

SENATE SECRETARIAT**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”***to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on***Tuesday, the 14th January, 2025****DEFERRED QUESTIONS***[Question Nos. 41 and 49-F]**were deferred on 1st November, 2024 (343rd Session)*

(Def.)* Question No. 41 **Senator Jan Muhammad:
 (Notice Received on 11/09/2024 at 12:17 PM) QID: 42394

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the volume of trade (imports and exports) with the SAARC countries at present indicating also the measures taken/ being taken to increase export of indigenous products; and*
- (b) *the measures taken / being taken by the Government to explore new international markets for Pakistani products?*

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan: (a) The current volume of trade with SAARC countries is as follows:

	Export (USD Million)	Import (USD Million)
Country	2023-24	2023-24
SAARC Total	2,181	917.2
Afghanistan	1,065	539
Bangladesh	718	42
Bhutan	-	-
India	0.02	278
Sri Lanka	386	55
Maldives	9.1	0.1
Nepal	2.9	3.1

Source: FBR/PRAL

The following measures have been taken/are being taken to increase export of indigenous products:

- i. **Sri Lanka:** Pakistan signed its first FTA with Sri Lanka, which is operational since June 2005. Under this agreement, Pakistan has been granted a duty-free quota of 6,000 MT Basmati rice for export to Sri Lanka under the Pakistan Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (PSFTA). Due to consistent efforts of the government, Sri Lanka has removed the mandatory post-shipment testing of Basmati rice imported from Pakistan prior to Customs clearance under PSFTA, in February 2024. A total of 4,323 MT of Basmati rice was exported from Pakistan to Sri Lanka under the quota in 2023, which is the highest in the recent years.
- ii. **Afghanistan:** Exports of 18 items/sectors to Afghanistan has been allowed in PKR to facilitate exports in absence of direct banking channels. Temporary Admission Document (TAD) implemented with Afghanistan to allow cargo vehicles carrying bilateral trade goods across Pak-Afghan border. Subsequently, TADs have been issued to around 11,000 cargo vehicles from both sides. PTA is also being negotiated with Afghanistan to

streamline and enhance bilateral trade. TDAP organizes three major exhibitions every year i.e. FoodAG, Engineering & Health Care Show and Texpo. MTI Kabul and TIC Kandhar bring delegations of Afghan buyers to all these exhibitions every year

- iii. **Bangladesh:** An MoU to establish Joint Working Group with Bangladesh has been shared with it. Efforts are being made for direct shipping line and flights between the two countries to reduce the cost and time for doing business. Proposal has also been shared for reviving Joint Economic Commission (JEC).
- iv. **India:** As regards trade with India, India imposed 200% duty on its imports from Pakistan on 16-02-2019 (withdrawal of MFN status from Pakistan). Responding to revocation of Article 370 by India, all trade (except import of pharmaceutical products) suspended with India effective since 09-08-2019.

- v. **Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives:** Pakistan's exports to these countries are less as their imports are mainly sourced from closer/bordering countries and size of the market is small

(b) Ministry of Commerce is taking following measures to explore new markets.

1. Look Africa Policy

Under the Look Africa Initiative, Ministry of Commerce has organized four Pak-Africa Trade Development Conferences & Single Country Exhibitions in Africa so far to showcase Pakistan's products and to penetrate in an otherwise untapped market.

2. Engagement with new markets in Middle East

Efforts are currently underway to establish institutional linkages with Iraq, Jordan and Yemen as part of Trade Diplomacy initiatives, aimed at negotiating market access.

A thirty-one (31) membered business delegation visited Syria to explore market opportunities. Moreover, a similar business delegation is planned for Iraq.

3. Regional Connectivity and trade with Eurasia

Pakistan has Transit Trade Agreement with Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan and Afghanistan to facilitate trade. Pakistani trucks are now carrying exports to Central Asian Republics and Russia via land route under TIR and transit trade agreements. Transit Trade Agreements are under negotiation with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan.

Pakistan has signed Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) with Türkiye; Uzbekistan, and Azerbaijan in last three years. Pakistan Azerbaijan Business Forum was organized at Baku on 16th Sept 2024, in which 20 Pakistani and 40 Azeri companies participated and

B2B meetings were held along with 4th session of JWG on trade and investment.

The first "Made in Pakistan" was held from 28th – 30th June, 2024 in Uz Expo Centre Tashkent. 84 Pakistani exhibitors from various sectors participated. Over 2000 multi-sectoral B2B meetings held. "Pakistan-Uzbekistan Logistics Forum" was held on 29th June 2024, Tashkent attended by Russia as well. 14 logistic companies of Pakistan participated in the event and held 300 B2B meetings with 50 Uzbek logistic companies. NLC signed a MoU with Uzbekistan Railways.

Turkish business delegation visited Islamabad and Karachi led by Trade Minister Dr. Umer Bolat on 8-10th August 2024 and business Round table of the two countries participated by around 30 Turkish Companies and 70 Pakistani companies was arranged at Islamabad. The delegation attended FoodAg 2024 at Karachi as well.

Pakistan Russia Trade and Investment Forum is being organized at Moscow on 1st October 2024, by MOC/TDAP. 5th JWG meeting with Russia is scheduled for 26-27th Sept at Islamabad.

4. Engagement with MERCOSUR

MERCOSUR is a free trade zone among Argentine, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. Pakistan is establishing its ties with this bloc and is in the process of operationalizing the Framework Agreement. The Federal Cabinet has recently granted approval for ratification of the Agreement which will pave the way for a potential Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with MERCOSUR.

5. Engagement with Asian region

- i. An MoU for Joint Trade Committee (JTC) with Cambodia has been signed in May 2024. Both sides are in the process of nominating representatives for the JTC.
- ii. Another MoU for Joint Trade Committee (JTC) has been shared with Indonesia. A meeting of Joint Negotiation

- Committee with Indonesia on IP-TIGA (Indonesia-Pakistan Trade in Goods Agreement) will be scheduled in coming months.
- iii. A meeting of Joint Review Committee to revise MPCEPA (Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement) is scheduled in this year. First meeting of the Working Group on Trade in Goods will be held next week. An MoU between TDAP and MATRADE is likely to be signed in coming days.
 - iv. A draft MoU for formation of JTC has been shared with Philippines. In addition, a new trade mission has also been opened in Philippines this year.
 - v. First-ever Pakistan-ASEAN Trade Development Conference (PATDC) and Single Country Exhibition is planned for August 2025 to increase ingress of Pakistani products in the region.
 - vi. Another trade mission is being opened in Singapore.
 - vii. Regular exchange of delegations takes place between Pakistan and these countries. There was sizeable participation of delegates from ASEAN countries in 2nd FoodAg held in August 2024. Similarly, delegations are being arranged for participation in upcoming flagship event TEXPO in October 2024.
 - viii. Pakistani Companies also participated in Malaysian International Halal Showcase (MIHAS) 2024.
 - ix. Pakistan is participating in Osaka Expo 2025 which will start from April 2025 and will continue till October 2025.
 - x. Pakistan is currently examining ToRs, received from Korean side, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders for initiation of negotiations on Korea-Pakistan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).
 - xi. Thailand is an important market in ASEAN and so far, the two sides have held 09 rounds of negotiations for a possible FTA.

*(Def.) Question No. 49-F **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**

(Notice Received on 30/09/2024 at 9:32 AM) QID: 42505

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the present status of obtaining geographical indication of basmati rice of Pakistan indicating also the measures taken/ being taken by the Government to increase the production and export of the same?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

PRESENT STATUS OF OBTAINING GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION OF BASMATI RICE OF PAKISTAN.

On 21st March 2021, Basmati rice was registered as a Geographical Indication (GI) by the Registrar GI-IPO Pakistan under the Geographical Indications (Registration & Protection) Act 2020. Additionally, the Ministry of Commerce has been actively pursuing the protection and registration of Basmati rice as a GI in following foreign jurisdictions filing oppositions to India's applications for registration of Basmati GI: -

- EU
- USA
- Sri Lanka
- Australia
- Indonesia

Pakistan has also submitted independent applications for GI registration of basmati rice in the following foreign jurisdictions: -

- EU
- USA
- Sri Lanka
- Australia
- Thailand
- New Zealand
- Turkiye
- Kenya
- United Kingdom

MEASURE TAKEN / BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF EXPORT OF THE SAME.

Pakistan is executing a multi-dimensional strategy to increase rice exports, addressing competitiveness, quality standards, market access, and global partnerships to increase export of rice. During the last financial year the rice exports increased by 83% from US\$ 2.15 billion in FY 2022-23 to US\$ 3.93 billion in FY 2023-24. Following are the measures taken/being taken by the Ministry of Commerce for enhancement of rice exports:

WITHDRAWAL OF MINIMUM EXPORT PRICE (MEP)

The government removed the Minimum Export Price for rice,

allowing Pakistani exporters to match global market prices more flexibly, especially after India had recently eased its export restrictions on rice.

• **MARKET DIVERSIFICATION**

1. **Global Marketing Campaigns:** Through trade delegations, and participation in international exhibitions (e.g., **Gulfood in Dubai, Sial in Paris, Saudifoods in Riyadh and others**) with local support provided by the Trade and Investment Officers (TIOs).
2. **African Market Focus:** As Africa's rice import dependency has grown, Pakistan conducted targeted rice export promotion campaigns in **Kenya, Nigeria, Mozambique, and Cameroon**.
3. **Malaysia** a major rice importer has recently committed to import **100,000 metric tons of basmati rice** from Pakistan, after B2B sessions arranged by Ministry of Commerce with the Malaysian delegation during the visit of the Prime Minister of Malaysia to Pakistan in October 2024.
4. **Azerbaijan** has granted a **five-year customs duty exemption** on rice imports from Pakistan until December 31, 2027.

• **FACILITATION IN PARTICIPATION BY PAKISTANI COMPANIES IN INTERNATIONAL TENDERS AND STRATEGIC PUBLIC PROCUREMENT:**

1. Pakistani rice companies have increasingly participated in international tenders to supply large-scale buyers in **Iraq, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and the Philippines**.
2. **Saudi Arabian Procurement:** Visit to Pakistan of major rice buying companies like the **Saudi Agricultural and Livestock Investment Company (SALIC), National Agriculture Development Company (NADEC)** and **Mayaar Food** involved in bulk rice procurement for Saudi Arabia, were facilitated by Ministry of Commerce. Moreover, their B2B engagements with Pakistani companies were arranged during visits of KSA business delegation in October 2024.
3. **Philippines and Indonesia:** With rice demand expected to outstrip local production, countries like the Philippines and Indonesia are projected to import **4-5 million tons of rice** each in the coming years, presenting a valuable opportunity for Pakistani exporters. Pakistani exporters are actively participating in such tenders with MOC support to export as per their required demand.

• **ENHANCED QUALITY CONTROL AND PHYTOSANITARY COMPLIANCE:**

1. To improve Pakistan's SPS compliance with the international standards and to prevent issues like pesticide contamination (which previously led to the rejection of consignments), the government has

tightened quality and compliance regime by issuing strict protocols for rice export to EU.

2. Ministry of Commerce, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), in partnership with REAP, the International Trade Centre (ITC), and government departments, conducted awareness workshops across rice-growing regions in FY 2023-24. These workshops focused on managing pesticide MRLs and Aflatoxins in Pakistani rice to align with international food safety standards.

These efforts show Pakistan's commitment to enhance rice exports through quality control, market-specific marketing, competitive pricing, and strategic participation in international tenders. By leveraging strong bilateral ties, engaging in tenders, and maintaining high standards, Pakistan is poised to strengthen its global position as a key rice supplier, contributing significantly to the national economy. Moreover, due to above mentioned efforts it is projected that the growth trajectory in rice exports is likely to continue in the current financial year.

*Question No. 1 **Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:**
(Notice Received on 5/11/2024 at 11:24 AM) QID: 42489

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is fact that the CEO of EXIM Bank was removed from service, the reasons thereof, indicating also the time by which the said post will be filled, if still vacant?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: In terms of Section 20 (2) of the EXIM Bank of Pakistan Act, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Export-Import (EXIM) Bank is empowered to remove the President from his office with the prior approval of the Federal Government. Accordingly, the Federal Cabinet approved the Summary for Removal of President/CEO, EXIM Bank of Pakistan on 31-07-2024 and the Board of Directors of the EXIM Bank of Pakistan removed the CEO due to non-clearance of his Fit and Proper test criteria by the State Bank of Pakistan.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 15(2) of the Export-Import Bank of Pakistan Act, 2022, the Board of Directors in its meeting held on November 15, 2024 has recommended a panel of three candidates for selection of one candidate, by the Federal Government, to be appointed as the CEO of the Bank.

