

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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

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

**Friday, the 1st November, 2024**

*Deferred Questions*

*[Question Nos. 20 and 96-D]*

*Was deferred on 10th September, 2024 (342nd Session)*

*\*(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:** (a) 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](http://www.4rf.pc.gov.pk)

### Annex-I

S/No	Development partner	Pledged Amount (US\$ Mn)	Amounts Realized (US\$ Mn)	Disbursement (US\$ Mn)		
				Actual	Projected	
				Up to June 2024	FY 2024-2025	1 <sup>st</sup> Q FY 2024-2025
<b>Project Financing</b>						
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
<b>Total (A)</b>		<b>6,384.91</b>	<b>5,705.71</b>	<b>1,811.89</b>	<b>759.36</b>	<b>179.45</b>
<b>Oil Financing</b>						
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
<b>Total (B)</b>		<b>4,600.00</b>	<b>1250.00</b>	<b>1250.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
11	Cash Deposited in PMFRF (C)	2.10	2.10	2.10	0.00	0.00
<b>Grand Total (A+B+C+D)</b>		<b>10,987.01</b>	<b>7,127.81</b>	<b>3,063.99</b>	<b>1,259.36</b>	<b>279.45</b>

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

**4RF National Portfolio Summary** Donor Funding \$ 3,367.28 Million Local Funding \$ 364.09 Million Report Prepared: September 05, 2024 / V.2

Sr. No.	Province / Org.	Projects	Sector	Dev. Partner	Donor Funding	Donor Funds Allocation	ADP/PSDP Share	Approving Authority	Approval Date	Physical Progress%	Cumulative Spending August 2024	Financial Progress %	
US\$ Million													
<b>Sindh</b>													
1	Sindh	Sindh Flood Housing Reconstruction	Housing, Infra	WB	500.00	500.00	227.27	ECNEC	04.01.2023	68.0%	434.72	87.1%	
2	Sindh	Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (Irrigation Component \$212m)	Irrigation, Water	W.B	500.00	212.00	0.00	ECNEC	06.12.2022	96.0%	196.22	92.8%	
		Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (PAD Component \$270m)											Transport & Com, Municipal Serv.
3	Sindh	Sindh Water & Agriculture Transformation (SWAT) Project	Water	IDA + WB	98.00	98.00	0.00	ECNEC	06.12.2022	93.0%	74.80	76.3%	
4	Sindh	Sindh Integrated Health and Population Program	Health	IsDB + WB	250.00	250.00	30.00	ECNEC	04.01.2023	8.5%	9.77	3.9%	
5	Sindh	Sindh School Rehabilitation Project Under Flood Restoration Program (ADB Emergency Assistance)	Education	ADB	275.00	275.00	27.50	ECNEC	11.12.2023	2.0%	0	0%	
6	Sindh	Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project (2015 - Repurposed to Flood)	Agriculture	W.B	8.30	7.863	0.00	PDWP	01.09.2022	100%	7.86	100%	
7	Sindh	Competitive & Livable City of Karachi (2019 - Repurposed)	Governance	W.B	27.00	27.00	0.00	GoS	08.09.2022	100%	27.00	100%	
<b>Total A</b>					<b>\$ 1,658.30</b>	<b>\$ 1,638.86</b>	<b>\$ 314.77</b>				<b>\$ 933.10</b>	<b>67.7%</b>	
US\$ Million													
<b>Balochistan</b>													
8	GoB NDMA	Emergency Flood Assistance Project (Balochistan Urgent Response for Food Security)	DRR	ADB - JFPR	8.00	5.00	0.00	ECNEC	16-12-2022	100%	5.00	100%	
						3.00	0.00			100%	2.97	89%	
9	Balochistan (Federal)	IFRAP: Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project (Post-Flood 2022 Reconstruction Program: Resilience Enhancement and Livelihood)	Rehabilitation, Livelihoods	W.B	400.00	400.00	0.00	ECNEC	04.01.2023	4.50%	0.40	0.1%	
<b>Total B</b>					<b>\$ 408.00</b>	<b>\$ 408.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				<b>\$ 6.37</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	
US\$ Million													
<b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>													
10	KP	Access to Clean Energy (49056-002)	Power	ADB	47.00	47.00	0.00	PDWP	18.10.2023	13.3%	5.99	12.6%	
11	KP	KP Rural Accessibility Project	Rural Dev.	WB	300.00	300.00	10.00	ECNEC	31.05.2023	6.0%	24.90	8.3%	
12	KP	KP Irrigated Agriculture Improvement (2020 Repurposed)	Agriculture	WB	11.70	11.70	0.00	ECNEC	15.09.2022	89.8%	4.375	37.4%	
13	KP	KP Integrated Tourism Development (2019 Repurposed)	Tourism	WB	2.00	2.00	0.00	DDWP	01.08.2023	83.0%	1.62	81.0%	
14	KP	KP Human Capital Investment - Education Component (Repurposed to Flood Rehabilitation)	Education	WB	25.06	15.00	0.00	ECNEC	11.12.2023	0%	0.128	0.5%	
						10.06	0.00			0%	0	0%	
15	KP	KP Human Capital Investment - Health Component (Repurposed to Flood Rehabilitation)	Health	WB	25.06	10.06	0.00	ECNEC	21.01.2021	0%	0	0%	
15	KP	Food Security Support Project	Agri. Food Security	ADB	83.00	83.00	5.00	ECNEC	11.12.2023	0%	0	0%	
<b>Total C</b>					<b>\$ 468.76</b>	<b>\$ 468.76</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>				<b>\$ 36.92</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	
US\$ Million													
<b>Punjab</b>													
16	Punjab	Punjab Tourism for Economic Growth (Repurposed to Rehabilitation)	Tourism	WB	2.80	2.80	0.00	PDWP	24.01.2022	100%	2.80	100%	
<b>Total D</b>					<b>\$ 2.80</b>	<b>\$ 2.80</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				<b>\$ 2.80</b>	<b>100%</b>	
US\$ Million													
<b>Cross-Provincial</b>													
17	GoB GoS GoKP NHA	Emergency Flood Assistance Project (EFAP) — OFWM	Water, Infra, Civil works	ADB	475.00	65.00	7.79	ECNEC	1) 06.12.2022 2) 11.11.2022	22.0%	11.00	15.1%	
						199.90	20.10		15.12.2022	12.8%	30.412	13.1%	
						59.85	6.43		06.12.2022	20.0%	13.23	10.0%	
						150.25	-		06.12.2022	1.4%	32.49	2.8%	
18	GoB Sindh	DRR Project for Rehabilitation / Reconstruction	DRR	ADB / NDIRMF	31.28	13.56	0.00	PDWP	10.05.2023	87.0%	11.53	65.0%	
						12.06	0.00		CDWP	Ph.1) 28.04.2023 Ph.2) 22.09.2023	100%	10.43	68.5%
19	GoP	Pakistan Hydromet and Climate Services Project (2020 Repurpose to BISF)	Climate	WB	150.00	150.00	0.00	ECNEC	25.05.2021	100%	150.00	100%	
20	GoP	Crisis Resilience Institutions for Social Protection (CRISP) Program (Repurposed to BISF)	Social Protection	WB	73.14	73.14	0.00	ECNEC	23.05.2021	100%	73.14	100%	
21	Federal	Polio Eradication Program (Phase IV)	Health	IsDB	100.00	100.00	0.00	ECNEC	04.09.2023	100%	100.00	100%	
<b>Total E</b>					<b>\$ 829.42</b>	<b>\$ 823.76</b>	<b>\$ 34.32</b>				<b>\$ 432.22</b>	<b>50.3%</b>	
<b>Grand Total (A+B+C+D+E)</b>					<b>\$3,367.28</b>	<b>\$3,343.18</b>	<b>\$ 364.09</b>				<b>4RF Cumulative Spending</b>	<b>\$1,413.4</b>	<b>38.1%</b>

