

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 11th December, 2024

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*[Questions Nos. 107, 108 and 109]
was deferred on 12th September, 2024 (342nd Session)*

***(Def.) Question No. 107 Senator Aon Abbas:**

(Notice Received on 27/08/2024 at 2:45 PM) QID: 42341

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state the measure taken/ being taken by the Government for poverty reduction in Multan Division considering 56.62% population living in rural areas and deprived of basic facilities?

Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety:

BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME BISP)

It is apprised that BISP provides cash assistance to poorest of the poor families across the country to support their monthly income and expenses to some extent. Beneficiaries of the programme are identified/ selected through scientific method of survey using Proxy Means Test (PMT) Methodology PMT cut-off score of 32 is used as eligibility criteria to identify vulnerable families headed by females. However, for, families with disabled persons the PMT cut-off score is relaxed upto 37. Currently, BISP is providing cash assistance to around 721,000 families belonging to Multan Division.

PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL (PBM)

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is concerned with the institutional care and rehabilitation of the poor, vulnerable, marginalized and excluded segments of population, including poorest of the poor, infirm, invalid destitute, needy women & children to enhance their capabilities for mainstream socio-economic life and medical financial assistance through government / public hospitals.

Keeping in view, the poverty landscape of Multan Division, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has shown its presence in this Division and is taking several measures to eradicate poverty through its various projects/schemes. Detail of beneficiaries of Multan Division under different Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal schemes are as under:

a. **INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Individual Financial Assistance (IFA) is a major social protection scheme of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal.

Division	Project	F.Y	No. of Beneficiaries	Incurred Amount (Rs.)	
Multan	Individual Financial Assistance (IFA)	IFA-Medical	2022-23	481	59,420,009
			2023-24	475	69,943,988
			Total	956	129,363,997
		Cochlear Implant	2022-23	1	1,000,000
			2023-24	24	25,800,000
			Total	25	26,800,000
		IFA-Education	2022-23	292	8,051,293
			2023-24	353	9,854,064
			Total	645	17,905,357
	IFA-General	2022-23	219	3,115,000	
		2023-24	70	1,725,000	
		Total	289	4,840,000	
	IFA-SIP	2022-23	290	7,770,000	
		2023-24	327	1,817,500	
		Total	617	9,587,500	
	IFA-Wheel Chairs	2022-23	59	-	
		2023-24	40	-	
		Total	99	-	
IFA-Sewing Machine	2022-23	52	-		
	2023-24	43	-		
	Total	95	-		

b. **PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL SWEET HOMES (PSH) MULTAN**

The Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Sweet Homes aims at to develop a modern institutional approach towards welfare of orphans Providing the children with modern education and realize their potential to participate in the main stream of life with pride and dignity. However, in Multan Division, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is running 1 x, which is functional since July, 2010 in Multan City.

At present **93** children are residing in Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Sweet Home, Multan wherein, they are given with boarding/education and institutional care with best available medical and education facilities in this division.

c. **ORPHANS AND WIDOWS SUPPORT PROGRAMME (OWSP)**

The “Orphans & Widows Support .Program” (OWSP) is a Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) intervention started in FY 2020-2021. The Program focused on orphan’s education with emphasis on girls’ education. The program aims to revolutionize the care paradigm by transitioning from institutionalized care to family-based, customized support.

In pilot phase, District Multan is included in OWSP wherein, 111 families’ orphans are enrolled in this Programme. So far, cash amounting to Rs.6.1 (M) have been disbursed amongst enrolled families upon successful attendance verification.

d. **PAKISTAN BAIT UL MAL, SCHOOL FOR REHABILITATION OF CHILD LABOUR (SRCL)**

Child labour is the work done by children which harms them or exploits them physically, mentally, morally or by blocking access to education, which certainly needs to be abolished. 9 SRCLs in Multan Division (Multan-3, Khaniwal-3, Vehari-2, and Lodhran-1) are imparting quality education to almost 1080 students (556 boys & 524 girls). These students are being paid daily stipend along with parents’ subsistence allowance and also provided with free Textbook, uniform, shoes, stationery, etc. Detail of the project in Multan Division is as under:

Education Year	Passed out Students	Enrolled Students
2022-23	265	975
2023-24	235	995

e. **PAKISTAN BAIT UL MAL, WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CENTER (WEC)**

Women Empowerment Centres (WECs) are providing free vocational training to widows, orphan & poor girls in modern professional skills like, dress designing, embroidery, Basic & Advance Computer Courses, beautician course, Tie Dye and fabric painting. 165 number of WECs have been established so far throughout Pakistan in phase manner. 05 WECs are running in Multan division at District Multan, Khanewal (City), Khanewal (Jahanian), Vehari and Lodhran. Detail of the project in Multan Division is as under:

Financial Year	No. of Trainees	Passed-out Trainees (Calendar Year wise Data)
2022-23	1027	931 (Year 2022)
2023-24	984	1011 (Year 2023)
2024-25 (Current Session)	414	Under process

f. **PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL SHELTER HOMES (PSH) MULTAN**

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Shelter Home, Multan started in 13th April, 2022. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Shelter Home is the place where deserving / needy people are provided free meal and shelter. The target groups are people faraway from homes, unemployed, laborers, daily wagers, poor and transit passengers, attendants of the patients, students or any other deserving individuals. The details of number of beneficiaries and meals given is as under:

Province/Region	Number
South Punjab (Multan)	1

So far, number of beneficiaries served from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Shelter Home since its inception is as under:

Free night stay plus breakfast provided	=	28,465
Free dinner served	=	96,827
Total	=	125,292

g. **KHANA SAB KEY LIYE (KSKL) MULTAN**

Khana Sab Key Liye (KSKL) Multan started in 13th January, 2022 to provide free food to poor deserving beneficiaries near to their workplaces. Principle of first come first serve is being observed. From each KSKL food vehicle upto (1000) beneficiaries are provided free meal, (500 lunch and 500 dinner) on the designated routes. The details of number of beneficiaries and meals given is as under:

Province/Region	Numbers
South Punjab (Multan)	2

So far, 321,725 meals have been served through the KSKL food vehicles since its inception.

*(Def.) Question No. 108 **Senator Saadia Abbasi:**

(Notice Received on 27/08/2024 at 5:16 PM) QID: 42358

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of current members of the Board of Directors of PTCL indicating also the salaries, allowances and other perks and privileges admissible to them; and*
- (b) *whether Government servant can be appointed as member Board of Directors of PTCL, if so, the details of relevant provision of law / rule in this regard?*

Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja: (a) As per clause 4.3, 4.5 and 4.6 of the shareholder agreement between Government of Pakistan and the Etisalat International Pakistan (Strategic Investor) and the Article 62.4 of PTCL's Article of Association, a majority of the Directors of Board shall be nominees of the Strategic Investor, such that, as from April 12, 2006, the Federal Government shall be entitled to nominate 4 Directors (including the Chairman) to the Board and the Strategic Investor shall be entitled to appoint 5 Directors to the Board. For the avoidance of doubt, the appointment of the Chairman by the Federal Government shall form part

of its entitlement of 4 Directors. Further details of Members of Board are placed at **Annex-A**.

The details of perks/privileges/meeting fee of BoD, PTCL are placed at **Annex-B**.

(b) Yes, Government servant as per shareholder agreement between Government of Pakistan and Etisalat International Pakistan (Strategic partner) can be appointed as Member of PTCL Board. It is pertinent to mention that **Finance Division vide O.M dated 10th July, 2024** has circulated that Government servants appointed to the Board of Companies/Organizations and entitled to fee shall be allowed to retain remuneration to maximum of 01.00 million rupees in a financial year and any amount in excess to 01.00 million rupees shall be liable to be deposited by the officer in the Government treasury and record thereof shall be promptly provided to the administration wing of the respective Ministry. The copy of the said O.M is placed as per **Annex-C**.