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors as also appointed an Acting CEO of the Bank till the appointment of a regular CEO of EXIM Bank.

***Question No. 2 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 5/11/2024 at 1:03 PM) QID: 42584

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.43 replied on 1st November, 2024 and to provide copies of further correspondence with the Finance Division alongwith present status of the approval for opening a special assignment account by PSQCA?

Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui: Finance Division has accorded concurrence for opening of special Assignment Account in Public Account in respect of Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) (**Annex-A**).

However, Controller General of Accounts (CGA) has requested to furnish financial rules of PSQCA before proceeding further with opening of Special Assignment Account (**Annex-B**). Financial Rules of PSQCA are currently under process for concurrence of Finance Division.

Government of Pakistan
Finance Division
(Budget Wing)

Annex-A

F.No.2(38)/SO(TSA)/469/2020

Islamabad, the 29th December, 2023.


OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: OPENING OF SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT ACCOUNT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC ACCOUNT OF THE FEDERATION.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Science & Technology's Office Memorandum No.5(101)/2021-F&A dated 05th December, 2023 on the subject cited above and to state that concurrence is hereby accorded to Ministry of Science & Technology for opening of Special Assignment Account in Public Account in respect of Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA).

02. Therefore, the Controller General of Accounts is requested to allocate relevant head of account for Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) vide clause 4(b) General Policies of Special Assignment Account procedure for withdrawal of funds from the Public Account of the Federation circulated vide Controller General of Account's letter No. 1445/CGA/PAC/Public Account/2021 dated 28-04-2021, under intimation to this Ministry.

03. This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary.


(Zain Muneer Kiyani)
Section Officer (TSA)
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The Controller General of Accounts,
CGA Complex,
Islamabad.

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Kana Munawar khan, Section Officer (F&A), Ministry of Science & Technology, Islamabad.

Government of Pakistan
Finance Division
(Budget Wing)

F.No.2 (38)/SO (TSA)/12/2020


Islamabad, the 11th January, 2024.**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: OPENING OF SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT ACCOUNT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC ACCOUNT OF THE FEDERATION.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Science & Technology's Office Memorandum No.5(101)/2021-F&A dated 05th December, 2023 and to state that and to enclose herewith Controller General of Account's letter No. 363/CGA/AC-I/Special Assig.Account/2021 dated 08-01-2024 on the subject noted above for further necessary action.

Enclosed as above:-

(Rana Munawar khan),
Section Officer (F&A),
Ministry of Science & Technology,
Islamabad.


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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN *Annex-B-1*
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No. 363 /CGA/AC-I/Special Assig.Account/2021

Dated: 08-01-2024

Mr. Zain Muneer Kiyani,
 Section Officer (TSA),
 Budget Wing, Finance Division,
 Islamabad.

Subject: - **OPENING OF SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT ACCOUNT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC ACCOUNT OF THE FEDERATION.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to your office letter No.2(38)SO(TSA) 469/2020 dated 29.12.2023 on the subject cited above and to state that following information/documents may be furnish to this office to proceed further in the matter;

- i. Provision of Fund in relevant Act/Ordinance in respect of Pakistan Standard & Quality Control Authority.
- ii. Financial Rules/regulations and Accounting Procedure of Fund in respect of Pakistan Standard & Quality Control Authority.


 (ARSALAN MATLOOB)
 Accounts Officer (Accounts-I)

***Question No. 3 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
 (Notice Received on 7/11/2024 at 12:01 PM) QID: 42594

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the details of mechanism adopted by PSQCA for testing quality of flour, medicines and steel in the factories situated in ICT and Peshawar during the current year indicating also the action taken against factories which do not meet the quality standards?

Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui:

Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) as per section 14 of Act VI of 1996 and Pakistan Conformity Assessment Rule 2011 has the mechanism to check the quality of Food & Non-Food items in the country as per the prescribed standards which fall under the mandatory list of PSQCA. Currently, 173 food and non-food items have been included in the mandatory list of PSQCA after approval of the Federal Government. List of 173 mandatory items is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

As per the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Council of Common Interest (CCI) decision, the food, primarily is the provincial subject. Fortified Wheat Flour PS:4872 is in the mandatory list of PSQCA. However, no fortified wheat flour is being produced in the flour factories located in Islamabad and Peshawar.

Checking the quality of medicines fall under the purview of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) PSQCA does not have the mandate for it.

PSQCA as per its Act, is mandated to ensure and monitor the quality of the steel products.

Following Steel Standards have been notified by Federal Government in the mandatory list of PSQCA:

- i. PS: 1612 Cold Worked Steel Deformed Bars for the Reinforcement of Concrete
- ii. PS: 1879 – 2021 (R) Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- iii. PS:2337 Billets for the Production of Bars (Plain & Deformed for Concrete Reinforcement)
- iv. PS; 3574 Cold Reduced Carbon Steel Sheet
- v. PS: 4798 Structural Steel
- vi. PS: 231 Mild Steel Bars for Structural Uses (Tor Bar)

The manufacturer must ensure the steel product's compliance with the requirements set in the relevant Pakistan Standard Specifications

PSQCA Islamabad Zone has issued total 09 licenses of

steel manufacturing units in its jurisdiction for their different brands. All the Licensees of steel. All manufacturers of Islamabad zone are conforming to the standard.

PSQCA Peshawar has issued total 19 licenses to steel manufacturing units for different brands. The action taken by Peshawar Zone against factories which do not meet the quality standards during current year is attached as **Annex-B**.

Annex-A**LIST OF MANDATORY ITEMS NOTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT
UNDER SECTION 14 OF PSQCA ACT VI OF 1996**

S#	Name of Items	Relevant PS No.
FOOD ITEMS (43)		
1.	Banaspati Ghee.	PS-221/2010
2.	Refined Maize (Corn) Oil.	PS-1562/2003
3.	Cooking Oil.	PS-2858/2012
4.	Refined Soybean Oil.	PS-1563/2003
5.	Refined Sunflower Oil.	PS-1564/2003
6.	Mustard Oil.	PS-25/2003
7.	Palm Oil Edible.	PS-1561/2010
8.	Refined Palmolein	PS-1600/2003
9.	Coconut Oil (Expelled).	PS-99/2010
10.	Margarine.	PS-1653/2012
11.	Biscuits (Excluding Wafers Biscuits).	PS-383/2003
12.	Wafers Biscuits.	PS-614/2011
13.	Natural Mineral Water.	PS-2102/2010
14.	Bottled Drinking Water.	PS-4639/2004
15.	Carbonated Beverage.	PS-1654/2012
16.	Iodized Salt.	PS-1669/2008
17.	Milk Powder (whole and skim)	PS-363/2011
18.	Condensed Milk	PS-364/2013
19.	Tea Black	PS-493/2012
20.	Fruit Squash	PS-506/2010
21.	Marmalade	PS-514/2010
22.	Concentrated Fruit Juice	PS-527/2015
23.	Food for infants and children	PS-1688/2008

24.	Chilli Powder	PS-1742/2010
25.	Orange Juice	PS-1738/2009
26.	Apple Juice	PS-1738/2009
27.	Curry Powder	PS-1741/2010
28.	Turmeric (Ground & Powdered)	PS-1820/2010
29.	Refined Sugar & White Powdered)	PS-1822/2007
30.	Butter	PS-1831/2012
31.	Honey	PS-1934/2012
32.	Jams (Fruit preserve) & Jellies	PS-2096/2010
33.	Flavoured Milk	PS-3189/2012
34.	Synthetic Vinegar	PS-3602/1994
35.	Mayonnaise	PS-3947/2010
36.	Pickles	PS-520/2013
37.	Packaged Liquid Milk	PS-5344/2016
38.	Liquid Tea/Coffee Whitener	PS- 5383/2017
39.	Powder Tea/Coffee Whitener	PS- 5384/2017
40.	Coffee and its Preparation	PS 763
41.	Fruit Juices & Nectars	PS 4873
42.	FORTIFIED WHEAT FLOUR (AATA)	PS 4872
43.	Olive / Virgin and Refined and for Refined Olive Pomace Oil	PS:5159
ELECTRICAL ITEMS / ELECTRO TECHNICAL DIVISION (46)		
44.	Tubular Fluorescent Lamps for General Lighting Services (Tube light).	PS-292/2012
45.	PVC Insulated Cable (Non Armored) for Electric Power & Lighting.	PS-IEC-60227-Part-1 to 07/2007
46.	Induction Motor.	60034 Part-1 to 04/2007
47.	Methods for measuring the performance of Electric Kettles jugs.	PS-253/2010

48.	Methods for measuring the performance of Electric Toaster.	PS-661/2015
49.	Ballast for fluorescent Lamps.	PS-4972/2012
50.	Lead Acid Starter Batteries (for Motor Cars)	PS-206-1/2012
51.	Lead Acid Starter Batteries (for Motor Cycles)	PS-4082-1998
52.	A.C Watt house meter.	PS-IEC-60521
53.	Discharge Lamps/Compact Fluorescent Lamps(H.S Code 8539,3200,8539,3910,8539 & 3990	PS/IEC 60968/2013 & PS/IEC 60969/2001
54.	Household refrigerating appliance characteristics and test methods	PS-IEC: 62552
55.	Electricity Measuring Equipment (AC) General Requirements, Test and Test conditions, Part 11-Metering Equipment. Electricity Measuring Equipment (AC) Particular Requirements, Part 11-Electromechanical meters for Active Energy.	PS-IEC: 62052 PS-IEC: 62053
56.	Self-Ballasted LED Lamps for General Lighting Services	PS-5252
57.	LED Modules for General Lighting – Performance Requirements	PS-5253
58.	LED Modules for General Lighting (Safety Specification)	PS-5211
59.	Electronics Ballast for Florescent Lamps	PS-4640
60.	Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations Part-1 General Requirements.	PS-IEC-60669-1
61.	Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations Part-2:1 Particular Requirements - Electronics Switches	PS-IEC-60669-2-1
62.	Secondary cells and Batteries containing Alkaline or other Non-Acid electrolytes secondary Lithium cells and Batteries for portable Application.	PS:IEC:51960-3
63.	Clothes washing machine for household use.	PS:IEC:60456.
64.	Multiple split- system Air-conditioners and Air to Air heat pumps.	PS:IEC:5327

65.	Non-Ducked Air Conditioners and Heat pump.	PS:5151.
66.	Electric irons for household or similar use.	PS:185
67.	Plug & Socket outlets household and similar purposes – Part-1 – General Requirements	PS: IEC:60884-1
68.	Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes - Part 2-1: Particular requirements for fused plugs	PS: IEC:60884-2-1
69.	Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes - Part 2-2: Particular requirements for socket-outlets for appliances	PS: IEC:60884-2-2
70.	Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes - Part 2-3: Particular requirements for switched socket-outlets without interlock for fixed installation	PS: IEC:60884-2-3
71.	Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes - Part 2-4: Particular requirements for plugs and socket-outlets for SELV	PS: IEC:60884-2-4
72.	Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes - Part 2-5: Particular requirements for adaptors	PS: IEC:60884-2-5
73.	Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes - Part 2-6: Particular requirements for switched socket-outlets with interlock for fixed electrical installations	PS: IEC:60884-2-6
74.	Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes - Part2-7: Particular requirements for cord extension sets	PS: IEC:60884-2-7
75.	Household micro wave ovens.	PS:5254
76.	Plugs and socket outlets	PS:IEC 60906-1
77.	Medical diagnostic X-ray equipment – Radiation conditions for use in the determination of characteristics. (1st Revision) (Replaced PS-4248/1998)	PS: IEC 61267
78.	Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 1: General and safety requirements for UPS.	PS: IEC 62040-1
79.	Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 2: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements. Corrigendum 1: Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 2: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements.	PS: IEC 62040-2
80.	Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 3: Method of specifying the performance and test requirements. Corrigendum 1: Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 3: Method of specifying the performance and test requirements.	PS: IEC 62040-3