\*(Def.) Question No. 96-D **Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman:**

(Notice Received on 27/08/2024 at 2:20 PM) QID: 42343

*Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the limit of international spending on personal Credit / Debit cards, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:** Currently there is no such proposal under consideration to increase the annual limit imposed on international transactions through personal bank cards of individuals.

State Bank of Pakistan understands that the said limit is adequate to meet the genuine international spending needs of the public.

However, in due course, as the macro-economic environment improves, the SBP may consider reviewing the limits in question.

\*Question No. 38 **Senator Aon Abbas:**

(Notice Received on 29/08/2024 at 12:18 PM) QID: 42356

*Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Utility Stores Corporation are being closed, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to address the issues of the present employees of the Corporation?*

**Rana Tanveer Hussain:** (a) There is no plan to close/wind up the operations of Utility Stores Corporation, so therefore, no question of termination of jobs any employee at the moment.

(b) However, restructuring of the Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan is underway to make it more viable/self-sustainable in terms of business and its day to day operations. Even during the restructuring, the rights of the employees will be properly safe guarded.

**\*Question No. 39 Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan:**

(Notice Received on 9/09/2024 at 6:58 PM) QID: 42387

*Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the names designations and place of domiciles of the employees appointed in the Agricultural Development Bank during the last ten years?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:** ZTBL is Public Limited Company incorporated under Companies Ordinance, 1984 and governed by an independent Board of Directors constituted by Federal Government. The Board of Directors of the Bank is fully empowered under Section 11 of Bank (Nationalization) Act, 1974 (as amended) to determine personnel policies, fix remunerations and benefits etc. for its employees. The Bank's Recruitment and Selection Policy duly approved by board of Directors does not include any quota (Regional/Provincial/Disabled/Non-Muslim/Female/Deceased etc) for observance by the Bank. Therefore, all the recruitments in ZTBL are made purely on merit through open competition against advertised position on need basis. Thus, there is no provision of any quota in the approved policy of recruitment.

However, domicile wise staff strength is annexed herewith.

**Annexed**

**ZARAI TARAQIATI BANK LIMITED**  
DOMICILE WISE NO OF EMPLOYEES AS ON 18/09/2024

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REGION DESCRIPTION	DOMICILE		AT THE TIME OF ENTRY IN SERVICE							TOTAL
	PUNJAB	SINDH URBAN/RURAL	K.P.K.	BALUCH ISTAN	N.A. I.G.B.	A.J.K.	FEDERAL AREA	FATA		
<b>OFFICERS</b>										
SR. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	3						1			4
ADVISOR	1									1
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	14	3	1							18
SR. VICE PRESIDENT	37	5	1	8	2	2		2		57
CHAIRMAN SHARIAH BOARD		1								1
VICE PRESIDENT	151	22	33	46	14	4	1	11	4	286
NON RESIDENT SHARIAH BOARD MEM	1									1
RESIDENT SHARIAH BOARD MEMBER				1						1
ASST. VICE PRESIDENT	395	49	130	126	38	7	1	16	3	765
SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER	1									1
LADY MEDICAL OFFICER		1								1
OG-I	606	25	96	71	15	14	13	15	1	856
OG-II	521	16	39	42	15	17	10	22	2	684
OG-III	456	57	53	26	42	27	13	15	2	691
<b>SUB - TOTAL</b>	<b>2186</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3367</b>
<b>CLERICAL STAFF</b>										
STENOGRAPHER	1			1						2
SENIOR ASSISTANT	43	11	29	18	18			2	3	125
SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER	1									1
GRAPHICS DESIGNER	1									4
TYPIST	1		2		1					6
PLAYERS	6									6
<b>SUB - TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>NON-CLERICAL STAFF</b>										
DRIVER	68	3	19	10	8	2	2	4	2	118
QASID / NAIB QASID	63	8	20	15	9	3	12	3	2	135
ARMED GUARD/CHOWKIDAR	8	3	11	9	8		1			40
OTHER MISC. STAFF	17	2	1	1				2		23
<b>SUB - TOTAL</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>316</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2395</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3822</b>

\*Question No. 40 Senator Muhammad Aslam Abro:

(Notice Received on 11/09/2024 at 11:23 AM) QID: 42390

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that different amount of tax is being charged from consumers on payment on through cards (i.e 5%) and cash transactions by the retailers/ vendors, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the details of POS software being used for maintaining record of cash-less and cash based transactions indicating also the*

*measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure transparency in point of sale invoicing system during the last one year?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:** (a) The rate of Sales Tax for consumers is 18% as provided under section 3 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990.

Restaurants and food chains are liable to pay Sales Tax on services to the Provincial Revenue Authorities (PRAs).

In the case of restaurants and food chains operating within Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), Sales Tax is collected by FBR and rate of Sales Tax, on Services provided or rendered by restaurants including cafes, food cooked, prepared or ready-to-eat food service outlets is **15 %** as provided under section 3(2) read with Table-I of the Islamabad Capital Territory (Tax On Services) Ordinance, 2001. The rate of Sales Tax on same services will be five percent (5%) where payment against such services is received through debit or credit cards, mobile wallets subject to the condition that no input tax adjustment or refund shall be admissible.

As far as reasons for reduced rate of 5% of sales tax on payments made through debit or credit cards are concerned, digital transactions contribute in documentation of economy and discourage under reporting of sales.

(b) FBR requires Tier-1 retailers to connect their POS software with FBR's computerized system. In this regard, FBR has not developed its own POS software. Tier-I retailers are free to purchase POS software form open market to record cash less and cash based transactions. The transactions data is reported to the FBR POS System on real time basis.

To ensure transparency in POS invoicing system during the last one year, 122 business premises of Tier-1 retailers were sealed for committing violations of the POS related rules.

**\*Question No. 42 Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:**

(Notice Received on 18/09/2024 at 2:15 PM) QID: 42414

*Will the Minster for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the percentage tax or bank charges levied on the foreign remittances?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:** The imposition of taxes is primarily regulated by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR). FBR imposes no tax on home remittances sent from abroad. However, business proceeds coming in Pakistan as foreign remittance, as a result of business transactions, such as export proceeds are taxable. For export proceeds of goods and services there is 1% tax. For export proceeds of IT services the tax rate is 0.25%.