Annex-A

Name of Director	Date of appointment
(Nominees of the Federal Government)	
Mr. Azfar Manzoor	August 22, 2024
Mr. Ahad Khan Cheema	October 11, 2022
Mr. Imdad Ullah Bosal	July 04, 2023
Mr. Jawad Paul	December 13, 2023

EIP's Directors	Date of appointment
(Nominees of Strategic Partners)	
Mr. Abdulrahim A. Al Nooryani	Reappointment Date October 31, 2021
Dr. Mohamed Karim Bennis	Reappointment Date October 31, 2021
Mr. Khaled Hegazy	May 14, 2024
Mr. Khalid Murshed	June 12, 2023
Ms. Brooke Marie Lindsay	May 30, 2023

Annex-B

Remuneration/Meeting's Fee	<p>PTCL Board of Directors resolved in its 157th Meeting held on September 7, 2011, as follows;</p> <p>a. A fee amount equivalent to USD 8000/- for the Chairman per meeting attended.</p> <p>b. A fee amount equivalent to USD 5000/- for each Director (excluding the Chairman) per meeting attended.</p> <p>c. A fee amount equivalent to USD 1000/- for each member of the Board's Committee.</p> <p>d. Monthly Honorarium of Rs.25000/- for Chairman PTCL Board in addition to Meeting's fee.</p>
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Annex-C

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
FINANCE DIVISION
 (Regulations Wing)
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F.No.2(1)R-4/2004-Pt

Islamabad, the 10th July, 2024**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: **RESTRICTION ON THE REMUNERATION RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS FROM BOARD MEETING**

The undersigned is directed to refer to Cabinet decision No. 172/21/2024 dated 12.06.2024 and to say that the government servants appointed to the Board of Companies/Organizations and who become entitled to fee shall only be allowed to retain remuneration to a maximum of Rs. 1.0 million (Rupees one million only) in a financial year. Any amount in excess of Rs. 1.0 million (Rupees one million only) so received shall be deposited by the officer in the government treasury and record of the same shall be promptly provided to the administration wing of the respective Ministry/Division.

2. The above orders shall be implemented with immediate effect.


 (Hafsa Majeed)
 Section Officer (R-4)

All Federal Ministries/Divisions/Departments

Copy to Web Administrator, Finance Division, and Islamabad (for uploading at Finance Division Website i.e. www.finance.gov.pk).

*(Def.) Question No. 109 **Senator Aon Abbas:**

(Notice Received on 29/08/2024 at 12:19 PM) QID: 42355

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state the details of plantation drives conducted by the Government since April, 2022 indicating also the areas, targets set and achieved in the same along-with the status of 10 Billion tree Tsunami project?

Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination: Nationwide plantations are carried out every year in two seasons i.e. Spring and Monsoon Tree Plantation Campaigns. Details of plantation drives since April 2022 indicating the areas, targets set and achievements are enclosed as (**Annex-A, B & C**). On aggregate total plantation target since April 2022 till to date was 1.248 billion, whereas total achievements were 0.851 billion.

Every year, the plantation drives are launched by the Government of Pakistan under the Upscaling of Green Pakistan Programme (formerly the Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme) through the Provincial/Territorial Forest Departments. The plantation campaigns are formally inaugurated by the federal and provincial governments and also at the divisional/district levels by the respective authorities where all segments of society are involved.

Since April 2022 (Spring 2022), 498.10 million plants have been planted/regenerated/distributed on 8178 sites against the target of 909.01 million plants across the country. However, since inception of the programme, 2212 million plants have been planted/regenerated/distributed till June 2024 against the total target of 3296 million plants:

Province/territory wise summary of achievement against the set targets is attached as **Annex-D**.

The first phase of the Programme concluded in June 2023. The programme was granted one-year no-cost extension, first until June 2024 and then until June 2025. Due to national and international recognition of the programme, along with recommendations from the independent Third Party Monitoring Consortium, it has been decided to extend the programme for the next four years (2024-2028). The CDWP has already

recommended the extension of the programme for the final approval by ECNEC.