81.	Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 4: Environmental aspects – Requirements and reporting.	PS: IEC 62040-4
82.	Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 5-3: DC Output UPS – Performance and Test requirements	PS: IEC 62040-5-3
83.	Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-100: Electrical test methods – General requirements.	PS: IEC 61196-1-100
84.	Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-101: Electrical test methods – Test for conductor d.c. resistance of cable.	PS: IEC 61196-1-101
85.	Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-102: Electrical test methods – Test for insulation resistance of cable dielectric.	PS: IEC 61196-1-102
86.	Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) and Energy Star Rating for Television Receivers.	PS:5422
87.	Sound system equipment – Part 5: Loudspeakers.	PS: IEC 60268-5
88.	Sound system equipment – Part 7: Headphones and earphones.	PS: IEC 60268-7
89.	Medical electrical equipment - Dosimeters with ionization chambers as used in radiotherapy	PS:IEC 60731
MECHANICAL ITEMS (22)		
90.	Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine,	PS-1806/2015
91.	Safety Razor Blade.	PS-219/2015
92.	Single & Multiple Blade Plastic bounded Disposable Razor's.	PS-2002/2015
93.	Domestic Gas Stove / Gas Hub	PS-1560/2015
94.	Gas fired Radiant room heaters (unvented and semi vented type)	PS-3656/2015
95.	Gas Cooking Rages.	PS-4857/2015
96.	Gas Water Heater.	PS-4858/2015
97.	Gas Fired Room Heaters Vented Type.	PS-4859/2015
98.	Gas Appliance General Requirement	PS-4960/2008
99.	Stainless Steel for general purposes Part-1 Corrosion-resistant flat products	PS-ISO-16143 (Part – 1,2 & 3)/2015
100.	Billets for the Production of bars (plain and deformed) for concrete reinforcement.	PS-2337/2015

101.	Steel Wire Rod	PS-ISO-16124/2015
102.	Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Sheet of Commercial and Drawing Qualities	PS-ISO: 3573
103.	Cold Reduced Carbon Steel Sheet of Commercial and Drawing Qualities	PS-ISO: 3574
104.	Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels – Part 4: Free-cutting steels.	PS-ISO 683-4
105.	Safety of amusement rides and amusement devices-Part-1: Design and manufacture.	PS-ISO. 17842-1.
106.	Safety of amusement rides and amusement devices- Part-2: Operation and use	PS-ISO. 17842-2
107.	Safety of amusement rides and amusement devices- Part-3: Requirements for inspection during design, manufacture, operation and use.	PS-ISO. 17842-3
108.	Lighters—safety specification	PS ISO: 9994
109.	Aluminum and aluminum alloys - castings - chemical composition and mechanical properties	PS ISO 3522
110.	Spectacle frames – Requirements and test methods	PS-ISO 12870
111.	Standard Practice for Preparation of Paint Brushes for Evaluation	PS-ASTM D5068 – 04
AUTO VEHICLES ITEMS (02)		
112.	Two Wheeler Auto Vehicles.	PS-4707/2011
113.	Three Wheeler Auto Vehicles.	PS-4708/2011
ANIMALS FEED ITEMS (02)		
114.	Poultry Feed.	PS-233/2012
115.	Balanced Feed Mixture for live stock.	PS-234/1963
TEXTILE ITEMS (03)		
116.	Poly Propylene Woven Sacks for Packing & Transportation (Food Items).	PS-3128/2014®
117.	Polypropylene Woven Sacks for packing (Fertilizers)	PS-2958/2009
118.	Polypropylene Woven Laminated Hermetically sealed block bottom valve sacks for packing cement	PS: 4877
BUILDING MATERIALS/CIVIL ITEMS (18)		
119.	Portland Cement (Ordinary & Rapid hardening).	PS-232/2008
120.	Sulphate Resisting Portland Cement type-A.	PS-612/1989I

121.	Portland Blast Furnace Cement not Exceeding 65% blast furnace Slag.	PS-1631-1984
122.	PVC Pressure Pipes for Cold Portable Water.	PS-3051/1991
123.	Mild Steel Bar's structural use.	PS-231/1962
124.	Cold worked Steel deformed bars for the reinforcement of concrete.	PS-1612/1992
125.	Deformed plain Billets-Steel bars for the concrete re-enforcement.	PS-1879/2014
126.	White Portland Cement	PS-1630/2014
127.	Masonry Cement	PS-5314/2014
128.	Structural Steel	PS-4796/2002
129.	Tin Plate	PS-4773/2002
130.	Chemical Admixture for Concrete	PS: 4883
131.	Sanitary Taps	PS: 4846
132.	Buried Polyethylene (PE) Pipes for the supply of Gaseous fuels metric series-specification	PS: 3452
133.	Polyethylene (PE) pipes for Water supply-specification. (1st Revision)	PS: 3580
134.	Polypropylene Pipes	PS: 4533
135.	Polypropylene (PP) pipes – Dimensions	PS: 4534
136.	Polyethylene up right storage tanks	PS: 4279
WASHING AND COSMETICS (7)		
137.	Tooth Paste	PS-1721/2009
138.	Toilet Soap	PS-13/2009
139.	Shampoo	PS-3509/1994
140.	Synthetic Detergent Powder for General Purpose	PS-4986/2009
141.	Powder Hair Dyes	PS-4079/1998
142.	Oxidation Hair dye Liquid	PS-5250/2013
143.	Skin Cream	PS: 3228/2017
CHEMICAL ITEMS (23)		
144.	Internal Combustion Engine Lubricating Oil	PS-343/2009
145.	Flexible Polyurethane foam for domestic Mattresses	PS-3087/1991

146.	Motorcycle Tyres and rims (code designated series)	PS ISO 4249-1/2001
147.	Enamel Paint Interior (Finishing Colour)	PS-617/1966
148.	Enamel Paint Exterior (Finishing colour)	PS-616/1966
149.	Paints for vehicles	PS-396/1964
150.	Bio Orgno Phosphate (BOP)	PS-5295/2014
151.	Urea (Prilled and Granular)	PS-217/2009
152.	Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP)	PS-3517/1994
153.	Single Super Phosphate	PS-67/1996
154.	Triple Supper Phosphate	PS-216/2009
155.	Truck and Bus Tyres and Rims (Metric Series) Part-I Tyres	PS:ISO: 4209-1
156.	Ready Mixed Paint Brushing finishing semi gloss for general purpose	PS: 402/1964
157.	Shaving Cream	PS:3508
158.	Skin Powder	PS:3973
159.	Hair Cream	PS:4751
160.	Multi Nutrient Fertilizer	PS:933
161.	Bio Fertilizer	PS:5330
162.	Ammonium Sulphate (Fertilizer)	PS:36
163.	Potassium Sulphate (Fertilizer grade)	PS:1501
164.	Passenger car tyres and Rims Part I (Tyres)	PS: ISO- 41000-1
165.	Rubber Tyre for Bicycles	PS:687
166.	Single Use Sterile Surgical Glove	PS:4397
167.	Comfort Fans and Regulators for Household and similar purposes- Methods for measuring Performance	PS 1
168.	Household and similar electrical appliances - Safety - Part 2-80: Particular requirements for fans	PS IEC 60335-2-80
169.	Rigid Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Siding	5600-2023
170.	Rigid Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Exterior-Profile Extrusions Used for Assembled Windows and Doors	5601-2023
171.	Resilient Flooring in Modular Format with Rigid Polymeric Core	5602-2023
172.	Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride foam boards-Part 2: Celuka extrusion process	5603-2023
173.	Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Pressure-Rated Pipe (SDR Series)	5347-2015



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**ACTION TAKEN BY PESHAWAR ZONE AGAINST FACTORIES
 WHICH DO NOT MEET THE QUALITY STANDARDS**

A. Action Taken Against Licensee Units

Sr. No	Unit Name	Address	Non Compliance	Action Taken / Remarks	Current Status
1	M/s Al-Moiz Steel Industries Limited,	26 Km, Chashma Road, D.I. Khan	Non-Conformance in 01 size	Resampling was conducted and unit refrain from production this designated size	Compliance

B. Action Taken Against Un-Licensee Units

Sr. No	Name of Unit	Unit Address	Brand	Current Status
1)	BSF Steel & Re-Rolling Mills	Hayatabad Industrial Estate	BSF	Issued 03 Notices
2)	ARY Steel Industries	Plot No. 33-C, Industrial Estate, Jamrud Road Peshawar	ARY	Issued 01 Notice
3)	Khuram Steel Casting (Pvt) Ltd	Plot No. 94, Industrial Estate, Jamrud Road Peshawar	Khuram	Issued 01 Notice
4)	Khaleej Steel Industries (Pvt) Ltd	Plot No. 74, 78, 79 & 80, Small Industrial Estate, Dargai, Malakand	Khaleej	Issued 01 Notice



Conformity Assessment, Peshawar Zone
 PSQCA, Plot No. 12, Sector B-2, Phase 5, Hayatabad, Peshawar.



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***Question No. 4 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**
(Notice Received on 8/11/2024 at 3:45 PM) QID: 42604

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the National Bank Branch at Tehsil Headquarters, District Mansehra, is being transferred to Tehsil Oghi, village Sher Garh, despite the presence of an existing branch at Tehsil Oghi Headquarters and regardless of the fact that it is a requirement to establish a branch of the Bank at every tehsil headquarters, if so, the reasons thereof, indicating also if there is any proposal under consideration for cancellation of such transfer of the branch?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

According to NBP, in line with Federal Shariah Court directives/ bank's policy, NBP conventional branches have been under the process of conversion into Islamic mode in a phased manner. Further to state that NBP branch operating at Darband Township (1374), is planned to be converted into Islamic banking branch in the current phase and there is no proposal in place for its shifting to Shergarh, Oghi. NBP would like to assure that after conversion, the NBP branch at Darband will continue to operate and provide seamless services to customers from its present place of operations i.e. Darband Township.

***Question No. 5 Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir:**
(Notice Received on 8/11/2024 at 4:02 PM) QID: 42606

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is fact that an economic plan was scheduled for announcement on 14th August, 2024, if so, the reasons for delay in its announcement and the timeline by which such economic plan will be announced?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

- The Economic Plan was not scheduled for announcement on 14th August, 2024.
- The present government strongly believe that imported development plans and reform agendas cannot address Pakistan's economic challenges. Instead, we require a home-grown, endogenous strategy that leverages the country's inherent strengths and addresses its specific structural issues.
- To this end, a **Home-Grown Economic Reform Agenda Committee** was constituted in April 2024 under the chairmanship of the Honourable Finance Minister. The committee comprises experts from both the public and private sectors, with the notable involvement of Professor Stefan Dercon from Oxford University.
- Following extensive consultations with relevant Ministries, Divisions, and organizations, the committee has developed a draft Reform Agenda. This document identifies key structural bottlenecks and challenges impeding economic progress, while proposing actionable solutions to foster sustainable and inclusive growth.
- The Reform Agenda sets forth a clear roadmap with a viable strategy to:
 - Boost exports.
 - Encourage Private Investment
 - Improve Resource Mobilization
 - Break the recurring cycle of balance-of-payments crises and reliance on IMF bailouts.
 - Prudent Fiscal Management
- Distinguished by its comprehensive macroeconomic framework and robust implementation focus, the draft agenda is also being aligned with Pakistan's **13th Five-Year Plan** and the government's **5Es National Economic Transformation Plan** to ensure coherence with long-term national development priorities. The Honourable Prime Minister will announce it shortly.
- Upon successful implementation, the Reform Agenda is expected to deliver substantial outcomes by FY2028, including:

- Creation of 1 million jobs annually.
 - 6% annual GDP growth.
 - An additional \$10 billion in private investment.
 - \$20 billion in increased export earnings
- In summary, the **Home-Grown Economic Reform Agenda** is a cornerstone of the government's strategy to achieve sustained economic stability and growth, designed to unlock Pakistan's true potential.