Common practices related to bank charges and withholding taxes by financial institutions are as follows:

- There are no direct charges or taxes levied on incoming foreign remittances by domestic banks. It means that beneficiaries can receive funds from abroad without incurring any fee or tax from the financial institution.
- Further, as per market information, a certain fee and value added tax (VAT) are charged on foreign remittance transaction from a remitter (i.e. sender from abroad). However, the home remittance transactions (equivalent USD 100 and above) processed through the GoP's rebate model are free from any charges and taxes.

\*Question No. 43 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 20/09/2024 at 9:22 AM) QID: 42425

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the procedure prescribed for the investment by PSQCA; and*
- (b) *the details of investments made by the said Authority during the last two years?*

**Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui:** (a) In order to align the existing investment arrangement with Public Finance Management Act, 2019, Finance Division withdrew its approval for investment of surplus funds by autonomous bodies *vide* O.M. dated 18-05-2022 (**Annex-A**).



Earlier, Finance Division *vide* O.M. dated 02-07-2003 had allowed autonomous bodies under Federal Government to invest their surplus funds (**Annex-B**).

According to Section 23(2) of Public Finance Management Act, 2019, no authority shall transfer public moneys for investment without prior approval from the Federal Government (**Annex-C**).

Furthermore, Section 37(1) of the Act states that revenues collected by an autonomous entity, which arise from any Act or statutory instruments of the Federal Government, shall be deposited into the Treasury Single Account (TSA). Section 45 of the Act provides overriding effect over all other laws and any law inconsistent with the Act (**Annex-D**).

As per Finance Division's earlier directives, PSQCA has an Investment Committee (IC), which invites bids for competitive profit rates from scheduled banks, and invests its surplus funds into Term Deposit Receipts (TDRs) after approval of its Board of Directors (**BoD**).

PSQCA was directed to reply to the subject starred question; PSQCA's response is attached (**Annex-E**).

In compliance of Finance Division's revised directives, a request was forwarded to Finance Division for opening a special assignment account for PSQCA for deposit of all its revenue into Public Account of the Federation (PAF), forming part of TSA. Finance Division, however, requested approved Financial Rules of PSQCA to open the requisite account (**Annex-F**).

Draft Financial Rules of PSQCA are currently under process in Finance Division (Regulation Wing) for **concurrence** (**Annex-G**).

M/o S&T has issued instructions to PSQCA for strict compliance of directives of federal government and Finance Division (**Annex-H**).

Expecting approval of Finance Division, PSQCA continues its previous practice of investment into TDRs. After opening of special assignment account by Finance Division, PSQCA will be directed to deposit all its revenue, and matured investments into the account.

- (a) During Financial Year (2023-24) total investments against 09 TDRs issued by National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) was Rs. 6,679,919,434/-, and after deduction of tax/ zakat, net matured amount came to Rs. 7,285,719,385/- (**Annex-I**).
- (b) During Financial Year (2024-25) total matured amount of Rs. 7,318,989,927/- was invested with approval of the Board in 29th BoD held on 24-01-2024 in TDRs issued by National Bank of Pakistan for a period of one year @ 20.90% (**Annex-J**).

*(Annexures have been Placed in Senate Library and on Table of the mover / concerned Member)*

**\*Question No. 44 Senator Jan Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 23/09/2024 at 9:34 AM) QID: 41955

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

- (a) the details of investment made in the country through CPEC so far;*
- (b) the details of projects completed under the said program so far indicating also the expenditure incurred on the same in each case; and*
- (c) the details of on-going projects under that program in the country with province wise break up?*

**Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:** (a) 38 projects worth around USD 25 billion have been completed under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor

framework so far. Moreover, 23 projects worth around USD 2.1 billion are currently under implementation.

(b) Details of 38 projects completed under CPEC so far along-with cost of each project are as follow:

Sr. No.	Completed CPEC Projects	Mode of Financing	Cost (USD Millions)
1.	1,320 MW Sahiwal Coal Power	IPP	1,912.2
2.	1,320 MW Port Qasim Coal Power	IPP	1,912.2
3.	1,320 MW China-HUB Coal Power	IPP	1,912.2
4.	660 MW Engro Thar Power & Mine	IPP	995.40
5.	400 MW Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park	IPP	520
6.	100 MW UEP Wind Farm	IPP	250
7.	100 MW Three Gorges Wind Power	IPP	150

8.	50 MW Sachal Wind Farm	IPP	134
9.	50MW Hydro China Dawood Wind	IPP	113
10.	HVDC + 660 kV Matiari-Lahore T Line	FDI	1698
11.	7.8 MTPA TCB-II Mine	FDI	850
12.	720 MW Karot HPP	IPP	1,698
13.	330 MW Thar Energy Limited	IPP	497.70
14.	330 MW ThalNeva Thar Power	IPP	497.70
15.	1320 MW Shanghai Electric (TCB-1)	IPP	1,912.2
16.	7.8 MTPA Thar Block-1	FDI	990
17.	884 MW Suki Kinari HPP	IPP	1991
18.	Multan-Sukkur Motorway M-5 (392 KM)	Govt Concession al Loan (GCL)	2,800
19.	Orange Line Metro Train Project (27 km)	GCL	1,600
20.	KKH Phase-II Havelian-Thakot Section (120 km)	GCL	1,300
21.	Cross Border Optical Fiber Cable (820 km)	Grant	44
22.	DTMB Project	Grant	4
23.	Hakla-D.I.Khan Motorway	PSDP	683.22
24.	Eastbay Expressway	Interest Free Loan (IFL)	179
25.	Khuzdar-Basima Road (110 km)	PSDP	118.01
26.	Gwadar Smart Port City Master Plan	Grant	4

27	Gwadar Port & Free Zone	FDI	300
28	Necessary Facilities of Fresh Water Treatment	PSDP	130
29	Technical and Vocational Institute at Gwadar	Grant	10
30	Vaccine storage and transportation equipment	Grant	9.96
31	Medical equipment and materials	Grant	3.13
32	Gwadar hospital project	Grant	100
33	Pak-China Technical & Vocational Institute Gwadar	Grant	13.65
34	Pakistan Vocational Schools equipment Upgrading and Renovation Project	Grant	4.23
35	Pakistan Agricultural Vocational Training	Grant	4.75
36	Capacity Building Training courses for Poverty Alleviation	Grant	7.40
37	Emergency relief supplies for enhancing NDMA, disaster preparedness capacity	Grant	6.27
38	1.2 MGD Gwadar Desalination Plant	Grant	13.97

(c) Province wise details of on-going CPEC projects are as follow:

Sr. No.	CPEC On-Going Projects	Mode of Financing	Cost (USD Millions)	Province
1.	Awaran – Naal Road (168)	PSDP	107.46	Balochistan
2.	Nokundi-Mashkel 103-km	PSDP	47	Balochistan
3.	New Gwadar International Airport (NGIA)	Grant	230	Balochistan

