (a) the details of the non-custom paid vehicles confiscated by Pakistan Customs, Islamabad office during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the said vehicles being held by that office for more than three to five years separately; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that said vehicles are being sold by the Customs officials in lieu of token money instead of auction, if so, the reasons and details thereof indicating also the date of last such auction held?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: (a) The details of the vehicles confiscated by Collectorate of Customs, Islamabad as well as Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation-Customs, Rawalpindi during the last three (03) years are as under:

Financial Year	Collectorate of Customs, Islamabad	Directorate of I&I-Customs, Rawalpindi
2023-24	214	150
2022-23	217	242
2021-22	163	154
Total	594	546

- (b) There is no auctionable vehicle lying with Directorate of I&I-Customs, Rawalpindi, which is held for more than three (03) years. However, Collectorate of Customs, Islamabad has one (01) auctionable vehicle, which is being held for more than three (03) years. The subject vehicle could not be auctioned owing to a sub-judice case before Islamabad High Court.
- (c) The vehicles seized by the field formations are of the following two types:
 - i. Non-tampered Vehicles
 - ii. Chassis tampered vehicles

Confiscated vehicles having non-tampered chassis number are sold through public auction as per the detailed procedure stipulated under Customs Auction Rules, notified *vide* SRO-450(I)/2001 dated 18-06-2024.

Whereas, vehicles having tampered/cut & weld chassis number cannot be put to auction in the light of judgments of superior courts in numerous Custom References are either sold to government departments as per the detailed procedure provided under Customs General Order No. 05 of 2018 against token price or allocated to field formations of Pakistan Customs for operational use.

During the last three (03) years Collectorate of Customs Islamabad and Directorate of I&I-Customs Rawalpindi sold 36 and 46 vehicles respectively to different government departments against token price.

*Question No. 94 **Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:** (Notice Received on 16/08/2024 at 3:52 PM) QID: 42301

Will the Minister for Privatization be pleased to state the details of immovable assets of PIA in the country and abroad with country-wise break up at present?

Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan: The requisite details of immovable assets of PIA in the country and abroad with country-wise break up after Scheme of Arrangement approved by the Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) *vide* Order dated May 03, 2024 is as under: -

(a) Immovable Assets in Pakistan are at Annex-I

- (i) PIA Holding Company Ltd. (PIAHCL) = 26
- (ii) PIA Corporation Ltd. (PIACL) = 05
- (iii) PIA-IL (a subsidiary of PIAHCL) = 01