The scope of the programme has been broadened in the revised phase by including carbon financing mechanism through facilitation of carbon projects development, scientific assessment of natural resources, livelihood creation for local communities and overall biodiversity conservation in addition to the original objectives of plantation, regeneration and plants distribution.

Annex-A

Targets and Achievements in Year 2022

(Plants in Million)

S.No.	Province	Plantation / Regeneration / Distribution Progress and Targets					
		Spring 2022 Targets	Spring 2022 Achievement	Monsoon 2022 Targets	Monsoon 2022 Achievements	Total Targets 2022	Total Achievements 2022
1	KP	194	150.92	24.8	12.84	218.8	163.76
2	Punjab	74	64.51	40	33.15	114	97.66
3	Sindh	140	133.09	214.61	110.9	354.61	243.99
4	Balochistan	13.5	4.44	4	0.66	17.5	5.1
5	AJK	98.757	26.42	13.364	9.56	112.121	35.98
6	GB	20.642	7.44	7	14.68	27.642	22.12
	Total	540.899	386.82	303.78	181.79	844.79	568.61

Annex-B**Targets and Achievements in Year 2023**

(Plants in Million)

S.No.	Province	Plantation / Regeneration / Distribution Progress and Targets					
		Spring 2023 Targets	Spring 2023 Achievement	Monsoon 2023 Targets	Monsoon 2023 Achievements	Total Targets 2023	Total Achievements 2023
1	KP	93	44.25	10.18	10.68	103.18	54.93
2	Punjab	30	28.082	11	14.62	41	42.702
3	Sindh	58.88	34.89	31.48	21.4	90.36	56.29
4	Balochistan	7	4.75	2	1.06	9	5.81
5	AJK	24.62	6.87	6.73	3.3	31.35	10.17
6	GB	27.02	27.19	8.28	0.36	35.3	27.55
Total		239.52	146.032	69.67	51.42	309.19	197.452

Annex-C**Targets and Achievements in Year 2024**

(Plants in Million)

S.No.	Province	Plantation / Regeneration / Distribution Progress and Targets					
		Spring 2024 Targets	Spring 2024 Achievement	Monsoon 2024 Targets	Monsoon 2024 Achievements	Total Targets 2024	Total Achievements 2024
1	KP	5.71	4.01	5.73	ongoing	11.44	4.01
2	Punjab	14.1	16.651	7	ongoing	21.1	16.651
3	Sindh	11.72	45.482	20	ongoing	31.72	45.482
4	Balochistan	3	1.628	2	ongoing	5	1.628
5	AJK	11.85	10.751	5.3	ongoing	17.15	10.751
6	GB	8	7.064	0.3	ongoing	8.3	7.064
Total		54.38	85.58	40.33		94.71	85.58

**Physical Progress of Plantations / Natural Regeneration /Plants Distribution under
Forestry Component, Upscaling of Green Pakistan Programme
(FY 2019-20 to 2023-24)**

(No. of Plants in Million)

Province / Territory	Physical Targets as per PC-1 (2019-23)	Physical Progress (Plantations /Nat. Regeneration / Plants' Distribution)					Total No. of Plants (2019-24)	Progress in Percent
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24		
Punjab	466	58.00	97.13	124.34	50.00	31.25	360.72	77%
Sindh	1,000	188.57	225.41	320.84	76.82	40.85	852.49	85%
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1,000	168.93	218.85	255.42	52.32	14.71	710.29	71%
Balochistan	100	3.35	2.72	6.45	5.22	4.10	21.84	22%
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	560	68.48	33.57	37.68	22.15	10.97	172.86	31%
Gilgit Baltistan	170	4.70	17.69	21.73	25.93	23.90	93.95	55%
Total	3,296	492.03	595.37	766.47	232.50	125.77	2,212.14	67%

***Question No. 1 Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:**

(Notice Received on 5/11/2024 at 11:23 AM) QID: 42582

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to provide the details of officers from retired civil/bureaucracy currently heading statutory organizations, public entities, SOEs, Section 42 Companies and regulatory bodies?