4.	Hoshab-Awaran M 8 (116 km)	PSDP	161.49	Balochistan
5.	Zhob-Quetta Road (297 Km)	PSDP	391	Balochistan
6.	Infrastructure of Gwadar Free Zone Phase-II	FDI	285	Balochistan
7.	Bostan Special Economic Zone	PSDP	6	Balochistan
8.	Construction of 132 Kv Grid Station at Bostan	PSDP	3.5	Balochistan
9.	06 x Feeders for Free Zone North & South Gwadar	PSDP	3.4	Balochistan
10.	Solar powered lighting equipment	Grant	3.29	Balochistan
11.	China-Pakistan Joint Agricultural Technology Laboratories	Grant	2.11	Balochistan & Punjab
12.	Gigit-Shandoor-Chitral-Chakdara Alternate Route of Northern Alignment (216 km)	PSDP	166	Gilgit Baltistan
13.	Rashakai Special Economic Zone	FDI/ PPP	146	KPK
14.	Maintenance and renovation of 50 schools in newly merged districts	Grant	15.70	KPK
15.	Drinking water equipment	Grant	5.5	KPK
16.	Evacuation of Power from Suki Kinari	PSDP	290	KPK
17.	Dhabeji Special Economic Zone	Private Investment / PPP	27	Sindh
18.	220/132 Kv GIS substation Dhabeji	PSDP	22	Sindh
19.	China-Pakistan Joint Agricultural demonstrations	Grant	1.75	Sindh & KPK
20.	DTMB (Digitalize three existing PTV sites)	Grant	3.7	Punjab
21.	Allama Iqbal Industrial City (AIIC)	ADP	160	Punjab
22.	500 Kv Grid Station for AIIC	PSDP	22	Punjab
23.	Smart Classroom for Higher education	Grant	14.34	All Provinces

**\*Question No. 45 Senator Jan Muhammad:**

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

- (a) the detail of the projects initiated under the South Balochistan Package during the last five years with district-wise breakup indicating also the name of the project estimated cost and present status of work and reasons for delay in completion, if any, in each case; and*
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite work on these projects?*

**Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:** (a) Following the 18th Constitutional Amendment and the 7th NFC Award in 2010, the primary responsibility for local socio-economic development lies with the Provincial Governments, due to increased resources availability within the provinces. The Federal Government supports such efforts through the Federal PSDP aiming to promote equitable and balanced regional development nationwide and ensure public welfare.

The focus of Public Sector Investment is on funding of large scale development projects while execution of small District level schemes are carried out by provincial governments.

On July 24, 2020, following the directives of the then Prime Minister and in consultation with all stakeholders, 83 projects worth Rs. 409 billion, including 31 new projects costing Rs. 136 billion, were incorporated in the PSDP 2021-22 under the Southern Balochistan Package. However, from FY 2022-23, the Southern Balochistan Package was discontinued. Despite discontinuation of the package, the projects previously included in the package continued to receive financing through Federal PSDP.

At present, forty-nine (49) projects located in Southern Balochistan are ongoing with an estimated cost of Rs. 511.6 billion. An expenditure of Rs. 127.15 billion has been incurred up to 30-06-2024. An allocation of Rs. 53 billion has been earmarked for the Current Fiscal Year 2024-25. The projects are being sponsored by various Federal Government Ministries/Departments. Details of projects are at Annex-I.

(b) Ministry of PD&SI provides one liner development budget to sponsoring Ministries for execution of the projects under their respective portfolios, progress on these projects may be shared by relevant sponsoring Ministries/Divisions.



**Annex-I****PSDP 2024-25 : Sothern Balochistan Projects**

(Rs in Million)									
S#	PSDP S#	Project Name	Approval Status	Total Cost	Estimated Expenditure 30.06.2024	Throw-for ward 01.07.2024	Allocation 2024-25	Release/ Sanction	Ministry
1	4	New Gwadar International Airport	ECNEC 24.11.2021	51,298.175	5,696.476	45,601.699	2,550.646	380.000	Aviation Division
2	52	Construction of 02 Lane Highway from Basima to Khuzdar (Length 106 km).	ECNEC 12.04.2017	19,188.435	11,944.565	7,243.870	45.550	0.000	National Highway Authority
3	53	Construction of Hoshab – Awaran – Khuzdar, Section of M-8 Project ; Section-2: Hoshab - Awaran, Naal, length 168 KM	ECNEC 26.05.2021	32,244.820	3,935.090	28,309.730	5,000.000	0.000	National Highway Authority
4	54	Construction of Hoshab-Awaran Kiwzar, Section of M-8 Project: Package 01 : Hoshab -Awaran , length 146 km	ECNEC 16.07.2020	25,835.893	4,872.379	20,963.514	3,000.000	0.000	National Highway Authority
5	62	Rehabilitation & Upgradation of 79.890 KM, Jhal Jaho-Bela Road	ECNEC 01.10.2020	11,118.123	6,908.870	4,209.253	1,000.000	0.000	National Highway Authority
6	63	Rehabilitation & Upgradation of 54.80 KM long Awaran-Jhaljiao Road	CDWP 24.05.2021	6,954.947	3,224.137	3,730.810	1,000.000	0.000	National Highway Authority
7	68	Construction of Naukundi-Mashkhal Road (103 KM)	CDWP 09.06.2020	7,708.911	5,046.330	2,662.581	3,500.000	0.000	National Highway Authority
8	158	Establishment of Project Management Cell for Creation of Shipyard at Gwadar	DDWP 03.03.2020	773.256	160.870	612.386	117.121	17.568	Defence Production Division
9	237	Completion of Nigheng Bridge at Rodbun District Kech (Sb)	CDWP 09.03.2023	572.668	345.000	227.668	227.668	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
10	246	Construction of Panjgur - Gichak - Awaran Road, District Panjgur / Awaran (SB)	ECNEC 10.05.2023	27,638.751	875.000	26,763.751	2,000.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
11	247	Construction of Road from Buleda to Proom 60 km District Kech (SB)	CDWP 29.05.2021	4,896.272	125.000	4,771.272	1,500.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
12	248	Construction of Road from Naag to Gichak 46 km District Panjgur (SB)	CDWP 04.05.2023	3,445.185	125.000	3,320.185	500.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
13	249	Construction of Road from Proom to Chedgi 70 km District Panjgur (SB)	CDWP 29.05.2021	3,399.392	200.000	3,199.392	1,000.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
14	250	Construction of Road From Proom To Jalgai 84.4km District Kech (SB)	CDWP 29.05.2021	4,507.488	200.000	4,307.488	1,000.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
15	253	Establishment of Cadet College Kharan	CDWP 02.12.2015	1,906.310	1,603.661	302.649	302.649	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
16	254	Gwadar Development Authority (Business Plan) Location: Gwadar Balochistan	ECNEC 09.12.2010	25,000.000	14,581.119	10,418.881	1,500.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
17	255	Gwadar Safe City Project	CDWP 19.02.2016	4,966.905	738.000	4,228.905	1,000.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
18	256	Gwadar Smart Environmental Sanitation System and Landfill Project	CDWP 29.03.2018	2,592.995	327.000	2,265.995	200.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
19	258	Necessary Facilities of fresh Water Treatment, Water Supply and Distribution, Gwadar Location: Gwadar Balochistan	ECNEC 19.05.2015	112,024.000	9,042.220	102,981.780	500.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
20	259	Reconstruction of Turbat-Mand Road from M-8 till Iranian Border Redeeq (115 KM) (SB)	ECNEC 10.05.2023	19,571.090	1,175.000	18,396.090	4,500.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)