(b) Immovable Assets Abroad are at Annex-II

- (i) PIAHCL = 00
- (ii) PIACL = 07
- (iii) PIA-IL = 02

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Annex - I

		PROPERTIES IN PAKISTAN		-
S#	Asset Name	Address and Location	Country	Owned By
1	DIA W. 1	PIAHCL	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
1	PIA Warehouse	Warehouse Sector 1-11/4, Islamabad	Pakistan	PIAHCL
2	PIA Sales Office	Airport Road, Gwadar	Pakistan	PIAHCL
3	PIA Sales Office	65 Ahmad Shah Abdali Road, Multan	Pakistan	PIAHCL
4	PIA Sales Office	Chattar, Muzaffarabad, (Azad Kashmir)	Pakistan	PIAHCL
5	PIA Sales Office	Faizabad Road, Saidu Sharif / Mingora Swat	Pakistan	PIAHCL
6	Land for P1A Staff Housing Colony	PIA Staff Housing Colony, Saidu Sharif	Pakistan	PIAHCL
7	PIA Booking Office	Chishma Bazar, Skardu	Pakistan	PIAHCL
8	PIA Sales Office / TGS	Skardu Airport, Skardu	Pakistan	PIAHCL
9	PIA Sales Office	Commissioner Road, Turbat	Pakistan	PIAHCL
10	PIA Sales Office	Egerton Road, Lahore	Pakistan	PIAHCL
11.	PIA Bungalow -B-33	B -33, KDA Scheme 1, Karsaz, Karachi	Pakistan	PIAHCL
12	PIA Bungalow -C-1	C 1, KDA Scheme 1, Karsaz, Karachi	Pakistan	PIAHCL
13	PIA Sales Office	Block 16, 26/6, Civil Lines, Faisalabad	Pakistan	PIAHCL
14	PIA Sales Office	Polo Ground, Chitral	Pakistan	PIAHCL
15	Land of Sales Office	PIA sales office, Ormara, Baluchistan	Pakistan	PIAHCL
16	Land for Sales Office	Plot opposite to Chamber of Commerce Paris Road, Sialkot	Pakistan	PIAHCL
17	Farm House	Nathia Gali Road Abbottabad & 2 others (1 & 28 Kanal Marlas)	Pakistan	PIAHCL
18	Land for Sales Office	Plot of PIA City Road near NLI Shopping Centre, Gilgit (khasra nos 3019-1862 and 7306/3017/1860	Pakistan	PIAHCL
19	Land for new sales office	Minara Road near Jamia Masjid, Sukkur	Pakistan	PIAHCL
20	Land for Dera Ismail Khan	Survey No. 3A 195.09 Sq m D.I.Khan Cantt, Ismail Khan	Pakistan	PIAHCL
21	PIA housing colony (Water Tank)	Shah Faisal Colony, Karachi	Pakistan	PIAHCL
22	HDD PIA Sales Office	Civic Center, Thandi Sarak, Hyderabad	Pakistan	PIAHCL
23	PIA Hospital	Hospital Land at Gulistan, Karachi	Pakistan	PIAHCL
24	PIA Sales Office (Sidco Center)	Avenue Centre, 264RA – Lines, Karachi	Pakistan	PIAHCL
25	Plot for PIA Scouts Academy	Plot ST-19 Karachi	Pakistan	PIAHCL
26	Land 200 acres	Deh Beil Taluks KHI East, opposite DHA	Pakistan	PIAHCL
		PIACL		
27	PIA Booking Office	5th The Mall Road, Rawalpindi	Pakistan	PIACL
28	PIA Sales Office	33-the Mall, Arbab Road, Peshawar	Pakistan	PIACL
29	PIA Open Plot ISB	Plot No. 57, Blue Area, Islamabad	Pakistan	PIACL
30	PIA Sales Office	Jinnah Avenue, 49 Blue Area, Islamabad	Pakistan	PIACL
31	PIA Sales Office Building	17 Shahra, Hali Road, Quetta	Pakistan	PIACL
		PIA-IL	1 milli	LINCL
32	Avant Hotel	- Karachi	Pakistan	PIA-IL

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Annex - II

PROPERTIES ABROAD

S#	Asset Name	Address and Location	Country	Owned By
		PIACL		
1	Residence Accounts Manager	APT No.32, Jolly Maker Bombay, India	India	PIACL
2	Booking Office	Narain Manzil, 23rd Barakumba Road, Delhi, India	India	PIACL
3	PIA Tashkent Property	Bunyodkor St. building No.4, Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan	PIACL
4	PIA Town Office	17, Leidsestraat 1017NT, Amsterdam, Netherlands	Netherlands	PIACL
5	PIA Apartment at AMS	835 Van Nijenrodeweg, 1082 JM Amsterdam	Netherlands	PIACL
6	Residence Manager Benelux	109 Abcoude Koningsvaren, Amsterdam, Netherlands	Netherlands	PIACL
7	General Manager Residence	55 Saxon Woods Rd, Scarsdale, New York, USA	United States of America	PIACL
		PIA-IL		
8	Roosevelt Hotel	Manhatton, New York	United States of America	PIA-IL
9	Scribe Hotel	Paris	France	PIA-IL

*Question No. 95 **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:** (Notice Received on 19/08/2024 at 3:50 PM) QID: 42305

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the measures taken/being taken by the Government to revive the local industries in the country?

Rana Tanveer Hussain: Ministry of Industries & Production has taken following steps to revive the local industries and industrialization in the country:

1. Mobile Device Manufacturing Policy:

Mobile Device Manufacturing Policy, 37 mobile manufacturers have been issued licenses to start local manufacturing of mobile devices by setting up local facility.

2. Auto Industry Development and Export Policy (2021-26) including incentives for Electric Vehicles.

Auto Development Policy (2016-21), a number of new manufacturers have established manufacturing/ assembling of new brands of vehicles, 46 Nos new EV manufacturers in 2-3 wheelers (electric bikes and rikshaws) have invested. The policy offers various incentives to these manufacturers in taxes and duties etc.