*Question No. 6 **Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir:**

(Notice Received on 8/11/2024 at 4:05 PM) QID: 42607

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

- (a) *the total amount of tax collected from retail sector so far during the FY 2024-25; and*
- (b) *the annual tax collection target set for the retail sector during the current fiscal year?*

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

- (a) Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has collected an amount of PKR 87 billion so far from retail sector during the FY 2024-25. The detail is as under:

Total No. of Retailers 2024-25	Collection	
	Income Tax	Sales Tax
701,856	70 (b)	17 (b)

- (b) For Financial Year 2024-25, FBR has set a target for annual tax collection for the retail sector at PKR 150 billion. The detail is as under:

Target	
Income Tax	Sales Tax
120 (b)	30 (b)

***Question No. 7 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 11/11/2024 at 12:17 PM) QID: 42610

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

- (a) the details of Category-A auditors from the panel of auditors as maintained by the SBP for audit of banking companies under section 35 (1) of the Banking Companies Ordinance 1962; and*
- (b) whether a review of performance of such auditors is carried out on regular basis, if so, the details thereof for the last five years?*

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

- (a) Details of Category-A of Panel of Auditors maintained under Section 35(1) of BCO, 1962 are enclosed as Annexure-A.
- (b) Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP), being the primary regulator of audit firms in Pakistan, annually undertakes Quality Control Review (QCR) of audit firms and issues a QCR rating. The same is also available at SBP web side (Annexure-B)

**State Bank of Pakistan's Panel of Auditors
Maintained Under Section 35 (1) of Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962**

Sr. No. † Details of Chartered Accountant Firms

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- A3 BDO Ebrahim & Co.
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- A4 Crowe Hussain Chaudhury & Co.
7th Floor, GulMohar Trade Centre (GTC),
8F, Main Market, Gulberg II, Lahore.
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is with valid QCR Rating (As of November 20, 2024)

Based on our review, rating has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these firms have not carried out the audit of their clients in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing, relevant ethical requirements or legal and regulatory requirements as applicable in Pakistan.

This opinion has been expressed for the limited purpose of communicating our understanding of the adherence to the professional standards by these firms in conducting the audit of their clients. This does not in any way absolve or reduce the professional responsibility of these firms in expressing their audit opinion on the financial statements of audit clients.

Name of audit partners updated as of November 20, 2024 based on the Audit Oversight Board and ICAP membership records.

S. No.	Name of the Firm	Date of assignment of satisfactory QCR rating	QCR rating valid till	Category of QCR Rating of the Firm	Name of Audit Partners
1	A. A. Ego & Co.	4-May-23	4-May-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Asad Ali Raq
2	A. Aziz Chaudhry & Co.	21-Oct-23	21-Oct-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Sarfraz Chaudhry
3	A. B. M. A. Co.	29-Mar-24	29-Mar-27	Satisfactory	Mr. Akhtar Ullah
4	A. D. Hitewa & Co.	15-Mar-24	15-Mar-25	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Zafar Ali Khan
					Mr. Imran Siddiqui
5	A. F. Farooq & Co.	3-Nov-23	3-Nov-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Muhammad Sohail
					Mr. Shujaat Hassan
					Mr. Khaliq Ahmad
					Mr. Amer Raza Mir
					Mr. Asad Akram Mirza
					Mr. Asim Mansoor Ishaq
					Mr. Azam Hussain
					Mr. Farhan Rahman
					Mr. Harman Ali Ahmad
					Mr. Ishaq Ali
					Mr. Javed Malik
					Mr. Khalid Raza
					Mr. Khuram Akbar Khan
					Mr. M. Imran Aslam
					Mr. Muhammad Mansoor
					Mr. Noman Akbar Sheikh
					Mr. Osama Nazki
					Mr. Osama Noon
					Mr. Salman Hussain
					Mr. Shahbaz Akbar
Mr. Saad Farooq Hassan					
Mr. Saad Muhammad Hashmi					
Mr. Usman Ali					
Mr. Waqar Abbas Sheikh					
6	A. M. Laffakis & Co.	18-Jan-22	18-Jan-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Salim Ahmad Lodhi
7	A. P. W. & Co.	6-Jun-24	6-Jun-26	Satisfactory	Mr. Asad Raza
8	Akies & Co.	15-Dec-22	15-Dec-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Hassan Mirza
9	Aksh Khaliq & Co.	11-Mar-24	11-Mar-27	Satisfactory	Mr. Waqar Saeed
10	Al Akhtar Adam	19-Oct-22	19-Oct-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Ghulam Abbas
11	Amir & Co.	25-Jun-23	25-Jun-26	Satisfactory	Mr. Aksh Khaliq
12	Anis Muzair & Co.	28-Jul-24	28-Jul-26	Satisfactory	Mr. Asim Akbar
13	Ansari Sabir & Co.	28-Feb-24	28-Feb-25	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Muhammad Zahar
14	Ashter Malik & Co.	12-Jun-23	12-Jun-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Muhammad Ali
15	Aster Razaq Inam & Co.	30-Aug-24	30-Aug-25	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Shoaib Anis Shah
16	Avasi	22-May-22	22-May-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Iqbal Hussain
17	Azhar Zafar & Co.	22-May-23	22-May-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Usman Hussain
18	Baker Tily Mahmood Ishaq Ganiar	8-Nov-24	8-Nov-26	Satisfactory	Mr. Muhammad Usaid
					Mr. Arif Razaq
19	BCO Ebrahim & Co.	8-Oct-24	8-Oct-26	Satisfactory	Mr. Iqbal Hussain
					Mr. Usman
20	Calkani Huda Saad Anwar	29-May-24	29-May-26	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Muhammad Hanwan
					Mr. Gauri Khatun Chaudhry
21	Dawood Saf & Co.	9-Oct-24	9-Oct-27	Satisfactory	Mr. Saad Hussain Gill
					Mr. Tariq Hussain Khan
22	Craze Hussain Chaudhry & Co.	19-Sep-24	19-Sep-26	Satisfactory	Mr. Zafar Ali Chaudhry
					Mr. Asif Hussain
23	CY Fero Rhodes	26-Oct-23	26-Oct-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Muhammad Haqir Munir
					Mr. Iqbal Hussain
24	D. R. Mansoor & Co.	24-Sep-24	24-Sep-27	Satisfactory	Mr. Muhammad Hashmi
					Mr. Shabir Qazi
25	Diaz & Co.	14-Mar-22	14-Mar-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Anwar Zafar Siddiqui
					Mr. Muhammad Feroze-Rahman
26	Dolan & Co.	24-Sep-24	24-Sep-27	Satisfactory	Mr. Karim Farah
					Mr. Saad Hussain
27	Faisal Mahmood & Co.	31-Oct-23	31-Oct-25	Satisfactory	Mr. Muhammad Imran Aslam
					Mr. Shoaib Ali
28	Feroze Sheef Tariq & Co.	30-Jan-24	30-Jan-26	Satisfactory	Mr. Muhammad Usaid
					Mr. Muhammad Tariq

is where the GCR validity of firm has expired (As of November 25, 2024)

Where the GCR validity of firm has expired, the GCR rating of the firm remains valid as the GCR renewal is in process. Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these firms have not carried out the audit of their clients in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing, relevant ethical requirements or legal and regulatory requirements as applicable in Pakistan.

This opinion has been expressed for the limited purpose of communicating our understanding of the adherence to the professional standards by these firms in conducting the audit of their clients. This does not in any way absolve or reduce the professional responsibility of these firms in expressing their audit opinion on the financial statements of audit clients.

Name of audit partners updated as of November 25, 2024 based on the Audit Oversight Board and ICAP membership records.

S. No	Name of the Firm	Date of assignment of satisfactory GCR rating	GCR rating valid till	GCR rating expired by number of days	Category of GCR Rating of the Firm	Name of Audit Partners
1	A. Shehbaz & Co.	5-Mar-23	5-Mar-23	835	Satisfactory	Mr. Aamir Shehbaz
2	Abdan & Co.	6-Oct-23	9-Oct-24	54	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Iqbal Ahmad Abdan
3	Abdul Rafiqan & Co.	11-Nov-22	11-Nov-23	364	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Abdul Rafiqan
4	Ahmed Muzair & Saliya	13-Aug-20	13-Aug-23	474	Satisfactory	Mr. Hassan Ali Gauri
5	Akram & Co.	15-Dec-22	15-Dec-23	350	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Muhammad Akram
6	Alam & Adalat	21-Mar-22	21-Mar-24	353	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Adnan Mirza Mr. Ali Muhammad Masood Mr. Aqbal Alam Mr. Iqbal Ibrahim
7	Ala Insaan & Co.	19-Oct-20	19-Oct-22	772	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Ala Insaan Siddiqi
8	Amir Alam Khan & Co.	30-May-18	30-May-21	1278	Satisfactory	Mr. Habibul Fakhruddin Mr. Abdul Basit
9	Audacity Lalan & Co.	26-Dec-18	26-Dec-22	704	Satisfactory	Mr. Shahid Lalan
10	Fariq Ali & Co.	27-Sep-21	27-Sep-23	428	Satisfactory	Mr. Muhammad Fajal Nuri Mr. Faiz Uz Zaman Mr. Umar Farooq
11	Ghori & Co.	16-Nov-20	16-Nov-23	378	Satisfactory	Mr. Muhammad Younis Ghori
12	Gul Ahmed & Co.	28-Feb-20	28-Feb-23	640	Satisfactory	Mr. Khalid Gul Ahmed Mr. Abbas Qureshi Mr. Muhammad Asif Raza Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Mr. Muhammad Naeem Jamil Mr. Syed Sajid Hossain Mr. Yaqub Saad Mr. Wasim Ashraf
13	H. A. M. D. & Co.	7-Dec-21	7-Dec-23	358	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Zahid Harwood
14	Hameed Zahid & Co.	29-Aug-23	29-Aug-24	82	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Khalid Adnan
15	Haseem & Co.	9-Oct-20	9-Oct-23	417	Satisfactory	Mr. Iqbal Adnan Mr. Shahid Muhammad Saleem Ahsan
16	HLB (az Tabassum & Co.	12-Jan-21	12-Jan-23	587	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Wasim Farooq Ms. Saira Tabassum
17	Iqbal Saad & Co.	11-Feb-21	11-Feb-23	607	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Irtiza Iqbal Mr. Muhammad Maqbool Mr. Shahid Mahmood Mr. Tariq Shah Ms. Saira Sana Ms. Saira Usman
18	Kaleem & Co.	28-Aug-23	28-Aug-24	82	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Muhammad Kaleem Hafeez
19	M. Saleem Associates	7-Jan-20	7-Jan-23	692	Satisfactory	Mr. Muhammad Saleem
20	M. R. M. E. & Co.	3-Oct-23	3-Oct-24	57	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Muzaffar Raza
21	Mahboob Sheikh & Co.	2-Apr-18	2-Apr-21	1307	Satisfactory	Mr. Mahboob Sheikh
22	Mohsin & Co.	28-May-20	28-May-23	551	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Mohsin Anjum Shah
23	Muhammad Ali Hussain & Co.	14-Jan-21	14-Jan-24	328	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. M. Ali Saif Cheema Mr. Zaheer Ahsan Mr. Ahsan Ahmad Mr. Ahsan Usman Yousaf Mr. Ahsan Usman Siddiqui Mr. Iqbal K. Siddiqui Mr. Muzaffar H. Jaffery Mr. Qazi Waqar Uddin Mr. Shah Nawaz Saad Mr. Shahid Mohsin Sheikh
24	Nawaz Zafar Ashfaq Jaffrey & Co.	10-Nov-17	10-May-20	1884	Conclusion of last GCR report dated October 11, 2023 was unsatisfactory which has been set aside by the Appellate Board and the new GCR is pending.	Mr. Ahmad Jabbar Mr. Faizul Iqbal Khwaja Mr. Junaid Subhan Mr. Muhammad Masood Shahid Mr. Muhammad Shabbir Kasbal Mr. Muhammad Zafar Ahsan
25	Parker Russell & J. S.	1-Nov-22	1-Nov-24	28	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Farhan Ahmad Mansoor Mr. Muhammad Farooq Mr. Muhammad Haroon Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Mr. Muhammad Yaseen Mr. Zainab
26	Raanda Haroon Zakaria & Co.	5-Oct-23	5-Oct-24	55	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Farhan Ahmad Mansoor Mr. Muhammad Farooq Mr. Muhammad Haroon Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Mr. Muhammad Yaseen Mr. Zainab
27	Rizwan Imtiaz & Co.	7-Jan-23	7-Jan-23	602	Satisfactory	Mr. Akbar Qadir
28	S. M. Rafiq & Co.	7-Jan-23	7-Jan-23	602	Satisfactory	Mr. S.M. Rohan
29	Sawar Awan & Co.	27-Dec-18	27-Dec-21	1098	Satisfactory	Mr. Nadeem Ahmad Ghaznavi Mr. Waqar A. Chaudhry
30	Shawling Haroon Chaudhri & Co.	2-Nov-23	2-Nov-24	27	Satisfactory with improvements required	Mr. Nadeem Ullah Mr. Osman Farooq Chaudhri Mr. Raheem Ahmad Mr. Tariq Javed
31	Usmani & Co.	24-Sep-20	24-Sep-23	432	Satisfactory with improvements required	Ms. Hina Usmani Ms. Huma Parva

irms restored in the list through interim court orders pending final adjudication

Name of audit partners updated as of November 29, 2024 based on the ICAP membership records.