21	260	Rehabilitation of Old Town Gwadar (Provision of Missing Facilities) (SB)	CDWP 01.06.2021	1,652.500	600.000	950.500	230.000	0.000	Provinces & Special Areas (Balochistan)
22	303	Award of scholarship to students from Gwadar -HEC	CDWP 06.07.2017	165.113	139.269	25.844	12.000	4.000	Higher Education Commission
23	314	Development of Infrastructure at Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water and Marine Sciences, Lasbela, Uthal – Balochistan (Phase-II)	DDWP 11.03.2020	1,250.000	1,150.000	100.000	100.000	0.000	Higher Education Commission
24	329	Establishment of Four New Departments at Balochistan University of Engineering & Technology (BUET), Khuzdar	DDWP 11.03.2020	1,695.992	491.695	1,204.297	200.000	50.000	Higher Education Commission
25	350	Establishment of University of Turbat (Phase-II)	CDWP 09.06.2020	1,456.140	695.000	761.140	300.000	60.000	Higher Education Commission
26	409	Women university campuses at Pishin and Khuzdar (SBK Women University)	CDWP 21.08.2017	2,203.323	595.000	1,608.323	50.000	50.000	Higher Education Commission
27	634	Establishment of Hub Special Economic Zone, Lasbela Balochistan	CDWP 29.11.2021	3,008.181	770.780	2,237.401	750.000	213.620	Industries & Production Division
28	734	Establishment of Seed Certification Laboratory at Khuzdar & Turbat	DDWP 20.05.2024	135.000	28.652	106.348	276.950	69.237	National Food Security & Research Division
29	859	33 KV Grid Station for Toota Zai District Kharan	DDWP 19.07.2023	155.318	99.546	55.772	55.772	0.000	Power Division
30	860	Extension of 132kV grid station Mand (Power Transformer)	DDWP 19.07.2023	192.780	191.904	0.876	0.876	0.000	Power Division
31	861	Extension of 132kV grid station Tump (Power Transformer)	DDWP 19.07.2023	192.780	192.171	0.609	0.609	0.000	Power Division
32	863	Construction of 132kV grid station in Ornach area District Khuzdar (QESCO)	DDWP 21.02.2020	1,186.790	905.005	281.785	281.785	0.000	Power Division
33	866	132kV grid station at Washuk with allied 132kV transmission line (82KM)	DDWP 23.04.2021	1,222.480	1,221.883	0.597	183.370	0.000	Power Division
34	867	Establishment of new Distribution lines for the electrification of villages of district Khuzdar	DDWP 19.07.2023	345.805	206.620	139.185	139.185	0.000	Power Division
35	868	Interconnection of Isolated Makran network at Basima via Nag G/Station from Panjgur G/Station (QESCO)	ECNEC 29.08.2019	17,421.440	12,157.430	5,264.010	2,500.000	0.000	Power Division
36	977	Construction of Model Custom Collectorate at Gawadar.	CDWP 17.04.2018	1,500.000	214.756	1,285.244	680.833	0.000	Revenue Division
37	1036	Construction of Awaran Dam District Awaran (Revised)	ECNEC 09.08.2023	23,579.263	3,800.000	19,779.263	3,000.000	0.000	Water Resources Division
38	1038	Construction of Gish Kaur Storage Dam, Kech (SB)	ECNEC 04.06.2021	11,789.592	3,891.000	7,898.592	2,000.000	0.000	Water Resources Division
39	1040	Construction of Panjgur Dam, District Panjgur (Revised)	ECNEC 09.08.2023	22,340.590	3,350.000	18,990.590	3,500.000	0.000	Water Resources Division
40	1042	Construction of Sari kallag Delay Action Dam in U/C Raskoh district Kharan	DDWP 28.01.2020	510.000	449.000	61.000	61.000	0.000	Water Resources Division
41	1045	Construction of Shehzanik Dam, Dasht (SB)	CDWP 27.05.2021	2,630.293	1,000.000	1,630.293	750.000	0.000	Water Resources Division

42	1046	Construction of Junni Gar Dam, Khuzdar (Revised)	CD/VP 24.06.2023	5,114,781	1,023,000	4,091,781	1,570,000	0.000	Water Resources Division
43	1047	Construction of Winder Dam, District Lasbela	ECNEC 16.02.2020	15,230,760	10,930,000	4,300,760	2,150,000	0.000	Water Resources Division
44	1048	Construction of Hekanog Delay Action Dam (SB)	DDWP 30.03.2021	285,000	107,000	178,000	178,000	0.000	Water Resources Division
45	1049	Construction of Tapok Storage Dam District Kech (Prov. Share= 84.846)	DDWP 30.03.2021	1,248,877	800,000	448,877	448,877	0.000	Water Resources Division
46	1050	Construction of Maserag Delay Action Dam (SB)	DDWP 30.03.2021	390,500	137,000	253,500	253,500	0.000	Water Resources Division
47	1057	Construction of Garuk Storage Dam District Kharan	ECNEC 27.07.2023	27,753,763	9,992,337	17,761,426	2,000,000	0.000	Water Resources Division
48	1063	Mapping of All Water Resources in Southern Balochistan	DDWP 21.05.2021	489,953	261,860	228,093	228,093	0.000	Water Resources Division
49	1071	Umbrella PC-II for Feasibility Study and Detailed Design of Eight Dam in Balochistan	DDWP 30.03.2021	821,394	563,289	258,105	200,000	0.000	Water Resources Division
Total:				511,612,024	127,149,914	384,462,110	52,474,483	844,425	

**\*Question No. 46 Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:**

(Notice Received on 23/09/2024 at 10:41 AM) QID: 42447

*Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be please to state whether it is a fact that ATM facility has not been provided at a branch of Allied Bank Limited, established at Sarai Kharboza, Tarnol Islamabad two years ago, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the time by which the same will be installed and made functional?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:** Allied Bank Limited (ABL) is a private Bank and the matter pertains to its commercial operations that do not fall in the purview of Finance division. Nevertheless, the response has been obtained from the Bank concerned which is as under:

In this regard, the Allied Bank Limited (ABL) has reported that the subject branch at Sarai Kharboza Tarnol Islamabad (Br. Code. 1485) was opened in August 2023 and installation of ATM will be completed by December 31, 2024. It is pertinent to mention that ATM facilities are also available in two nearby branches of ABL within the radius of 1 to 1.5 KM (0500 Tarnol Conventional Banking) and (05142 GT Road Sheikh Plaza-Islamic Banking) which are operational and serving the customers.