- 3. Solar Panel Manufacturing Policy is in advance stages and tariff part of the policy has already been implemented to promote local manufacturing.
- 4. Apart from the above policies, EDB is in process of formulating a number of policies to promote local production and export. These include Agricultural Implements Manufacturing Policy, Steel and Petrochemicals amongst others.
- 5. EDB is also working in close liaison with industrial stakeholders for local manufacturing of import substitution products especially engineering goods through reverse engineering, which will open more avenues of industrialization besides providing employment opportunities in the country.

6. To enhance the production of export quality goods, Engineering Development Board has conducted detail studies to increase the competitiveness of Domestic Fan Industry, Surgical Instrument Industry of Pakistan, and study on Cutlery industry. Recommendations of these reports are being pursued for implementation.

(a) <u>Small and Medium Enterprises Development Company</u> (SMEDA)

• Grants program For SMEs (PSDP funded Projects):

SMEDA has been involved in grant programs to support SMEs access to various business development services, start-up support and access to technology.

Diversification

- National Business Development Program (NBDP) (Project Closed): provided handholding support / business development services to SMEs. Grants are provided for small business start-ups, organizational development, marketing, research and development, product testing / certifications, and credit worthiness assessment. Before its closure, the project achieved the following:
 - Business information on formalization and better management was extended to 115,650 SMEs to help them streamline their operations and become more competitive.
 - Capacity building support was provided to 53,018 SMEs to enhance their business management and operational skills.
 - ➤ The project disbursed 221 grants to SMEs on account of Early-stage Start-up Grant, Growth-stage Start-up Grant and Organizational Development Grant.

- o **1000 Industrial Stitching Units**: provides grants for setting up industrial stitching units to boost value addition in textile garments sector. All beneficiary SMEs are also provided training by National Textile University, Faisalabad. To date 93 grants for industrial stitching units have been provided.
 - National SME Policy 2021: The Federal Cabinet approved National SME Policy on 14th December, 2021 to revitalize and rejuvenate SME sector to achieve the target of inclusive economic growth. The National SME Policy 2021 provides a comprehensive framework to improve SME growth through provision of support in the areas of Regulatory Procedures and Taxation, Access to Infrastructure Development, Finance. Business Development Services, Entrepreneurship, Human Resource and Skills Development, Market Access and Public Procurement. The Policy envisages to enhance the contribution of SMEs in Pakistan's.
 - GDP, employment and exports, and spur overall growth in the SME arena. Continuous coordination with various implementing partners for execution and implementation of SME Action Plan is under process.
 - **SMEDA** collaborates with **Industry** Support: international development organizations such as Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), German Cooperation (GIZ), International Training and Development Centers of the Bavarian Employers Association (BFZ), Germany and local experts to extend support to the local industries. Technical assistance is provided to SMEs to enhance competitiveness by improving productivity, quality and energy efficiency. Till date the program has extended support to 660+ companies with the help of 50+ foreign experts.
 - Sports Industry Development Centre (SIDC) Sialkot: Sports Industries Development Centre (SIDC) is a completed & sustainable project of Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA), Ministry of Industries and Production (MoI&P) Government of

Pakistan, to help sports goods sector to adopt new technology of Mechanized Thermo Laminated Balls by providing the production facilities for SMEs, Technical Advisory Services, Mold Making Machinery Services and Training to Manpower. The following progress and accomplishments have been made in the FY 2023-24:

 76 SMEs facilitated in Product Development, Technology Transfer and Trainings.

2,503,906 number of Bladders, Thermo Football, Basketball, Rugby Ball and Volleyball were manufactured as per Intl' Market Standards.

(b) Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC)

1. Establishment of Marble City, Risalpur

To attract investor and foster industrializations, dedicated Marble city has been established at Risalpur with state of art infrastructure, whereas another Marble City at Loralai is in the planning phase.

Marble City Risalpur is developed on a total area of 185 acres. There are total 220 plots of 2, 4 and 8 kanals. Major development works have been completed. 75 factories have already started their operations. Moreover, a number of factories are also under construction.

2. Establishment of Machinery Pools:

Two machinery Pools have been established in Balochistan and KPK to provide latest quarry machinery on subsidized rental basis to quarry owners. So far more than 135 quarry owners have been facilitated through latest machinery.

The Machinery Pools have played a major role in providing the raw material for the local processing industry and is a source of production of square blocks which are exported to different countries.

3. Mechanized Quarries

Model mechanized quarries have been developed across the country to demonstrate international best practices and save precious reserves. Mine owners are adopting mechanized mining practices in the country which results in production of export quality material.