S. No	Name of the Firm	Name of Audit Partners	Category of QCR Rating of the Firm
1	Akhter Mahmood Mian	Mr. Jamil Akhter Baig	Conclusion of last QCR report dated February 26, 2019 was unsatisfactory. The firm name was restored through court order.
2	IECnet S.K.S.S.S.	Mr. Muhammad Saleem	Conclusion of last QCR report dated February 10, 2022 was unsatisfactory. The firm name was restored through court order.
		Mr. Mohammad Aslam Khan	
		Mr. Muhammad Ahmad Shahid	
3	J. A. S. B. & Associates	Mr. Arsalan Salahuddin Vardag	Conclusion of last QCR report dated March 27, 2023 was unsatisfactory. The firm name was restored through court order.
		Mr. Besharat Rasool	
4	Nazir Chaudhri & Co.	Mr. Nazir Ahmed Chaudhri	Conclusion of last QCR report dated June 24, 2022 was unsatisfactory. The firm name was restored through court order.
		Mr. Nisar Ahmed	
5	Qadeer & Co.	Mr. Nawaz Khan	Conclusion of last QCR report dated May 15, 2023 was unsatisfactory. The firm name was restored through court order.
		Mr. Abdul Rahman	
6	Rafaqat Marsha Mohsin Dossari Masoom & Co.	Mr. Mohsin Nadeem	Conclusion of last QCR report dated November 29, 2022 was unsatisfactory. The firm name was restored through court order.
7	Sarwars	Mr. Asim Nazir Sheikh	Conclusion of last QCR report dated October 05, 2021 was unsatisfactory. The firm name was restored through court order.
		Mr. Rashid Sarwar	

***Question No. 8 Senator Quratulain Marri:**

(Notice Received on 27/11/2024 at 3:48 PM) QID: 42658

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state details of estimated economic loss caused to the GDP due to recent protest of a political party in Islamabad, indicating also the measures taken or being taken to mitigate such losses and to restore investor confidence after such disruptions?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics releases the GDP estimates including its size and composition. No official study or data has been published regarding the estimated economic losses to GDP caused by the recent protests. However, these protests have hampered the ongoing economic recovery through multiple channels, transferring losses to GDP. They have weakened macroeconomic stability and eroded confidence among both the business community and consumers.

□ Assessing the economic costs of protests is a complex and daunting task, as monetizing various activities poses challenges. Despite the measurement challenges, an estimate suggests that the daily economic loss is approximately Rs. 190.7 billion. This includes losses of Rs. 144 billion in value addition to economic activity, Rs. 16 billion in export, Rs. 26 billion in FBR tax collection, Rs. 1.7 billion in IT exports and Rs. 3 billion in FDI inflows. This estimate does not account for additional fiscal costs to the exchequer, which have severe implications for fiscal management.

***Question No. 11 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**
(Notice Received on 29/11/2024 at 10:28 AM) QID: 42663

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the criteria laid down for issuance of licenses to import batteries for Electric Vehicles indicating also the measures adopted to incentivize importers to ensure availability of EV batteries at affordable price in the local market?

Rana Tanveer Hussain:

Under SRO 656(I)/2006 dated 22.06.2006 and Fifth schedule of Customs Act 1969, EDB has been mandated for issuance of assembling/manufacturing certificate of vehicles including electrical vehicles and allow import of Complete Knock down (CKD) /parts under the said Concessionary regime to OEMs wherein automobile batteries (other than lead acid) used in Electric Vehicles are allowed at 1% customs duty.

EDB issued 51 assembling/manufacturing certificate to produce two/three-wheeler EVs (motorcycles and rickshaws) in Pakistan.

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. SRO 655(I) 2006 dated 22.06.2006 authorizes EDB to allow concessionary import of raw materials, sub components and sub-assemblies to vendors for the assembling & manufacturing of auto parts including Automotive Batteries.

***Question No. 13 Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir:**
(Notice Received on 3/12/2024 at 11:20 AM) QID: 42687

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

- (a) *month-wise details of performance of the Large-Scale Manufacturing (LSM) sector since 1st July 2023 till date; and*
- (b) *the specific policy measures taken or being taken to ensure sustained improvement in the LSM sector?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry: (a)

Quantum Index of Manufacturing (QIM) measures the changes in production of Large-Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI) over time on monthly as well as cumulative basis. QIM YoY (Year-over-Year) data shows the annual growth or decline of the index from one year to the next. In July 2023, the YoY change was -5.39%, indicating a decrease compared to the same month in the previous year. There was a notable recovery in December 2023, with a YoY increase of 3.11%. Following this trend, 2024 showed more mixed results: some months, like May, had strong positive YoY growth (7.39%). Recently, August and September, saw YoY declines of -2.55% and -1.92%, respectively. However, in the month of October 2024, LSM showed some recovery(0.02%)YoY. The month wise performance of the LSM since July-2023 to present is as under:

Month	QIM YoY	Cumulative	Month	QIM YoY	Cumulative
Jul-23	-5.39	-5.39	Mar-24	2.27	-0.08
Aug-23	0.21	-2.53	Apr-24	5.34	0.39
Sep-23	2.16	-0.97	May-24	7.39	0.98
Oct-23	-5.60	-2.16	Jun-24	-0.17	0.89
Nov-23	-0.52	-1.83	Jul-24	2.51	2.51
Dec-23	3.11	-0.91	Aug-24	-2.55	-0.15
Jan-24	1.12	-0.59	Sep-24	-1.92	-0.76
Feb-24	1.19	-0.36	Oct-24	0.02	-0.64

- (b) Policy measures to ensure sustained improvement in the LSM Sector need to be taken by Ministry of Industries & Production, Ministry of Commerce and Federal Board of Revenue, etc.

The monthly and cumulative growth rates of capital goods producing industries are as follows;

Capital Goods Industries	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Jul-Oct 2024-25
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	-10.9	-26.5	-18.1	-19.0	
Iron and Steel Products	-12.7	-14.4	-10.7	-12.6	
Machinery & Equipment	-11.1	-35.4	-73.5	-47.4	
Automobiles	72.0	-10.0	33.0	26.4	
Electrical Equipment	-19.2	-18.2	-31.4	-23.3	

The decline in LMS is mainly due to political instability, weaker economic activity and increase in cost of production in energy intensive sectors. LSM as gradually recovered from negative growth to a flatter growth in the month of October 2024.

*Question No. 15 **Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**
(Notice Received on 6/12/2024 at 12:15 PM) QID: 42700

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state details of all Testing laboratories working under PSQCA (field-wise) at present, indicating also the details of tests carried out by such labs along with their testing capabilities?

Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui:

The Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) is the National Standards body of Pakistan. As per section 14 of PSQCA Act VI of 1996, PSQCA is mandated to monitor the quality of food and non-food products which fall under the mandatory list of PSQCA. Currently, 173 items (food and non-food) included in the mandatory list of PSQCA (copy enclosed at **Annex-I**).

Quality Control Centre (QCC) of PSQCA is providing the testing facilities as multifunctional testing laboratory in the areas of Food, Chemical, Microbiology, Physical Engineering, Textile etc. The detail of testing laboratories of PSQCA is as under:

S:No	Location	Laboratories
1	QCC Karachi	16
2	QCC Lahore	05
3	QCC Peshawar	02
4	TSC Lahore	08

The detail of sector wise test performed in laboratories of PSQCA is attached as **Annex - II**

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

***Question No. 16 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**
(Notice Received on 6/12/2024 at 12:24 PM) QID: 42701

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to refer to starred Question No.48 replied on 1st November, 2024 and to state out of the indicated 57,929 tests by QCC Karachi during the last three years, the number of tests /inspections carried at operational medicine manufacturing factories in Karachi and adjacent areas, indicating also the names and findings of each test?

Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui:

Quality Control Centre (QCC) of Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) is providing the testing facilities as a multifunctional testing laboratory in the areas of Food, Chemical, Microbiology, Physical Engineering and Textile.

PSQCA does not conduct inspections at medicine factories. Checking the quality of medicines fall under the purview of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP). PSQCA does not have mandate for it.

***Question No. 17 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**
(Notice Received on 6/12/2024 at 3:09 PM) QID: 42703

Will the Minister for the Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *details of total export volume of IT services produced along with the total amount of revenue generated through the export of IT services so far during the current fiscal year in comparison with the last fiscal year; and*
- (b) *names of countries, where IT services were exported during the current and previous fiscal year, indicating also the steps taken or being taken to promote export of IT services in new markets especially in the Gulf region ?*

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan: (a)

Pakistan's IT sector has emerged as a key driver of economic growth, leveraging a young, tech-savvy workforce and robust government support to achieve remarkable progress. The Sector has become vital contributor to the country's foreign exchange earnings with IT exports crossing \$3.2 billion in FY24. Pakistan's dynamic software development cater to various global markets, especially the US, UK, and GCC countries.

Initiatives like tax incentives, IT parks, and skill development programs have further strengthened the ecosystem. IT Startups are flourishing, driven by innovation in fintech, e-commerce, and edtech. With strategic investment in digital infrastructure and policy reforms, Pakistan can harness its position as a leading IT outsourcing hub. Enhanced connectivity, tech entrepreneurship, and a focus on blockchain, AI, and cloud computing promise exponential growth. The IT Sector has the potential to transform Pakistan into a digital economy.

Ministry of Commerce along with Ministry of Information Technology & Telecom and attached departments like Trade Development Authority of Pakistan and Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) are working towards developing digital infrastructure and promotion of IT & ITeS Products internationally to increase its exports.

~~Part (a)~~ As reported by State Bank of Pakistan Total Export in IT Services is stated below

Value in USD million

S. No	Total IT Exports in FY24	Total IT Exports FY25 (July-October)	Total IT Exports FY24 (July-October)	% Change
1	3,222	1,063	762	39.5% increase

Source: SBP

~~Question 2)~~

(b) IT Exports to top 10 destinations in FY23-24

S.NO	Country	Total Exports FY 2023-24
1	U.S.A.	1,602.3
2	U.A.E.	261.8
3	U.K.	293.5
4	Ireland	191.6
5	Singapore	254.0
6	Canada	96.8
7	Hong Kong	40.9
8	Saudi Arabia	47.0
9	Bermuda	25.0
10	Germany	52.5

Source: SBP, Value in USD million

IT Exports to top 10 Destinations (Jul-Sep)

S.No	Country	FY23-24 (July-Sep)	FY25 (July-Sep)	%Change
1	U.S.A.	348.66	485.88	39%
2	U.A.E.	49.04	77.20	57%
3	U.K.	52.97	73.39	39%
4	Ireland	48.39	44.92	-7%
5	Singapore	27.75	31.51	14%
6	Canada	20.48	28.77	40%
7	Hong Kong	3.53	16.76	375%
8	Saudi Arabia	11.12	12.95	16%
9	Bermuda	0.81	10.23	1165%
10	Germany	12.36	9.04	-27%

Source: SBP, Value in USD million

Steps Being Taken to promote export of IT Services in new markets especially in the Gulf region

a). Ministry of Commerce has formed the Sectoral Council for IT & eCommerce to boost IT exports and strengthen IT Sector. The formation of council is in line with Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2025. The Council has the mandate to examine issues and challenges hampering the growth of this sector and propose a way forward. The proposals of the council will be taken to National Export Development Board, headed by the Prime Minister for speedy and effective implementation. The first meeting of the council has been conducted on 26th September 2024 at Ministry of Commerce chaired by the Minister for Commerce.

b). Trade Development Authority has conducted 17 International IT exhibitions in FY (2023-24) mainly in the countries: USA, UK, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, China, Netherland, Morocco, Canada, Japan, Ireland and Singapore.