**\*Question No. 47 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**

(Notice Received on 23/09/2024 at 3:45 PM) QID: 42451

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to section 8, sub-para (ix) of Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act 1996, the PSQCA Authority is mandated to conduct the examination of Manufacturing Plants for the designated products or process for approval of the marks of the Authority, if so the details of “designated products” by the authority at present;*
- (b) the details of manufacturing plants that have been examined by the said authority during the last three years indicating also the details of all the manufacturing plants in the country with area wise breakup; and*
- (c) the details of SOPs being adopted by the said authority while examining a manufacturing plant in this regard?*

**Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui:** (a) Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) being a National Standards Body of Pakistan, as per section 14 of PSQCA Act, 1996 is mandated to monitor the quality of products which fall under the mandatory list of PSQCA. currently 173 food and non-food Products are fall under its mandatory list. The list of 173 Mandatory Products is at **Annex-A**.

As per section 8(ix) of PSQCA Act 1996, PSQCA is mandated to examine the manufacturing plants for the designated products (mandatory items) in the country. Section 8(ix) of PSQCA Act,1996 is reproduced as under:

***“Examination of manufacturing plants for the designated products or processes for approval of marks of the Authority”***

(b) The detail of PSQCA Registered Manufacturing Plants (Licensees) are attached at **Annex-B**.

(c) Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) has complete mechanism under PSQCA Act VI,1996 and Pakistan Conformity Assessment Rule 2011 to check the quality of mandatory products as per relevant Pakistan Standards Specifications (PSS). Copy of Pakistan Conformity Assessment Rules, 2011 is attached at **Annex-C**.

The quality of locally manufactured products in the country is regularly being checked and monitored by PSQCA through bi-annual inspections of the manufacturing units and market surveillance from time to time as per requirements of relevant Pakistan Standards Specifications (PSS).

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**\*Question No. 48 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**

(Notice Received on 23/09/2024 at 3:46 PM) QID: 42453

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to section 8, sub-para (v) of Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act 1996, the PSQCA Authority is mandated to set up, establish and authorize inspection and testing centers in any area of the country having industrial establishments, sites or towns, if so, the number of such inspection and testing centers so far set up in Karachi and its adjacent industrial areas that are functional at present; and*
- (b) the details of inspections and testings conducted by each of these centers during the last three years in the said industrial areas?*

**Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui:** (a) Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) is the National Standards Body of Pakistan. As per section 8(v) of PSQCA Act 1996, PSQCA is mandated to set up, establish and authorize inspection and testing centers in any area of the country having industrial establishments, sites or towns. Section 8(v) of PSQCA Act 1996 is reproduced as under:

*“Setting up, assisting in, establishing and authorizing various inspection and testing centers and agencies at important industrial site and towns”*

The detail of Conformity Assessment Offices / inspection centers is at **Annex-A**.

(b) The detail of Testing conducted by PSQCA for the last three years are attached as **Annex-B**.

## Detail of Centers, Inspections carried out in last three years (Annex-A)

S. No.	Name of CA offices / Inspection Centers	2021 - 22	2022 - 23	2023* - 24	TOTAL
1	C. A Regional Office, Karachi	1715	1635	1825	5175
2	C. A Liaison Office, Hyderabad	193	207	205	605
3	C. A Regional Office, Quetta & Sukkur	169	161	154	484
4	C. A Liaison Office, Hub	94	75	102	271
5	C. A Regional Office, Islamabad				369
6	C. A Regional Office, Lahore	2236	2498	2851	7585
7	C. A Liaison Office, Gujranwala				227
8	C. A Liaison Office, Faisalabad	632	603	667	1902
9	C. A Regional Office, Multan	147	271	254	672
10	C. A Regional Office, Peshawar	502	510	597	1609
11	C. A Liaison Office, Hattar	425	387	399	1211
12	C. A Liaison Office, Bahawalpur	216	234	266	716
	<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>6329</b>	<b>6581</b>	<b>7320</b>	<b>20826</b>

**Summary of Testing Details (Annex-2)**

S. No.	Name of Testing Laboratories / Testing Centers	2021 - 22	2022 - 23	2023 - 24	TOTAL
1	QCC KARACHI	21219	19372	17338	57929
2	QCC LAHORE	5529	3907	2904	12340
3	QCC PESHAWAR	716	603	745	2064
	<b>TOTAL TESTING</b>	<b>27464</b>	<b>23882</b>	<b>20987</b>	<b>72333</b>



**\*Question No. 49 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 24/09/2024 at 1:46 PM) QID: 41754

*Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the names place of domicile and date of posting of the present Managing Director and General Managers of the Utility Stores Corporation indicating also the details of their visits of the utility stores in the provincial headquarters during the last six months separately?*

**Rana Tanveer Hussain:** The detail of Names, place of domicile and date of posting of the present Managing Director and General Managers of USC is attached at **Annex-A**

(1)

Muhammad Ali Ammer (BPS-20), Managing Director visited various districts of Balochistan, Sindh, KPK & Gilgit Baltistan, in addition to all USC Zones of Punjab.

(2)

Mr. Sardar Muhammad Khan (BS-20), Sr. General Manager (Operations) visited various districts of Balochistan, Sindh, Punjab, KPK & Gilgit Baltistan.

It is pertinent to mention that after the deployment of ERP, maximum information with regards to inventory/stocks, sales, purchases are available in the system. Further, interaction with Zonal Manager is made by using I.T. Technology via video link on daily basis to seek updated information on availability of stocks and other important issues. By making interaction via video link, USC is acquiring desired information/reports on daily basis.

**Annex-A**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Place of Domicile</b>	<b>Present Date of Posting</b>
1.	Muhammad Ali Ammer	Managing Director	Punjab	27-07-2022
2.	Mr. Inayat Ullah Daula	Sr. General Manager	Punjab	04-07-2021
3.	Sardar Muhammad Khan	Sr. General Manager	Punjab	20-08-2024
4.	Mr. Shakeel Ahmed	General Manager (IT)	KPK	31-03-2015
5.	Muhammad Abid Akram Cheema	General Manager (Proc. Compliance)	Punjab	19-05-2023
6.	Mr. Umar Riaz	General Manager (Finance)	AJK	27-01-2023
7.	Mr. Kamal Mustafa	General Manager (M&B)	Sindh	07-07-2022
8.	Mr. Ali Gul Bhutto	General Manager (Insurance)	Sindh	03-08-2023
9.	Mr. Tariq Shamsheer Akhtar	General Manager (Proc.)	Punjab	06-06-2022
10.	Muhammad Arshad	General Manager (Vigilance)	Punjab	20-09-2024
11.	Mr. Waqar Hussain	General Manager (Own Brand)	Punjab	20-09-2024
12.	Muhammad Abdul Khaliq	General Manager	Punjab	21-08-2024
13.	Mr. Rehan Afzal	General Manager (HR&A)	Punjab	09-12-2022
14.	Muhammad Anwar	General Manager (P&D)	Punjab	25-09-2024
15.	Mr. Qaiser Alam	General Manager (SO&S)	KPK	20-08-2024
16.	Mr. Mazhar Alam Kaleem	Acting General Manager (Accounts)	Punjab	23-06-2023
17.	Muhammad Ashfaq	Acting General Manager (Franchise)	Punjab	21-08-2023
18.	Mr. Abid Hussain Abid	Acting General Manager (Audit)	Punjab	23-06-2023
19.	Ms. Momina Khayal	Acting General Manager (Legal)	Punjab	10-06-2021
20.	Mr. Israr Ahmed Cheema	Acting General Manager (Discipline & Inquiry)	Punjab	06-10-2022