4. **Skill Development:**

PASDEC has provided training to more than 600 quarry operators on use of latest quarry machinery and techniques. In addition, 1,262 females have also been trained on mosaic, inlay and handicraft making for value addition while using wastage of marble.

5. Other Measures

The Marble and Granite sector had limited access to the finance in the country, however a MOU has been signed between PASDEC and Bank of Khyber for extending finance facility with low interest rates.

The objective of this activity is to provide access to finance for the Marble Granite manufactures in order to equip them with latest machines and equipment which will enable them to manufacture international quality products and increase exports.

*Question No. 96 **Senator Muhammad Aslam Abro:** (Notice Received on 19/08/2024 at 4:51 PM) QID: 42309

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the rules / regulations and institutional framework devised for import of various type of 3D printers in the country indicating also the number of printers imported during the last three years and the duty applied on the same?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan: (a) No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Interior is mandatory for the import of all categories of 3D Printers.

In this measure, the applicant needs to submit the application for the NOC for the import of all categories of 3-D Printers to the Ministry of Interior (MOI) with the required mandatory documents. MOI will scrutinize the application. If the application is from Government institutions, hospitals or research bodies, security clearance for import of 3-D printer both metal & plastic is waived off However, they will submit the application and detail of the 3-D printer to the Ministry of Interior to maintain a proper record. If the application is from Individuals, companies, firms, organizations, etc. MOI will seek security clearance. If it will be cleared then MOI will issue NOC for import. Otherwise, it will be rejected with observations (notified SOP attached as **Annex-II**).

- (b) Since the Ministry of Interior (MOI) issues the No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the import of all categories of 3D printers, such data remains with FBR.
- (c) Custom Duty on PCT Code 84.85 (include different types of 3D printers based on their technology and applications) is 16%.

Government of Pakistan Ministry of Interior

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) FOR ISSUANCE OF NOC FOR IMPORT / PURCHASE OF 3D PRINTERS

(26th April, 2019)

PREAMBLE:

The Ministry of Commerce, vide SRO No. 345(i)/2016, dated 18th April 2016, required issuance of No Objection Certificate (NOC) of the Ministry of Interior for import of all categories of 3-D Printers in Pakistan. Hence the instant SOP is notified by the Ministry of Interior, after inter - Ministerial /agency/stakeholder consultations. The SOP will be implemented with immediate effect and applicable to all categories of 3-D Printers imported from abroad and /or sold/purchased within Pakistan.

S.No.	Title	Procedure
1.	Application	Ministry of Interior (MOI) will receive application for grant of NOC, on
	Requirements	a prescribed format (Annex-I) along with following documents:-
		a) A copy of the Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) of the applicant, issued by NADRA.
		b) A copy of the valid National Tax Number /certificate issued by
		FBR.
		c) Detail of technical literature and specification of 3-D Printer (i.e.
		Make, Model, Product Code and Serial Number, etc), specifying
		therein the type of material used (metallic, plastic, etc) for printing.
		In case of Company, Registration Certificate with SECP and
	ļ	consignee details (i.e. copy of CNIC, Business address, company
		profile and details of CEO / Members Board of Directors),
		e) Justification for import of 3-D Printer.
		f) Purpose of use of the printer and detail of the products to be
		printed / produced using 3-D Printer.
		g) The port of entry / import of 3-D Printer to be specified.
		h) In case of post import request for NOC, copy of Airway Bill, Bill of
		Lading, BoQ and Invoice etc. shall be provided.
		i) Declaration on legal stamp paper worth Rs.100/- with solemn
		affirmation that the imported 3-D Printer shall not be used for
		production of weapons / firearms, credit / debit card parts / SIMs,