For FY 2024-25, TDAP has planned the twenty (20) IT Exhibitions which include, six (06) international exhibitions in Gulf Region i.e. KSA, UAE and Qatar. Moreover, TDAP is also participating in the exhibitions in USA, UK, Ireland, Germany, Spain, Netherlands, Japan, Singapore, Canada and Portugal. Furthermore, out of these 20 international exhibitions, nine (09)

have been concluded and eleven (11) are in pipeline in the next half of FY 2024-25.

c). Moreover, a chapter on Digital Trade has been finalized for Pak-GCC and PAK-CEPA FTAs which will give an opportunity to Pakistani IT Companies to access the Gulf market. Furthermore, Ministry of Commerce has successfully held two B2B Pak-Saudi Business forums in May 2024 and October 2024 in which two MoU worth 18 million USD have been signed between Pakistani and Saudi IT Companies.

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***Question No. 18 Senator Muhammad Aslam Abro:**
(Notice Received on 24/12/2024 at 9:47 AM) QID: 42739

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

- (a) *the number of children, youth and elderly people in the country as per the 2023 census and their percentage of the total population; and*
- (b) *the details of languages spoken in the country as per the said census indicating also the percentage of the population speaking each of those languages?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:

(a) The desired population for different age groups as per the 7th Population & Housing Census-2023 (the Digital Census) is as under:

Age Group	Population in Nos.	Percent of Total Population
All	240,458,089	-
Under 1	5,203,921	2.16
Under 5	36,471,421	15.17
Under 10	68,743,557	28.59
Under 15	97,533,739	40.56
05 -- 24	105,685,149	43.95
15 -- 49	114,971,808	47.81
15 -- 64	134,393,166	55.89
18 -- 60	115,718,910	48.12
18 & Above	127,985,389	53.23
60 & Above	13,516,434	5.62
65 & Above	8,531,184	3.55

(b) The breakup of total population observed in 7th Population & Housing Census-2023 as per the spoken languages is given as under:

Language	Population in Nos.	Percent of Total Population
Urdu	22,249,307	9.25
Punjabi	88,915,544	36.98
Sindhi	34,401,564	14.31
Pusho	43,633,946	18.15
Balochi	8,117,795	3.38
Kashmiri	274,080	0.11
Saraiki	28,849,579	12.00
Hindko	5,590,559	2.32
Brahvi	2,778,670	1.16
Shina	116,951	0.05
Balti	52,134	0.02
Mewati	1,094,219	0.46
Kalasha	7,466	0.003
Kohistani	1,039,007	0.43
Others	3,337,268	1.39

*Question No. 19 **Senator Danesh Kumar:**

(Notice Received on 24/12/2024 at 3:06 PM) QID: 42744

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of junior officer of PSQCA are working on acting charge basis against senior posts of Director etc., if so, the details of such posts and incumbents working on acting charge basis along with the duration of their charge; and*
- (b) *reasons for not filling up said posts with incumbents on regular basis?*

Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui: (a) The detail of officers who have been granted additional / look after charge in PSQCA may be seen at Annex-A.

(b) The vacant posts shall be filled after appointment of regular Director General, PSQCA.

Annexure - A

The Director General PSQCA has assigned temporary look after charges to senior most officers, Mr. Ali Bux Soomro, BS-19 and Mr. Ashraf Palari, BS-19 due to Iddat leave of Mrs. Gul Sanobar, Director WTO and Standards as her husband died suddenly due to heart attack. The details are given as under:

S.No	Name of officer	BS	Designation	Look after/Additional charge	W.E.F.	Remarks	Approved by
1.	Mr. Taufique Ali Abbasi	20	DDG(F)	DG	20 Oct, 2024	Post of DG lying vacant (Copy at Annex-I)	Ministry
2.	Eng. Ali Bux Soomro	19	Director CA North	Director WTO and IA&TR	04 Nov, 2024	Temporary charge assigned till Iddat leave of Director Mrs. Gul Sanobar. (Copy at Annex-II)	DG (PSQCA)
3.	Eng. Khalid Ahmed Bablani	19	Director Import and Export	Director Finance	20 Nov, 2023	(Copy at Annex-III)	The then DG (PSQCA)
4.	Eng. Muhammad Ashraf Palari	19	Director CA South	Director Standards	04 Nov, 2024	Temporary charge assigned till Iddat leave of Director Mrs. Gul Sanobar. (Copy at Annex-IV)	DG (PSQCA)
5.	Mr. Abdul Wahid Memon	18	Deputy Director IA&TR	DD Admin	06 Nov, 2023	(Copy at Annex-V)	The then DG (PSQCA)
6.	Mr. Muhammad Zubair Nomanani	18	Deputy Director Legal	Director Legal	20 Jun, 2022	(Copy at Annex-VI) Position is lying vacant due to non-occurrence of DPC	The then DG (PSQCA)

Annex-I

Government of Pakistan
Ministry Science & Technology


6/8/24
1:15 PM

No. 1109/2013/PSQCA

1-Constitution Avenue, G-5/2,
Islamabad, the 1st August, 2024

OFFICE ORDER

The Federal Minister for Science & Technology has been pleased to assign look-after charge of the post of Director General, Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA), Karachi to Mr. Taufique Ali Abbasi, Deputy Director General (Finance) (BS-20), PSQCA w.e.f. 20th July, 2024 for a period of three months, or till the appointment of regular incumbent, whichever is earlier. During look after charge the officer will exercise powers as circulated by Establishment Division vide O.M.No.3/15/2016-R-II dated 9th April, 2021.


(ASHAR MAHMOOD)
Section Officer (Org-III)
Ph: 9201676

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3. PS to Addl. Secretary, MoST
4. APS to Joint Secretary (Org), MoST
5. APS to Deputy Secretary (Org), MoST
- ✓ 6. Officer Concerned
7. Master file

Annex-II**Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority**

No. NA/PSQA/HQ/2011/1374

Dated: 4th November, 2013**NOTIFICATION**

With the approval of Director General (PSQCA) the charge of the post of Director, WTO & LA&TR (PSQCA), Karachi is assigned to Engr. Ali Bux Somro, Director C.A Islamabad on Look after basis in addition to his own duties with immediate effect till further orders.


(ABDUL WAHID MEMON)
Deputy Director (Admin)

Distribution:

- i. All the Directors & Incharges of PSQCA Components Centres.
- ii. The Concerned Officer
- iii. Regional and Liaison Offices.
- iv. The SPS to Director General, PSQCA.
- v. Incharge LT Section PSQCA.
- vi. Office Record.

PAKISTAN STANDARDS AND QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY

No.1 (D/PSQCA/11Q/2022/854)

Karachi, dated 08th November, 2023OFFICE ORDER

In compliance of the directives of the competent authority, the following transfer / posting are made with immediate effect and until further orders:

01. Engr. Khalid Ahmed Bablani, Director (IA&TR) assigns the Look After Charge of the post of Director (Finance), Head Office, PSQCA, Karachi, in addition to his own duties,
02. Mr. Shahzad Jan Assistant Director (Audit) is posted as Assistant Director (Finance) QCC, PSQCA, Karachi. He is also directed to ensure proper handing/taking of official record.

This issues with the approval of Director General, PSQCA.


(ABDUL WAHEED MEMON)
Deputy Director (Admi:)

Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority

No. No 19/19) PSQCA/HQ-2011(196)

Dated: 4th November, 2024**NOTIFICATION**

With the approval of Director General (PSQCA) the charge of the post of Director Standards Wing (PSQCA), Karachi is assigned to Engr. Muhammad Ashraf Palari, Director C.A Karachi on Look after basis in addition to his own duties with immediate effect till further orders.


(ABDUL WAHEED MEMON)
Deputy Director (Admin)

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
PAKISTAN STANDARD AND QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

F. No. 161/PSQCA/HQ/2023

Islamabad the 6th November, 2023**NOTIFICATION**

Mr. Abdul Waheed Memon, Deputy Director (IA&TR) is hereby assigned the additional charge of the post of Deputy Director (Admin) for a period of 3-months in addition to his own duties with immediate effect and till further orders.

2. This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.


(MUMTAZ ALI MEHAR)
Admin Officer

Mr. Abdul Waheed Memon,
Deputy Director (IA&TR / Admin),
PSQCA, Head Quarter Karachi

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Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority

PSQCA/Misc./Head Office/2022-23

3rd November 2023

SECRETARY (MOST)
By No. 4237
Date: 03-11-23

Subject: Transfer Posting and Initiatives in PSQCA

It is proposed that following changes/action are required for smooth functioning and uplifting the image of authority (PSQCA).

Transfer posting

- 1) Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Panhwar Deputy Director Repatriation to his parent organization PCSIR.
- 2) Mr. Ali Bux Director (Technical) will be transferred and posted as Director (Imp/Export) with additional charge of Director (Standards).
- 3) Mr. Abdul Wahaed Memon Deputy Director (IA&TR) will be assigned the charge of Deputy Director (Admin) PSQCA in addition to his own duties.
- 4) Mr. Ali Muhammed Bukhari DD(F) Head Office will be transferred and posted as DD (F) SDC Lahore.
- 5) Mr. Dildar Ali Anwar, Assistant Director (WTO) will be transferred and posted as AD (Admin Head Office).
- 6) Mr. Shahzad Ahmed Siddiqui Account Officer QCC will be transferred to Head Office PSQCA as A.D (Finance).
- 7) Transfer Posting of Field officers on performance basis/right sizing basis.

Actions

- 1) Change of DDO/Signatory of PSQCA Head Office.
- 2) Re-activation of licencing impartiality Committee.
- 3) Activation of PSQCA automation system for bill Conformity Assessment Offices throughout Pakistan after training of Officers.


Ms. Jamal Gul Khattak
Director General (PSQCA)

Secretary (MOST)

Transfers postings as #1 & #6 approved as recommended.

DG/PSQCA

for necessary action and orders

Admin/Office



Annex-VI**PAKISTAN STANDARDS AND QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY**

No.1(1)/PSQC.VHQ/2021(349)

Karachi, dated June 20, 2022

OFFICE ORDER

Mr. Muhammad Zubair Nomani, Deputy Director Legal (BS-18), PSQCA Karachi is allowed the look after charge of Director (Legal) in his own pay and scale with immediate effect and until further order.

This issues with the approval of Director General, PSQCA.

(GHULAM UNBER RAZI)
Secretary

Distribution:

01. All Directors of PSQCA
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03. Audit Officer, PSQCA
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***Question No. 20 Senator Danesh Kumar:**
(Notice Received on 24/12/2024 at 3:07 PM) QID: 42743

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the details of the inquiries conducted/completed against the officers of PSQCA over last three years and action taken on the inquiry report indicating inquiries currently under process?

Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui: During the last three years, eight inquiries have been conducted against the officers of PSQCA. The details may be seen at **Annex-A**.