**\*Question No. 49-A Senator Danesh Kumar:**

(Notice Received on 20/09/2024 at 12:30 PM) QID: 42433

*Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state the details of funds proposed to be allocated in PSDP for the development projects in Balochistan for the financial year 2024/25 also indicating the details of funds allocated for the current Financial Year?*

**Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:** The funds amounting to Rs. 130 Billion have been allocated for 200 projects in the federal PSDP 2024-25. The details of funds allocated for the Current Fiscal Year are tabulated below;

Category	No. of Projects	Approved Cost	Expenditure 30.06.24	Throw-forward 01.07.24	Allocation 2024-25
On-going	183	1,395	381	1014	123
New	17	34	-	34	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>130</b>

**\*Question No. 49-B Senator Danesh Kumar:**

(Notice Received on 20/09/2024 at 12:31 PM) QID: 42434

*Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state the details of on-going development projects under the PSDP in Balochistan indicating also the date of approval, initial estimated cost, revised estimated cost, percentage of work done, expenditure incurred so far and expected date of completion of each of the same?*

**Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:** Currently, there are a total of 200 ongoing PSDP projects in Balochistan, with an estimated cost of Rs. 1,429 billion. An expenditure amounting to Rs. 381.2 billion has been reported as of June 30, 2024. An amount of Rs. 130 billion has been earmarked for these projects in the PSDP for 2024-25.

These projects are at various stages of implementation by respective Federal Sponsoring Ministries/Divisions and Provincial Government. Details of these projects are attached as **Annex-I**.

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**\*Question No. 49-C Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:**

(Notice Received on 25/09/2024 at 11:26 AM) QID: 42468

*Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the details of foreign remittances received during the period from January, 2022 to July, 2024 with year wise breakup?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:** The details of foreign remittances received between January 2022 and July 2024, broken down by year, are outlined in the table below.

		Workers' Remittances			\$Million
Country		Jan22-June22	FY23	FY24	July-24
1	USA	1,593.7	3,167.8	3,531.2	300.1
2	U.K.	2,345.9	4,073.2	4,521.5	443.5
3	Saudi Arabia	3,720.1	6,532.8	7,424.2	760.1
4	U.A.E.	2,837.8	4,656.1	5,534.6	611.2
5	Other GCC Countries	1,818.8	3,198.0	3,180.4	288.4
6	EU Countries	1,611.4	3,133.7	3,531.4	350.8
7	Other Countries	1,543.8	2,571.2	2,527.5	239.9
Total		15,471.6	27,332.8	30,250.8	2,994.0

**@\*Question No. 63-D Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**

(Notice Received on 27/09/2024 at 10:01 AM) QID: 42493

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that tax free perks, benefits and allowances are admissible to the officers of BS 20-22 of the Federal Government, if so, the details thereof, indicating also the policy under which the same is admissible in each case; and*

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@ Transfer from Establishment Division.

(b) *the details of tax exemptions granted to the officers of the BS 20-22 of the Federal Government under various heads for purchase of items or property during the last five years?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:** (a) Perks, benefits and allowances admissible to the officers of BS 20-22 of the Federal Government **are not exempt from tax.**

(b) **No tax exemptions** have been granted to the officers of BS 20-22 of the Federal Government during the last five years.

**\*Question No. 49-D Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**

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*Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the impact of recent decline in inflation rate to 9.6% on the prices of food items and essential commodities?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:**

- PBS releases the data on inflation rate on monthly basis. The inflation rate which declined to 9.6% in August, 2024 has reached to 6.9% in September 2024 as compared to 31.4% in September 2023. The monthly inflation (CPI) is lowest in 44 months.
- CPI during July-September FY2025, stood at 9.2% against 29.0% last year.
- The decline in CPI indicates that the pace of inflation has decreased over 4 times compared to same month, last year.
- The prices of the following major food items and essential commodities have declined during the period.

Items	Units	Weights	Prices in Rs. On		%Change over
			03.10.24	05.10.23	05.10.23
Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	4.0	1793.6	2788	-35.7
Petrol Super	Per Litre	6.7	248.2	324.5	-23.5
Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	0.1	247.5	319.2	-22.5
Chillies Powder	Each	0.8	320	400	-20.0
Electricity Charges	Per Unit	12.9	6.6	7.6	-13.5
Sugar	1 Kg	3.2	137.5	157.4	-12.7
Cooking Oil	5 Litre	3.1	2641	2958.8	-10.7
Rice Basmati	1 Kg	1.3	210.4	234.7	-10.3
Pulse Masoor	1 Kg	0.5	307.4	333.7	-7.9
Vegetable Ghee	2.5 kg	1.5	1316.6	1401.3	-6.0
Gur	1 Kg	0.1	219.1	232.3	-5.7
Rice IRRI	1 Kg	0.2	163.3	173	-5.6
Vegetable Ghee	1 Kg	1.5	513.7	542.9	-5.4
Bread plain	Each	0.6	108.9	114.6	-5.0
LPG	Each	1.4	3104.7	3232	-3.9
Mustard Oil	1 Kg	0	508.3	521.3	-2.5
Toilet Soap	Each	0.7	107.6	109.9	-2.1
Sufi Washing Soap	Each	0.6	128.9	130.4	-1.1
Tea	Each	2.4	544.7	550.4	-1.0
Eggs	1 Dozen	1.4	300.1	300.3	-0.1
<b>Source: PBS</b>					

\*Question No. 49-E **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**

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*Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of companies being issued licenses so far for the import of electric vehicles in the country including its raw material indicating also the countries from which the same will be imported; and*

(b) *the procedure / mechanism currently in place for issuing import licenses for the electric vehicles?*

**Rana Tanveer Hussain:** (a)

- Under SRO 656(I)/2006 dated 22-06-2006 and Fifth schedule of Customs Act 1969 (**Annex-A**), Engineering Development Board has been mandated for issuance of assembling/ manufacturing certificate for vehicles including electrical vehicles and allow import of Complete Knock down (CKD) / parts under the said Concessionary regime to OEMs.
- EDB issued 51 assembling/manufacturing certificates to produce two/three-wheeler EVs (motorcycles and rickshaws) in Pakistan. (List attached as **Annex-B**) while two companies M/s Eco Green Motors Pvt Ltd and M/s Regal Automobile Pvt Ltd have been issued assembling/ manufacturing certificate to produce EV 4-wheelers in Pakistan.
- M/s Sazgar Engineering Works, Hyundai Nishat Motors, and Indus Motor Company have launched locally assembled hybrid vehicles.
- Complete Knock Down vehicles & parts are being imported by these OEMs from multiples sources including China, Thailand, Japan etc. depending upon commercial/financial feasibility.
- Further, new vehicles/Complete Built Units (CBUs) of any type i.e. conventional and electric are being imported in the country at commercial rate of duty and as per Import Policy Order 2022. The import of CBU vehicles/ electrical vehicles do not fall under the ambit of MOI&P/ EDB.