	7	un-authorized, obscene / objectionable objects and that the said
	1	NOC, if issued, would not be re-utilized for further imports of 3-D
		Printers, and in case of misuse and being found guilty, the
		applicant will be liable to be punished under the relevant law/rules
	1	relating to violation of the given affidavit (Annex-II).
2.	Security	a) Requests of individuals, companies, firms, organizations etc. in
	Clearance	respect of metal 3-D printers shall be forwarded to security
		agencies for security clearance. The report by security agencies
		shall be submitted within eight (8) weeks to Mol. In case of failure
	}	to respond, NOC may be issued under intimation to the security
	.	agencies.
		b) For <u>plastic material printers</u> , there shall be a committee
	1	comprising all Stake-holders i.e MOI, Commerce, IT & Telecom,
	(ISI, IB, FBR, SECP which will hold meeting in the first week of
		every month. During the meeting all pending applications for
		plastic material 3-D printers shall be discussed and finalized for
		issuance of NOC for import of Plastic material 3-D printers. Every
	1	meeting shall be attended at least by BS -19 or above officer, and
		it may be ensured that the same officer attends all meetings, for
		the sake of continuity and better decision making.
	ł	c) Composition of the Committee:
		i) Additional Secretary-I, Mol Chalman ii) Joint Secretary (Admn/Security), Mol Member iii) Deputy Secretary (Security), Mol Member iii) Rep. of M/o Commerce Member iv) Rep. of IT & Telecom Division Member v) Rep. of ISI Member vi) Rep. of IB Member vii) Rep. of FBR Member vii) Rep. of SECP Member ix) Concerned Section Officer Secretary
		d) The Committee shall make recommendation to the Approving
		/Competent Authority for grant of NOC or otherwise.
		e) An email account of each member shall be created exclusively for
	}	sharing of information / documents for processing of NOC
		applications.
		f) Complete set of application and documents attached therewith to
		be provided to all members electronically at least one week prior to
		the meeting date.

3.	End User	a) The original importer / purchaser of 3D Printer(s) will be termed as
		'End User', who will obtain NOC for import of 3-D printers.
		b) Any individual, company, firm, organization etc. that purchases or
		acquires a 3D Printer from an End User, shall also be deemed to be
		an End User and will be required to obtain NOC from MOI.
		c) The original importer will have to maintain a record of all the
		printers imported, which can only be sold to a person holding valid
		NOC of the MOI.
		d) The original importer will have to submit annual report to MOI
	4	regarding sale to the End Users.
		OF District Office
4.	Release of 3D	FBR (Custom authorities) to release 3D Printer(s) only after
	Printer at the	production of NOC, issued by the MOI, and its subsequent
	Airport / Sea	confirmation / authenticity obtained by them from the MOI's
	Port / Dry Port	authorized officer.
5.	Import of	Import of 3D Printers like Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) and Direct
	Restricted 3D	Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS) and others, which are used for
	Printers	making metal printing, weapons, credit cards, CNICs, knives and
	1	other harmful objects etc. by individuals, companies, firms,
		organizations, educational Institutions etc. is restricted. Government
		departments to get requisite NOC from MOI in this connection.
6.	Procedure for	
	Commercial	(if any), as in cases of individuals, companies and firms etc. The Mol
	Importers	may prepare and maintain data / record of such imports including
		parts of 3D Printers for local assembling.
7.	Import of Parts	Those who have NOC for import of 3-D printers shall be also
	of 3-D printers	allowed the import of spare parts of the same 3-D printer, for which
		NOC has been granted, within the validity of the NOC.
8.	Violation of	The violator of SOP shall be punished in accordance with the
	SOP	relevant Law of land.
9.	Approving /	Secretary, Ministry of Interior shall be the Competent Authority to
	Competent	approve the cases for issuance of NOC in the matter.
	Authority	
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Annex-II

APPLICATION FORM

Rec_i uest for issuance of NOC for import of 3 D Printer(s)

1.	Full name of Applicant	
2.	CNIC No.	
3.	Full Address	
4.	Contact Details (Phone, Cell phone & E-mail Address)	
5.	NTN / Registration No.	g.
6.	Registration No. (issued by SECP in case of Companies)	
7.	Name of the Port of Import / Entry	
8.	Whether 3-D Printers imported and customs clearance awaited?	YES / NO
9.	Bill of Lading, Airway Bill, Invoice (if answer to No.8 is Yes)	
10.	Justification for import of 3-D Printer (Specify usage requirements; purpose of import and the products to be produced	
11.	Type of Printer and its technical details	
12,	Nature of material used for printing Metallic / Plastic / Other (specify exactly)	

13.	Whether importing for personal use or Resale (commercial imports)?	
14.	Serial Number(s) of 3 D Printer(s), if available. In case this information is not available, the same should be communicated to Mol on email address	,

Note: Please attach the information needed above, in case space provided is no sufficient.