Annex-A

Subject of Inquiry	Detail of Inquiry	Status
01 Inquiry regarding irregularities in purchase of Laboratory equipment for PSQCA Laboratories / offices project.	The inquiry was conducted and minor penalty of censure was imposed on Mr. Khalid Ahmed Bablani Ex-Project Director (BS-19) and Nawaz Sheikh Assistant Director / DDO (BS-17) PSQCA on 30.07.2020 (Annex-I).	Inquiry has been completed by MoST
02 Inquiry regarding irregularities in the recruitment process in PSQCA (2017).	E&D inquiry on account of irregularities in the recruitment process in PSQCA was conducted against Mr. Ghulam Umer Kazi, the then Secretary, PSQCA. On the directions of the Ex-Federal Minister, he was warned on 18 th August, 2022 (Annex-II).	Inquiry has been completed by MoST
03 Fact finding inquiry regarding financial and administrative mismanagement by Syed Ali Muhammad Bukhari.	The fact finding inquiry was conducted by CF&AO. The recommendations of the Inquiry were shared with PSQCA on 19.05.2023 (Annex-III).	Inquiry has been completed by MoST
04 Fact finding inquiry to ascertain the ownership of the PSQCA building situated in Multan.	A Show Cause notice was served on Mr. Umer Farooq, Field Officer (BS-17), Multan on accounts of nepotism, favoritism, misconduct and inefficiency by dispensing with the inquiry as the property belongs to his wife (Annex-IV). He has submitted reply on Show Cause notice. Minor penalty was imposed on him.	Inquiry has been completed by MoST
05 Complaints about the recruitment process in PSQCA stoppage of all process of recruitment in PSQCA	The Inquiry was conducted by Dr. Afzal Hussain, Dy. Director General (PCRET) and Mr. Muhammad Kashif Bara, Deputy Secretary (Org), MoST on 25.08.2023. The inquiry officers recommended to make efforts to appoint regular Director General and conduct special audit.	In light of recommendations of inquiry report the recruitment process was stopped.
06 Probe into the recruitment process in BS-01 to BS-04 in PSQCA	Mr. Shakil Arshad, Deputy Scientific Advisor, MoST being probe officer has submitted inquiry report to inquiry officer i.e Mr. Rzwana Ahmed Sheikh, Senior Joint Secretary (Admn), MoST	Inquiry is under process in MoST

		<p>Fact Finding Committee recommends that proceeding in line with E&D Rules may be initiated against all the involved officer in the recruitment process as all of them have failed to ensure compliance with proper rules.</p> <p>It is also recommended that the entire faulty and mala-file process of recruitment may be scrapped immediately and notice may be issued to PSQCA for canceling this whole process</p>																																	
07.	<p>Illegal appointment of Dr. Afzal Shahzad as director at Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA), Ministry of Science</p>	<p>Inquiry Committee headed by Sr. Joint Secretary (Admn, MoST) was constituted to inquire the illegal appointment of Dr. Shehzad Afzal in PSQCA. The committee submitted its report on 29.07.2016 on the basis of that report PSQCA was directed to conduct E&D proceeding against Dr. Shehzad Afzal.</p> <p>Dr. Shehzad Afzal filed W.P No. 79/2019 before the Islamabad High Court with the prayers that a direction may kindly be issued to the respondent (MoST/PSQCA) to restrain from demoting the petitioner from BS-19 to any other lower post and also prayed that no action should be taken against the petitioner without issuance of showcase notice. The Court vide order dated 02.10.2024 (Annex-V) dismissed the write petition being devoid of merit.</p>	<p>Inquiry will be completed upon appointment of regular Director of General PSQCA</p>																																
08.	<p>Inquiry conducted by NAB against 8 officers / officials of PSQCA</p>	<p>Provision of information under section 27 of National Accountability Ordinance-1999 (Diary No. 7080/2022), dated 24th January, 2023, 31st May 2023 and June 2023</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1003 548 1268 1430"> <tr> <td>01.</td> <td>Syed Ali Bukhari</td> <td>Muhammad</td> <td>Deputy Director (BPS-18)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02.</td> <td>Syed Ali Raza Rizvi</td> <td></td> <td>Assistant Director (BPS-17)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03.</td> <td>Ghazi Hassan</td> <td></td> <td>Stenographer (BPS-16)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>04.</td> <td>Shista Rizvi</td> <td></td> <td>Assistant Director (BPS-17)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>05.</td> <td>Shabana Rizvi</td> <td></td> <td>Computer Operator (BPS-14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>06.</td> <td>Rimsha Fatima</td> <td></td> <td>Lab Assistant (BPS-05)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>07.</td> <td>Syed Kumail Haider</td> <td></td> <td>BPS-01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>08.</td> <td>Syed Tayab Hussain Zaidi</td> <td></td> <td>Junior Computer Operator (BPS-12)</td> </tr> </table>	01.	Syed Ali Bukhari	Muhammad	Deputy Director (BPS-18)	02.	Syed Ali Raza Rizvi		Assistant Director (BPS-17)	03.	Ghazi Hassan		Stenographer (BPS-16)	04.	Shista Rizvi		Assistant Director (BPS-17)	05.	Shabana Rizvi		Computer Operator (BPS-14)	06.	Rimsha Fatima		Lab Assistant (BPS-05)	07.	Syed Kumail Haider		BPS-01	08.	Syed Tayab Hussain Zaidi		Junior Computer Operator (BPS-12)	<p>Under process</p>
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Annex-I

Ministry of Science & Technology

No. 2(B4)/2017-PSQCA

The Director General,
PSQCA
Karachi.1-Constitutional Avenue, G-5/2,
Islamabad, the 30th July, 2020

Annex - I (15)

Subject: IRREGULARITIES IN PURCHASE OF LAB EQUIPMENT
PROVISION OF FURNITURE AND FIXTURE FOR PSQCA
COMPLEX KARACHI

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above.

2. It is stated that Authorized Officer/Addl. Secretary granted the opportunity of personal hearing to all the accused in respect of PSDP project "Purchase of the Laboratory equipment and provision of furniture and fixture for PSQCA Complex, Karachi" and has imposed minor penalty of "Censure" upon Mr. Khalid Ahmed Bablani, Ex-Project Director (BS-19) and Mr. Nawaz Sheikh, Assistant Director/DDO (BS-17), PSQCA Complex, Karachi. To probe the irregularities committed in the said project, DG PSQCA is directed to conduct special audit of the project and submit report to this Ministry at the earliest. Also, DG, PSQCA make ensures that illegally transferred project funds from assignment account may immediately be shifted back to the Government Exchequer.

3. This issues with the approval of Worthy Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology.

(ASHAR MAHMOOD)
Section Officer (Org-III)
Ph: 9201676

Copy to:-

- i. Ps to Secretary, MoST
- ii. PS to Addl. Secretary, MoST
- iii. APS to Joint Secretary MoST
- iv. APS to Deputy Secretary MoST
- v. Director General, PSQCA, Karachi.
- vi. The Officer Concerned.
- vii. Master File

Annex-II

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Science & Technology

F. No. 2(81)/2017-PSQCA


1-Constitutional Avenue, G-5/2,
Islamabad, the 18th August, 2022

The Director General,
PSQCA Complex, ST-7/A, Block-3,
Scheme-36, Gulistan-e-Jauhar,
Karachi.

Subject: **E&D INQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING
IRREGULARITIES IN THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS IN
PSQCA, KARACHI.**

I am directed to refer to subject cited above and to convey the directions / decision of the Federal Minister for Science & Technology, to warn Mr. Ghulam Umer Kazi, Secretary PSQCA, on account of mismanagement during recruitment process in PSQCA.

2. The DG, PSQCA, is requested for taking further necessary action in the matter as per directions mentioned above under intimation to this Ministry.


(ASHAR MAHMOOD)
Section Officer (Org-III)
Phone: 9201676

Copy to:

- i. Director to Minister, MoST
- ii. PS to the Secretary, MoST
- iii. PS to Addl. Secretary, MoST
- iv. APS to Joint Secretary (Org), MoST
- v. Master File

Annex-III

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Science & Technology

NO. 2(40)/2006-PSQCA

1-Constitutional Avenue, G-5/2,
Islamabad, the 19th May, 2022

The Director General,
PSQCA, Street-7/A Block-3,
Scheme-36, Gulistan-e-Jauhar,
Karachi.

Subject: FACT FINDING INQUIRY REPORT REGARDING FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MISMANAGEMENT ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY MR. ALI MUHAMMAD BUKHARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (FINANCE), PSQCA


I am directed to refer to subject cited above and to state that a fact finding inquiry regarding alleged mismanagement committed by Mr. Ali Muhammad Bukhari, Deputy Director (Finance), PSQCA was conducted in this Ministry. The recommendation of the inquiry are as under for perusal and for necessary action.

Recommendations:**Specific to complain:**

1. The unadjusted and unrecovered amount of HBA/ MCA may be adjusted against the salary of Mr. Muhammad Ali Bukhari and his relatives as per rules.
2. A detailed internal audit of the PSQCA HQ may be conducted to authenticate the proper investment of revenues earned by PSQCA during 2010 to 2022, any overpayments made of him and his relatives other than above, retrieve record of payments and receipt in general etc.

General Recommendations:

1. The Director Generals and Deputy Director Generals Finance serving during the happening of these irregularities may be reprimanded or censured for the acts of omission/ commission to address the financial and administrative mismanagements which included promotions, hiring of his relatives or any other employees without codal requirements, payment of HBA/MCA and other advances in violation of rules, non-maintenance of official records including personal files and failing to implement internal control systems as per GER and Treasury Rules.
2. Financial Rules, Regulations and accounting Procedures for PSQCA may be immediately approved being a revenue generating body to eliminate the further chances of corruption, mismanagement and for safeguarding public money.


ASIF MAHMOOD
Section Officer (Org.-II)
Ph: 9201676

Copy to:

- i. PS to Secretary, MoST
- ii. PS to Joint Secretary (Org.), MoST
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- iv. Master File

No. 2(40)/2006-PSQCA (II)

F.No. 5(10)/2021 F&A

No.2 (7.1)/2023-PSQCA
 GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
 MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Islamabad, the 27th December, 2023

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Whereas, you Mr. Umer Farooq, Field Officer, (BS-17) PSQCA, Multan, have committed following acts which constitute nepotism, favoritism, misconduct and inefficiency under rule 2(k) of Government Servants (E&D) Rules, 2020, read with rule 26 of Government Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1964:-

1. That you, Mr. Umer Farooq while working as Field Officer/Deputy Director (BS-17), PSQCA committed misconduct, nepotism, favoritism and corruption by way of manhandling to rent a property measuring 10 Marla; (Chalwat No. B34, Khatooni No. 1115 belonging to your wife Mrs. Naheed Akhtar in favour of PSQCA for use as Multan Office of PSQCA;

2. That you, while working as Field Officer/Deputy Director (Incharge) of Multan Office of PSQCA used your influence to hire the said property without fulfilling the necessary codal formalities including that a) No assessment committee was formed for evaluation of the rent; b) neither the Ministry of Science and Technology, nor Ministry of Housing or Pak. PWD were consulted and c) no rent assessment certificate was obtained from Pak. PWD. These omission constitute corruption and inefficiency.

2. Whereas by reasons of the above facts, you appear to be guilty of misconduct and inefficiency within the meaning of rule 2(k) of Government Servants (E&D) Rules 2020.

3. And whereas, I Ali Raza Bhutta, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology being the Authority under Rule-2(c) of E&D Rules, 2020 has decided that sufficient grounds exist to proceed against you by dispensing inquiry under rule 7 of E&D Rules, 2020 since sufficient documentary evidence has come to light through a fact finding inquiry (copy attached).

4. Now therefore, you are hereby called upon to Show Cause in writing within 14 days of issuance of this notice, as to why major penalty of "Removal from Service" under rule 4(3)(b)(d) should not be imposed upon you. You are hereby further called upon to intimate in writing if you want to be heard in person.

5. Your written reply to Show Cause Notice should reach to the office of the undersigned within 14 days of its issuance falling which, it will be presumed that you have no defense to offer or you have declined to offer the same and accept the charges. Therefore, ex-parte decision shall be taken against you.

(Ali Raza Bhutta)
 Authority/Secretary (MoST)

Mr. Umer Farooq,
 Field Officer,
 PSQCA Office (Multan)

IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

33677 / Writ
07-Oct-2024

11/10/2024
11/10/24

From,

The Deputy Registrar (Judicial),
Islamabad High Court,
Islamabad.

To,

- 1. Secretary,
Constitution Division, Cabinet Block, Islamabad
- 2. Officer General PSQA,
Plot No. S-7 A, Block A, Scheme No. 16 Ghalambor Jinnah Park
- 3. Secretary,
Ministry of Science & Technology 1-Constitution Avenue, Islamabad

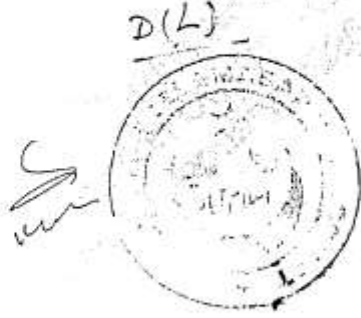
Subject: W.P. 79/2019 Service Other ISB
Dr. Shehzad Afzal-AS-FDP etc

Dear Sir,

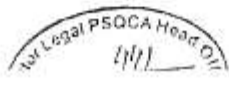
I am directed to forward for information and immediate compliance a copy of this Court's order dated 02-10-2024 passed by the The Honorable Chief Justice in the above noted case.