(b) Requirements for issuance of manufacturing/assembling certificate under SRO 656(I)/2006 dated 22-06-2006 and Fifth schedule of Customs Act 1969 is attached at **Annexure-C** for reference. Import licenses for electrical vehicles are not issued by the Ministry of Industries and Production or its attached department.

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**\*Question No. 49-G Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**  
(Notice Received on 30/09/2024 at 3:44 PM) QID: 42513

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

- (a) the details of Income Tax Slab/s on the income of middle or lower income groups of the population during the FY 2024-25, 2023-24, 2022-2023, 2021-2022, and 2021-20 separately; and*
- (b) the details of Tax Slab/ percentage rate of all forms of Indirect Taxes besides income tax on the middle and lower income groups of the population at present indicating the details of taxes on purchasing of goods and properties separately?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:** (a) The tax slabs applicable for lower income group for last five years are attached as **Annex-I** and tax payable by lower income group on specific amounts for the last five years is attached as **Annex-II**.

**Sales Tax:**

(b) Sales tax whether leviable on percentage or fixed basis is chargeable as detailed below irrespective of any income group of the population:

- (i) The standard rate of sales tax is 18% except goods mentioned under the Fifth and Sixth Schedule to the Sales Tax Act, 1990 which are zero-rated and exempted from sales tax, respectively (**Annex-III & IV**).
- (ii) Furthermore, goods mentioned under the Eighth Schedule to the Sales Tax Act, 1990 are chargeable at reduced rate as specified therein (**Annex-V**) and Tenth Schedule to the Sales Tax Act provides fixed tax regime for bricks kilns and concrete blocks manufacturers (**Annex-VI**).



- (iii) Value addition tax at import stage is chargeable @ 3% on commercial imports in terms of Twelfth Schedule to the Sales Tax Act, 1990. However, certain exclusions have also been provided as specified therein (**Annex-VII**).

**Federal Excise:**

Federal excise duty is chargeable on supply of goods, provisions of services and transfer of property as specified under Table, I, II and III of the First Schedule to the Federal Excise Act, 2005 respectively. The rate of federal excise duty chargeable on each category of goods, services and transfer of property has been specified in the said Tables (Annex-VIII).

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**\*Question No. 49-H Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani:**

(Notice Received on 1/10/2024 at 12:03 PM) QID: 42519

*Will the Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch Mass Transit Transport facility in Quetta in collaboration with Provincial Government, if so, the detail thereof?*

**Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:** The provisioning / development of the Mass transit and the Metro Bus system in urban centers is a Provincial subject.

However, in case of the Quetta, for the Development of the Mass Transit Public Transport System, a PC-II for carrying out feasibility study was approved by the CDWP on 29-06-2022 at the Cost of Rs. 100 million to be funded through PSDP. The project has been allocated funds in the PSDP 2024-25 at Sr. No. 262 with allocation of Rs.50 million.

ISLAMABAD,  
*the 31st October, 2024*

SYED HASNAIN HAIDER,  
*Secretary.*

**SENATE SECRETARIAT****“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Friday, the 1st November, 2024****Question No. 8 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 19/09/2024 at 4:59 PM) QID: 42420

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the details of the Board of Directors of PSQCA, indicating also the details of meetings of the Board, along with Agenda and decisions during the last 2 years?*

**Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui:** As per the Act of Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) the detail of the Board of Directors of PSQCA is as under:-

a.	Minister for Science and Technology, Government of Pakistan	Chairman
b.	Director General of the Authority	Vice-Chairman
c.	Deputy Director General (Finance) of the Authority	Member
d.	Deputy Director General (Standards Development) of the Authority	Member
e.	Deputy Director General (Quality Control) of the Authority	Member
f.	Deputy Director General (Technical Services) of the Authority	Member
g.	A representative of the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan	Member
h.	A representative of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry	Member
i.	Secretary of the Authority	Member/Secretary

2. During the last two years, seven (07) meetings of the Board of Directors of PSQCA were held. However, one BoD meeting (28th BoD) scheduled on 12th January, 2024 was postponed without any decision on the agenda. The detail regarding agenda of the meetings and decisions taken by the Board of Directors of PSQCA is attached as per the following Annexures:-

Meetings	Date	Annexures
24 <sup>th</sup> BoD Meeting	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2022	Annex-I
25 <sup>th</sup> BoD Meeting	20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023	Annex-II
26 <sup>th</sup> BoD Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2023	Annex-III
27 <sup>th</sup> BoD Meeting	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov, 2023	Annex-IV
28 <sup>th</sup> BoD Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024	Meeting was postponed
29 <sup>th</sup> BoD Meeting	24 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024	Annex-V
30 <sup>th</sup> BoD Meeting	27 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024	Annex-VI

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**Question No. 8-A Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 24/09/2024 at 1:47 PM) QID: 42466

*Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that companies namely M/s Shelter and Shelter, Pakistan Overseas Housing and Shalimar Housing Scheme Islamabad have been registered in the name of same person in violation of rules and regulations of SECP, if so, the details and reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:** Mr. Javaid Hussain Kiyani son of Muhammad Arif, holding CNIC 61101-1804321-7, holds common directorship/ shareholding in both M/s Shelter and Shelter (Pvt.) Limited and Shalimar Town (Pvt.) Limited.

It may please be apprised that no company by the name of **“Pakistan Overseas Housing”** or **“Shalimar Housing Scheme Islamabad”** is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP).

It is important to note that there is no restriction under the Companies Act, 2017, read with the Companies Regulations, 2024, on an individual holding directorship or shareholding in more than one company. Therefore, no individual violates the law by registering more than one company with the SECP.

**Question No. 8-B Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 24/09/2024 at 1:48 PM) QID: 42467

*Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to refer to un-starred senate questions 6 replied in Senate on 02-01-2024 and to state whether any action has been taken by the SECP against the violations on part of the said housing company resulting in withdrawal of the NOC by the CDA?*

**Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:** The housing and real estate sector being a provincial subject is governed by the respective provinces under their prevailing laws. The SECP role is limited to the extent of incorporation of companies and to regulate the corporate affairs under the Companies Act 2017.

ISLAMABAD,  
*the 31st October, 2024*

SYED HASNAIN HAIDER,  
*Secretary.*