Mr. Ahad Khan Cheema: As per the information provided by the Ministries/Divisions, the detail of officers from retired civil bureaucracy who have been appointed as head of any statutory organization, public entity, SOE, Section 42 Company or regulatory body is as under:

National Heritage & Culture Division:

Name	Designation	Organization	Scale
Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar	Director General	National Language Promotion Department, Islamabad (NLPD)	MP-I
Mr. Muhammad Ayoub Jamali	Director General	Pakistan National Council of the Arts, Islamabad. (PNCA)	MP-I

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Name	Designation	Organization	Scale
Ambassador Sohail Mahmood	Director General	Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad	MP-I
Ambassador Jauhar Saleem	President	Institute of Regional Studies	MP-I

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Name	Designation	Organization	Scale
Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui	Chief Information Commissioner	Pakistan Information Commission	MP-I

Cabinet Division:

Name	Designation	Organization	Scale
Mr. Mushtaq Sukhera	Chairman	National Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism Authority (NAML-CFTA)	MP-I
Mr. Waseem Mukhtar Chairman	Chairman	National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA)	MP-I

Ministry of Human Rights:

Name	Designation	Organization	Scale
Ms. Rabiya Javeri Agha,	Chairperson	National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR), Islamabad	Pay Package of Justice of High Court

Establishment Division:

Name	Designation	Organization	Scale
Dr. Ijaz Munir	Rector	National School of Public Policy	Appointed for a period of four years under Section 9 (2) (a) of the NSPP Ordinance, 2002.

*Question No. 2 **Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand:**
(Notice Received on 13/11/2024 at 11:52 AM) QID: 42619

Will the Minister for the Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of construction firms have submitted forged banking instruments to FGEHF during the last 3 years, if so, the details thereof, indicating also the value/amount of such instruments; and*
- (b) *whether the FGEHF officials, while receiving such instruments, verified their authenticity from the head office of issuing bank branch, if not, the reasons thereof, indicating also details of disciplinary action taken against such officials?*

Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada: (a) The fact is that only one firm had provided (M/S HRK & Co. contractor of Park Road Housing Scheme) amounting to Rs. 716,243,408/- on account of Mobilization Advance. Out

of which, an amount of Rs. 14,380,721/- was recovered from IPC's and balance amount of Rs. 701,862,687/- is yet to be recover.

- (b)➤ Prior to Notification of SOPs on the subject vide number inter office comm./Fin/DDO(PF)/2020- HA dated 11-09-2024 (**Annex-A**), the practice regarding verification of Bank guarantees from the head office of the concerned Bank branch which issuing guarantee did not prevail. However, after issuance of the SOPs, the practice of verification/authenticity of the Bank Guarantees are rigorously and religiously followed and acted upon on regular basis.
- Initially, when the said issue come in the surface, the FGEHA has taken the following actions against responsible Officials;
- a. Inquiry report on IPC-3 submitted by Director (Technical) on 14-02-2024, the Sheikh Ghulam Farid, Project Director, Park Road Housing Project (PPS-09) was suspended immediately on 14-02-2024.
 - b. A fact finding inquiry was conducted on the matter regarding fake bank guarantee in M/o Housing & Works and issued on 29-03-2024.
 - c. Show Cause Notices was issued to Javed Afzal, Deputy Director (Finance) and Babar Usman, DDO (Finance) on 02-04-2024.
 - d. A formal inquiry was initiated against Ghulam Fareed Sheikh, Project Director Park Road on 29-03-2024. Resultantly, his service contract was not extended on expiry of his contract i.e., 26-04-2024.
 - e. The services of Shahid Hussain, Sub-Engineer, Park Road Project were suspended from services w. e. f 13-08-2024. Later on, a Show Cause Notice was issued to him on 15.08.2024.
 - f. Furthermore, E&D inquiry was conducted under FGEHA / Efficiency & Discipline (E&D) Rules, 2020. As per findings of the inquiry committee, Major Penalty *i.e.* dismissal from service has been imposed on Ghulam Farid Shaikh, Project Director, Park Road (PPS-09).