Yours Faithfully,

Decided Matter



Assistant Registrar (Writ)
For Deputy Registrar (Judicial)



From the 19th Sept. 1971
ORDER SHEET
 IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD,
 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Writ Petition No.79/2019

Dr. Shehzad Akmal

Versus

S. No. of order/proceedings	Date of order/proceedings	Federation of Pakistan, etc. Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
	02.10.2024	Ms. Zainab - Samantash, Advocate for the Applicant/Petitioner. Pai Azhar Iqbal Kharal, Advocate for the Respondents. Mr. Sarfraz Kaul, Assistant Attorney General.

C.M. No. 2756/2024

This is an application seeking permission to place additional documents on record. The application is allowed, subject to all just and legal exceptions.

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Through the instant petition, the petitioner *inter alia* seeks direction to the respondents not to take any action with respect to demotion of the petitioner to any lower post and also any action on anonymous application.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contended that petitioner was appointed on contract and subsequently was regularized, however, currently he is working on deputation in Bangladesh but disciplinary proceedings are pending against him.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents refuted the position and submitted that the matter already has been

6. In view of the foregoing, the instant petition is devoid of merit and is accordingly dismissed. All pending applications are accordingly disposed of.

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53 OCT 2024
M. Shah /
Examiner
of Supply Section
Federal High Court
Islamabad


(CHIEF JUSTICE)



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***Question No. 21 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**
(Notice Received on 26/12/2024 at 4:07 PM) QID: 42751

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state total amount of Federal PSDP funds allocated as well as released for the development of Health Infrastructure in Lasbella and HUB districts of Balochistan since 2015 till date along with year-wise allocations, indicating present status /progress achieved against each such project?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry: It is stated that health sector stands devolved to the provinces after the 18th Constitutional Amendment. As per record no development in Lasbella and Hub districts of Balochistan funded through the Federal PSDP since 2015.

**National Public Investment 2023-24 and Public Investment 2024-25
(Ministry / Division-wise Summary)**

S. No.	Name of Ministry / Division	PSDP 2023-24			PSDP 2024-25		
		Rupee	Foreign Loan	Total	Foreign Loan	Rupee	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A. Federal Ministries:							
1	Aviation Division	0.000	5,450.000	5,450.000	2,590.000	3,893.000	4,393.000
2	Board of Investment	0.000	1,114.700	1,114.700	0.000	1,158.000	1,158.000
3	Cabinet Division	0.000	90,120.000	90,120.000	0.000	25,773.000	25,773.000
4	Climate Change Division	0.000	4,050.000	4,050.000	101.000	6,155.000	5,256.000
5	Commerce Division	0.000	1,100.000	1,100.000	0.000	2,205.300	2,205.300
6	Communications (other than NHA)	0.000	300.300	300.300	0.000	728.000	728.000
7	Defence Division	0.000	3,195.000	3,200.000	300.000	5,000.000	5,288.000
8	Defence Production Division	0.000	1,600.000	1,600.000	0.000	3,770.000	3,770.000
9	Establishment Division	0.000	840.000	840.000	0.000	921.000	921.000
10	Federal Education & Professional Training Division	0.000	8,600.000	8,600.000	422.700	20,328.220	20,751.000
11	Finance Division	258.000	2,962.000	3,220.000	1,008.000	4,475.404	5,694.000
12	Provinces and Special Areas	3,150.000	106,750.000	109,900.000	4,460.000	222,996.000	227,316.000
	<i>i</i> Provincial Projects	0.000	52,600.000	52,600.000	0.000	82,816.000	82,816.000
	<i>ii</i> Merged Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	0.000	87,000.000	87,000.000	0.000	70,000.000	70,000.000
	<i>iii</i> Special Areas (AJ&K and GB)	3,150.000	87,750.000	90,900.000	4,460.000	70,000.000	74,800.000
13	Higher Education Commission	1,050.000	98,050.000	99,100.000	8,128.200	52,986.752	61,115.000
14	Housing & Works Division	0.000	40,000.000	40,000.000	0.000	24,338.000	24,338.000
15	Human Rights Division	0.000	814.000	814.000	0.000	104.000	104.000
16	Industries & Production Division	0.000	3,000.000	3,000.000	0.000	4,208.700	4,208.700
17	Information & Broadcasting Division	0.000	1,950.000	2,000.000	0.000	6,300.000	6,300.000
18	Information Technology & Telecommunication Division	200.000	5,740.000	6,000.000	17,318.840	6,610.351	23,929.000
19	Inter Provincial Coordination Division	0.000	1,900.000	1,900.000	0.000	3,450.000	3,450.000
20	Interior Division	0.000	8,800.000	8,800.000	0.000	8,720.000	8,720.000
21	Law & Justice Division	0.000	1,400.000	1,400.000	0.000	630.000	630.000
22	Maritime Affairs Division	15.000	2,667.202	2,672.202	534.200	2,065.794	2,600.000
23	Narcotics Control Division	0.000	100.000	100.000	0.000	160.500	160.500
24	National Food Security & Research Division	445.010	8,404.184	8,850.000	700.000	23,228.000	23,928.000
25	National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination Division	380.000	12,720.000	13,100.000	885.000	23,865.000	24,750.000
26	National Heritage & Culture Division	0.000	540.000	540.000	0.000	1,015.000	1,015.000
27	Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission	0.000	22,680.000	22,680.000	0.000	25,000.000	25,000.000
28	Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority	0.000	100.000	100.000	0.000	256.330	256.330
29	Petroleum Division	0.000	1,500.000	1,500.000	0.000	2,475.700	2,475.700
30	Planning, Development & Special Initiatives Division	6,700.000	18,198.826	24,898.826	6,307.650	45,198.763	51,406.413
31	Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety Division	0.000	500.000	500.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
32	Railways Division	130.000	12,600.000	13,000.000	201.000	34,700.000	35,000.000
33	Religious Affairs & Inter Faith Harmony Division	0.000	800.000	800.000	0.000	500.000	500.000
34	Revenue Division	300.000	2,600.000	3,200.000	5,303.830	4,332.170	9,669.000
35	Science & Technological Research Division	0.000	8,000.000	8,000.000	0.000	8,840.500	8,840.500
36	States & Frontier Regions Division	964.223	0.000	964.223	1,184.000	0.000	1,184.000
37	Strategic Plans Division	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	987.000	987.000
38	S U P A R C O	1,730.885	5,180.115	6,900.000	20,000.000	3,487.000	24,117.000
39	Water Resources Division	20,132.463	92,387.537	110,560.000	62,836.000	121,982.000	184,598.000
Total (Federal Ministries):		38,271.387	616,956.874	653,228.281	133,201.840	609,943.902	633,145.601
B. Corporations:							
1	National Highway Authority	13,000.000	143,410.000	156,800.000	25,220.000	136,044.350	161,264.350

**National Public Investment 2023-24 and Public Investment 2024-25
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	C. Project Liabilities	0.000	5,000.000	5,000.000	0.000	1,000.000	1,000.000
	D. Prime Minister's Initiatives	0.000	80,000.000	80,000.000			
	Total (Federal PSDP):	76,000.000	878,000.000	954,000.000	220,000.000	880,000.000	1,100,000.000
	E. PPP	0.000	175,000.000	175,000.000	0.000	400,000.000	400,000.000
	Total (Federal PSDP + PPP):	76,000.000	1,053,000.000	1,129,000.000	220,000.000	1,280,000.000	1,500,000.000
	F. SOEs				0.000	194,839.000	194,839.000
	G. Provinces	589,000.000	890,000.000	1,550,000.000	615,750.000	1,479,630.000	2,065,380.000
	Grand Total (National):	644,000.000	2,040,000.000	2,684,000.000	635,750.000	2,956,469.000	3,752,219.000

Sector-wise summary of PSDP 2024-25 is given as under;

Sector-wise PSDP 2024-25

Sector/Sub-sector		2024-25
A.	Infrastructure	669
i.	Energy	169
ii.	Transport & Communications	268
iii.	Water	143
iv.	Physical Planning & Housing	89
B.	Social	175
i.	Health & Nutrition	35
ii.	Education including HEC	83
iii.	SDGs Achievement Programme	25
iv.	Other Social Sectors	32
C.	Special Areas (AJ&K, GB)	75
D.	Merged Districts	70
E.	Science & I.T	62
F.	Governance	17
G.	Production Sectors	32
i.	Food & Agriculture	25
ii.	Industries	7
Total (A to G)		1,100

Annex-II**Federal PSDP 2024-25: Projects Located in Lasbella and Hub**

(Rs in Million)						
PSDP S#	Project Name	Approval Status	Total Cost	Estimated Expenditure 30.06.2024	Throw-forward 01.07.2024	Allocation 2024-25
NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY						
98	Construction of Motorway Hub-Dureji-Dadu (M-7) (Feasibility Study)	DDWP 06.06.2022	200.0	0.0	200.0	5.0
HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION						
314	Development of Infrastructure at Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water and Marine Sciences, Lasbela, Uthal – Balochistan (Phase-II)	DDWP 11.03.2020	1,250.0	1,150.0	100.0	100.0
413	Establishment of Permanent Campus of Lasbela University of Agriculture Water & Marine Sciences (LUAWMS), Uthal at Wadh	DDWP 15.01.2021	1,495.1	270.0	1,225.1	300.0
HOUSING & WORKS DIVISION						
506	Rehabilitation / upgradation Sakran Dureji Road Different Reaches (Phase-I KM 16 to 50) District Lasbela	DDWP 06.06.2022	444.3	405.0	39.3	39.3
507	Rehabilitation / upgradation Sakran Dureji Road Different Reaches (Phase-I KM 50 to 75) District Lasbela	DDWP 06.06.2022	426.9	392.0	34.8	34.8
536	DEC Gawadar & Lasbela	DDWP 05.05.2023	517.9	184.8	333.1	333.1
544	Development Schemes in Pirhyar, ARI Peer Barak Behloor District HUB (04 Schemes)	DDWP 05.05.2023	483.7	380.5	103.1	103.1
INDUSTRIES & PRODUCTION DIVISION						
634	Establishment of Hub Special Economic Zone, Lasbela Balochistan	CDWP 29.11.2021	3,008.2	299.4	2,708.8	750.0
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION						
1047	Construction of Winder Dam, District Lasbela	ECNEC 16.03.2020	15,230.8	10,930.0	4,300.8	2,150.0
Total:			23,056.7	14,011.7	9,045.0	3,815.3

*Question No. 22 **Senator Quratulain Marri:**
(Notice Received on 27/12/2024 at 10:37 AM) QID: 42761

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that cases of pensions and gratuities of retired employees of Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) for the past six months are pending due to the vacant position of the Chairman PSF, if so, number of affected employees with the grade-wise breakup of the pending payments; and*

(b) *steps taken / being taken to resolve the issue and the time till such issue stands resolved?*

Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui: (a) The cases of pensions and gratuities of following retired employees of Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) are pending due to the vacant position of the Chairman, Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF).

Sr.	Name and Designation	D.O. Retirement
1.	Dr. Khalid Mehmood, Ex-Director (BS-20), PMNH, Islambad	09-07-2024
2.	Mirza Intiaz Baig Ex-Deputy Director Admin (BS-18), PMNH, Islambad	01-09-2024

(b) Both cases will be finalized within a week time and monthly pension payment will be released on provisionally basis subject to Ex-post facto approval of the Competent Authority i.e. Chairman, PSF.

***Question No. 23 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**
(Notice Received on 1/01/2025 at 2:58 PM) QID: 42797

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a ban on import of Gold in the country, if so, details thereof;*
- (b) *details of annual consumption of Gold in the country indicating also the estimated quantity of smuggled Gold in the market during the last ten years; and*
- (c) *steps taken / being taken by the Government to devise a policy regarding legal import of Gold in the country and mitigate its smuggling?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD,
the 13th January, 2025

HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH,
Acting Secretary.