Signature of the Applicant	
Date:	

Check List of Documents Attached

S.No.	Documents	Tick (✓) if attached
1.	Copy of CNIC of the Applicant.	
2.	Copy of Tax Registration Certificate issued by FBR.	·
3.	Copy of Registration Certification issued by SECP (in case of Companies).	
4.	Copies of Bill of Lading, Airway Bill, Invoice (if printers already imported and awaiting clearance).	
5.	Literature and information about the imported 3 D Printer(s).	
6.	Affidavit.	****
7.	Any other Document(s) - Please specify:	
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	11)	
	iii)	

Signature of the Applic	cant	_
Date :		_

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	I, Mr./ Mrs /MS		S/ O/D /O / W / O.		
E T		bearing CNIC No		dc	

hereby Solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

- a) A That I have stated all the facts and information correctly in the application for issuance of NOC for import / purchase of 3D Printer (S):-
- b) That I shall not use the said 3D Printer for production of weapons, firearms, any parts / Sims of credit / debit / bank cards, obscene or objectionable items, which are other wise illegal, unethical or immoral in nature;
- That I shall utilize the 3 D printer (S) only for the purpose and for the printing of items / objects stated in my NOC application;
- d) That I have not sale the said printer, without intimation to / approval of the Ministry of Interior (MoI).
- e) That I shall inform the MoI about the Serial Number and other missing information as soon as it is available to me;
- f) That I shall abide by the Code of Conduct (as per this Affidavit and the SOP guidelines of the MoI) for the usage of the 3D Printer(S);
- g) The said NOC, if issued, would not be re-utilized for further imports of 3-D Printers.
- h) That in case of any violation of the NOC, This affidavit or any other instructions of the MoI regarding the usage of the 3D Printer, I shall be liable to be prosecuted under the relevant laws / rules of the land.
- 2. Whatever is stated above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have not concealed any information neither in the application for NOC nor in this affidavit.

Attestation by Oath commissioner

Deponent

*Question No. 96-A **Senator Muhammad Aslam Abro:** (Notice Received on 22/08/2024 at 4:14 PM) OID: 42328

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

(a) the details of complaints received against food outlets in Islamabad Capital Territory for issuing bills/receipts without fulfilling requirements of POS verification system during the last two years indicating also the details of actions taken against them; and

(b) the details of mechanism devised for internal accountability of FBR field staff against their becoming accomplice in tax evasion by such food outlets?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: (a) & (b) Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) through its field formation *i.e.* Regional Tax Office, Islamabad is continuously monitoring POS verification system and culprits involved in violation are penalized promptly under relevant provisions of law.

• Complaints received either through PMDU portal or through postal services are scrutinized and legal proceedings under SRO 252/2022 dated 16-02-2022 read with Chapter-XIV-A of Sales Tax Rules, 2006 initiated. The details of complaints received during tax year 2023 and 2024 besides legal action taken against them are elaborated as under:

Tax Year	Total Nos. of Complaints Received	Show Cause Notices Issued Under Section 11(1) of Sales Tax Act, 1990	Demand Created (Rs. in Million)	Sealing of Business Premises of Restaurant Vide SRO 252/2022
2023	71	29	14.5	9
2024	83	39	19.5	19

• All business activities which are required to be integrated with FBR online POS system for real time reporting are being monitored without any human intervention leaving no room for tax officials to tamper or to become an accomplice in tax fraud. Moreover, no such complaints are received till date. In case of any complaint, Federal Board of Revenue takes strict action under E&D Rules, 2020 against official(s) if found involved.

*Question No. 96-B **Senator Shahadat Awan:** (Notice Received on 27/08/2024 at 2:11 PM) QID: 42344

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that drugs worth Rs. 5 billion were confiscated by Malaysian authorities in an onion consignment sent from Pakistan, if so, the details thereof, indicating also the action taken / being taken against those involved?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: The Ministry of Commerce *vide* letter No.1(16)2020- DD(Agro-1)/Onion dated 31-10-2023 informed FBR that Malaysian Narcotic Crime Investigation Department has found drugs Methamphetamine (411 kg) and Cocaine (100 kg) stuffed in a container allegedly shipped from Pakistan, during a raid at a warehouse at Cheras Prima, Malaysia.

On receipt of the above information, FIR No.DEC0/2023/HQ dated 04-11-2023 was lodged by the Collectorate of Customs Enforcement (Ports), Karachi. An accused namely Mr. Aamir Ali Khan S/o Nazir Ali Khan was arrested and further investigation is underway.

ISLAMABAD, the 9th September, 2024

SYED HASNAIN HAIDER, *Secretary*.