Annex-A

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HOUSING AUTHORITY
10-MAUVE AREA, G-10/4,
ISLAMABAD

No. Inter Office Comm./FIN/DDO(PF)/2020-HA

Dated: 11th Sep, 2024

Subject: SOPs FOR VERIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE SECURITY BOND AND BANK GUARANTEE SUBMITTED BY CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS.

Please find enclosed the SOPs for verification of Performance Security Bonds and Mobilization Bank Guarantees provided by contractors/consultants for different Projects of FGEHA.

2. The enclosed SOPs are duly approved by the Director General with the instructions of strict compliance/following of the SOPs. All concerned are requested to ensure strict implementation of these SOPs. Safety/Security, re-verification of all the existing and verification of future Bank Guarantees/Performance Bonds must be carried out in the light of these SOPs.


(MUHAMMAD KASHIF)
Director (Finance)

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8. Deputy Directors (Finance), FGEHA.
9. DDO (HA) & DDO (PF), FGEHA.

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**SOPS OF VERIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE SECURITY BOND
AND BANK GUARANTEE SUBMITTED BY
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS.**

- 1) **Acceptance of Performance Bond & Bank Guarantee by Project Director:**
 - i. Contractor shall submit Original Bank Guarantees/Insurance Bond to "The Engineer".
 - ii. The Engineer shall submit the Bank Guarantees and Insurance Bond to the Project Director after examination and scrutiny.
 - iii. Project Director shall accept Performance Security Bond & Bank Guarantee directly from the Engineer.
 - iv. Project Director shall further examine/scrutinize both the documents in the light of Contract agreement and the specimen of Performance Bond and Bank Guarantee provided in the bidding documents and in the contract.
 - v. Project Director shall ensure that the instructions of the Engineer to the Contractor for submission of Bank Guarantee/ Insurance Bond are in accordance with the standard format provided in the contract and verify that The Engineer has reviewed and checked the correctness of the language.
 - vi. Project Director shall also ensure that all the Bank Guarantees against Mobilization Advance shall be valid till completion of the project/100% recovery of Mobilization Advance and all the Insurance Bonds against Performance Securities shall be valid till the completion of Defect Liability Period of the Project mentioned in the contract.
- 2) **Scrutiny of Performance Bond & Bank Guarantee by Technical Wing:**
Project Director will submit the accepted Performance Bond and Bank Guarantee to Technical Wing for further examination whether it is acceptable by FGEHA under the clauses of FIDIC, PEC and contract or not. If it is acceptable then it will be forwarded to Law Wing.
- 3) **Legal Verification of Performance Bond & Bank Guarantee by Law Wing:**
Performance Bond and Bank Guarantee are provided on the Stamp Papers issued by Stamp Paper Vendors duly attested by Oath Commissioners or Notary Public. Law Wing of FGEHA will verify the genuineness of such legal documents.
- 4) **Verification of Performance Bond & Bank Guarantee by Finance Wing:**
After initial scrutiny/verification by Project Director, Technical Wing and Law Wing, Finance Wing will verify the Performance Bond and Bank Guarantee from the issuing Insurance Company and the Bank respectively in the following steps:
 - i. DDO (PF) will send email from its official email ID to the official email address of the concerned Insurance Company and Bank for

verification. The email will be sent to the centralized email system of respective Bank/Insurance Companies established for the purpose or emails will be sent to the Regional offices of Bank / Insurance Company in case centralized system is not available.

- ii. Deputy Director Finance will issue letter to the Insurance Company and the Bank for verification respectively.
- iii. Deputy Director Finance will ensure that the Verification letter be dispatched and received through courier. Dispatching and receiving to and from the issuer will not be accepted by hand even if the issuing bank/insurance company is located at Islamabad/Rawalpindi.
- iv. A two member team comprising DDO (PF) and AD/DD of Technical Wing will officially visit in-person to the issuers for verification of Performance Bond and Bank Guarantee and submit their verification report.
- v. The team will visit the headquarter/main office of insurance company or bank located at Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Quetta or Peshawar, whichever is applicable for verification.
- vi. Payment against mobilization advance will be released only after receipts of original verification letter from the issuer, email on official ID of DDO (PF) and verification report submitted by the team.
- vii. Deputy Director Finance will issue verification / confirmation letter to the concerned Project Director after verification has been received through above three steps of verifications.
- viii. Project Director upon receiving letter from Finance Wing will then initiate the file for payment of mobilization advance through Director Technical.
- ix. Project Director will not sanction any payment unless verification has been conveyed to Project Director by Deputy Director Finance Wing.
- x. In case of extended Bank Guarantee and Insurance Bond, same procedure will be adopted.
- xi. Original Bank Guarantees & Performance Security Bonds will be kept in a locker reserved only for Bank Guarantees and Performance Security Bonds. Proper handing taking over will be made between DDO (PF) and DDO (HA). The keys of the locker/safe will jointly be operated by both the DDOs.

SOPS FOR RELEASE OF BANK GUARANTEES AGAINST MOBILIZATION ADVANCE.

- 1) The Contractor will submit request to The Engineer for partial release of Bank Guarantee against the recovered amount of Mobilization Advance through IPCs.

- 2) The Consultant will forward the recommendations to the Project Director as per actual work done and amount of Mobilization recovered.
- 3) Project Director will forward the recommendations to the Finance Wing for partial release of Bank Guarantees against Mobilization Advance.
- 4) After getting approval from Director (Finance), Deputy Director (Finance) will release the partial Bank Guarantee by writing the letter to concerned bank and will also verify the remaining amount of the Mobilization Advance from Finance Wing's record. Same will also be communicated by Deputy Director (Finance) to the concerned Project Director and copy to the Engineer.

**SOPS FOR RENEWAL OF BANK GUARANTEES AGAINST
MOBILIZATION ADVANCE.**

- 1) Concerned Project Director will issue a letter to "The Engineer" about Renewal of Bank Guarantees from the contractor against Mobilization Advance before 03 months of expiry of Bank Guarantee and the same shall be forwarded to the contractor.
- 2) If no action taken by the contractor in 01 month, a reminder will be served by the Project Director to the contractor. Final Notice will be served 28 days prior expiry of Bank Guarantees.
- 3) If Bank Guarantees are not submitted immediately after the final notice, then the Project Director will initiate the case for encashment of Mobilization Bank Guarantee and will forward his recommendations on the file to Finance Wing.

OR

After submission of revised Bank Guarantees, same procedure will be followed for verification of Bank Guarantees/Insurance Bonds. .

***Question No. 3 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 14/11/2024 at 12:29 PM) QID: 42636

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that mobile signals were suspended in Islamabad and surrounding areas, by the government, between 4th and 6th October, 2024, if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Mobile phone services were temporarily suspended in Islamabad and surrounding areas, between 4th and 6th October 2024, in compliance with instructions issued by Ministry of Interior (MoI), on behalf of Government of Pakistan.

***Question No. 4 Senator Poonjo Bheel:**

(Notice Received on 22/11/2024 at 11:36 AM) QID: 42446

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state the number of young

individuals from Sindh particularly from Mirpurkhas Division whom have been trained and provided jobs as IT digital experts under scheme of “Agay Barho: Empowering Pakistan’s Digital Economy?”

Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja: Ministry of IT & Telecom has coordinated with Google administration to confirm exact number of job creation/facilitation to Pakistanis in digital business. That office has confirmed that instead of creation, Google has facilitated around 864,600 jobs via use of Google search, Google/Adds etc. Likewise, Android supported additional 100,400 jobs across the android app economy in 2023 in Pakistan. The detailed report is placed at **Annex-A** for august perusal. However, exact number of youth availed of this opportunity from the Province Sindh particularly from Mirpurkhas Division is not yet confirmed. Ministry has further followed up the matter with the quarter concerned to know the exact number of beneficiaries from Sindh province specially Mirpurkhas Division. Further details shall be brought to the notice of august House as soon as the requisite data is received from the quarter concerned.

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***Question No. 5 Senator Poonjo Bheel:**

(Notice Received on 22/11/2024 at 11:37 AM) QID: 42515

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of applications/requests received from the Government officers/ officials for the allotment of Government accommodation in Islamabad during the period 2018 to 2024 with category-wise breakup;*
- (b) the details of seniority list of applicants during the said period with category-wise breakup; and*
- (c) the details of Government accommodations allotted during the said period in Islamabad with category-wise breakup?*

Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada: (a) The details of application/ requests received from the Government officers/ officials for the allotment

of Government Accommodation in Islamabad during the period 2018 to 2024 is placed at **Annex-A**.

(b) The details of seniority list of applicants during the period 2018 to 2024 is placed at **Annex-B**.

(c) The details of Government Accommodation allotted during the period 2018 to 2024 is placed at **Annex-C**.

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ISLAMABAD,
the 10th December, 2024

SYED HASNAIN HAIDER,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”**For Wednesday, the 11th December, 2024****Question No. 1 Senator Muhammad Aslam Abro:**

(Notice Received on 20/11/2024 at 4:57 PM) QID: 42406

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designations, CNIC numbers and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) against the quota prescribed for Sindh during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the number of posts of the said quota lying vacant in the said authority at present?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) have not hired/appointed any employees against the quota prescribed for Sindh during the last three years *i.e.* since 2021. However, list containing requisite particulars of existing employees from Sindh province (Sindh Quota) is attached as **Annexure-A.**

(b) Following posts are currently vacant on quota reserved for Sindh:

S#	Name of the Post	Number of Post	Quota
1	Dy. Director (Legal)	01	Sindh (R)
2	Assistant	03	Sindh (R) 2 Sindh (U) 1
3	Stenotypist	01	Sindh (R)
4	LDC	01	Sindh (R)
5	Data Entry Operator	01	Sindh (R)
6	Driver	01	Sindh (R)
Total		08	

Annexure-A

Sr. #	Name	Designation	CNIC	Domicile Province	Domicile District
1	Mr. Ali Ashgar Bhutto	Director (Finance / Accounts)	43203-4079752-5	Sindh (Rural)	Larkana
2	Mr. Abdul Nabi	Director (Legal)	42201-0104398-7	Sindh (Rural)	Khairpur
3	Mr. Sagheer Ahmed	Deputy Director (Training)	37406-1609752-5	Sindh (Rural)	Qambar Shahdadkot
4	Mr. Mohammad Asim Jaleel	Deputy Director (Monitoring & Evaluation)	41301-7761723-9	Sindh (Rural)	Hyderabad
5	Mr. Shafique AHMED	Deputy Director (Research)	43105-6196599-7	Sindh (Rural)	Jacobabad
6	Mr. Abdul Saeed Bhutto	Stenographer	43203-4164653-9	Sindh (Rural)	Larkana
7	Mr. Ghulam Shabir	Stenotypist	43203-4514586-1	Sindh (Rural)	Larkana
8	Mr. Waqar Ahmed Soomro	Stenotypist	45303-6484758-5	Sindh (Rural)	Naushahro Feroze
9	Syed Rashid Ali Shah	Stenotypist	42501-5806675-3	Sindh (Urban)	Karachi
10	Mr. Muhib Ullah	Stenotypist	42501-5248634-9	Sindh (Urban)	Malir Karachi
11	Mr. Naveed Ali	UDC	43203-3561854-7	Sindh (Rural)	Larkana
12	Mr. Shahid Hameed	Dispatch Rider	37405-1614431-1	Sindh (Rural)	Sanghar

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