

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 15th January, 2025

***Question No. 24 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 29/11/2024 at 3:55 PM) QID: 42665

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state whether any action has been taken against the BISP officials/agents who were involved in fraudulent withdrawals, if so, the details thereof indicating also the embezzled amount and recoveries made during the last five years with province wise breakup?

Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety: BISP has a zero tolerance against embezzlement/corruption. Any bank agent found involved in illegal deduction/embezzlement is immediately blocked through concerned bank and also blacklisted in the system so that such agents cannot make any BISP related transactions through other partner banks of BISP. Recoveries from such agents are made in coordination with concerned banks. In addition to this, FIRs/complaints are also registered through Police and FIA against those agents who are involved in embezzlement of large amounts and/or against those from whom recoveries are not made. It is also pertinent to mention that after closure of contracts with partner banks, all outstanding embezzled amounts are recovered through adjustment from their pending service charges.

Province wise breakup of amount embezzled, recovered and outstanding during last five years is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

List of Officers/officials of BISP Regions involved in fraudulent withdrawals along with actions taken, is enclosed at **Annex-B**.

Province Wise Summary of Embezzlement Cases During Last Five Years

S.No	Province	POS Agents Involved	Total Embezzled Amount	Recovered Amount	Outstanding Amount
1	Kyber Pakhtunkhwa	491	56,740,018	30,875,475	25,864,543
2	Azad Jammu And Kashmir/Gilgit Baltistan	35	24,050	23,050	1,000
3	Balochistan	379	8,034,350	1,088,300	6,946,050
4	Punjab	6,029	64,285,080	31,387,070	32,898,010
5	Sindh	1,813	15,650,300	6,122,400	9,527,900
	Grand Total	8,747	144,733,798	69,496,295	75,237,503

Annex-B

DETAIL OF OUTCOME / ACTION TAKEN AGAINST OFFICERS / OFFICIALS OF BISP REGIONS DURING LAST FIVE YEARS				
PUNJAB REGION				
Sl.#	Name of Employee	Designation	Charges	Remarks
1	Meher Muhammad Asif	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Major penalty of "Removal from Service" was imposed upon him on 15-04-2021
2	Mr. Alla ud Din	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Major penalty of "Dismissal from Service" was imposed upon on 26-07-2019.
3	Ms. Zubaida Malik	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Major penalty of "Dismissal from Service" was imposed upon her on 22-04-2019.
4	Mr. Naveed Ahmed	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Major penalty of "Dismissal from Service" was imposed upon him on 24-12-2019.
5	Mr. Hasnain Arif	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Major penalty of "Dismissal from Service" was imposed upon him on 02-12-2019.
6	Mr. Muhammad Aslam	Assistant (Complaint)	Embezzlement & Corruption	Major penalty of "Removal from Service" was imposed upon him on 20-12-2019.
7	Mr. Aftab Ahmed	Assistant (Complaint)	Embezzlement & Corruption	Major penalty of "Removal from Service" was imposed upon him on 01-07-2021.
8	Mr. Nasir Mehmood	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Major penalty of "Removal from Service" was imposed upon him on 13-11-2019.
9	Syed Shoaib Raza	Chowkidar	Embezzlement & Corruption	Major penalty of "Removal from Service" was imposed upon him on 10-12-2018.
10	Ms. Bazgha Javed	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Minor penalty of "Censure" was imposed upon him on 21-08-2023.
11	Mr. Muhammad Ali Korai	Assistant (Complaint)	Embezzlement & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department on 25-03-2024.
12	Syed Alamgir Gillani	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department on 14-03-2024.
13	Ms. Saima Batool	Assistant (Complaint)	Inefficiency & Corruption	Repatriated to her parent department on 22-12-2023.
14	Mr. Muzammil Abbas	Assistant (Complaint)	Inefficiency & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department on 22-12-2023.
15	Mr. Ihsan Ullah Kamboh	Deputy Director	Inefficiency & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department on 22-12-2023.
16	Mr. Sohail Arif	Assistant (Complaint)	Inefficiency & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department on 21-09-2023.
17	Dr. Muhammad Fayyaz Ahmad	Director	Inefficiency & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department on 21-09-2023.

18	Mr. Khurram Mukhtar Watto	Assistant (Complaint)	Embezzlement & Corruption	Minor penalty of "Withholding of annual; increment for a period of three yerar and withholding of promotion for a period of three years" was imposed upon him on 19-02-2024.
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA REGION				
Sl.#	Name of Employee	Designation	Charges	Remarks
1	Mr. Imran Khan	Deputy Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Extorting money from the retailers, a fact-finding is underway
2	Mr. Muhammad Arif	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Extorting money from the retailers, a fact-finding is underway
3	Mr. Shafiullah	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Extorting money from the retailers, a fact-finding is underway
3	Mr. Sanaullah	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Disciplinary proceedings are under process
4	Mr. Muhammad Zohaib	Assistant (Complaint)	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption	Disciplinary proceedings are under process
5	Mr. Muhammad Munir	Chowkidar	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption	Minor penalty of withholding of increment for one year was imposed upon him on 06-02-2024
SINDH REGION				
Sl.#	Name of Employee	Designation	Charges	Remarks
1	Mr. Shafqat Ali	Assistant Media Officer	Embezzlement & Corruption	Disciplinary proceedings are under process
2	Mr. Muhammad Ishaque Naich	ASSISTANT	Embezzlement & Corruption	Disciplinary proceedings are under process
3	Ms. Shamim Akhtar Marri,	Coordination Officer	Embezzlement & Corruption	Repatriated to her parent department on account of alleged embezzlement and corruption.
4	Mr. Hosh Muhammad Wassan	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Repatriated on 08-08-2024 and his parent office has been requested to initiated disciplinary proceedings.
5	Mr. Naseem Ahmed	Assistant Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Repatriated and his parent office has been requested to initiated disciplinary proceedings.

6	Mr. Muhammad Qasim	Assistant (Complaint)	Embezzlement & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department
7	Mr. Altaf Ahmed Memon	Divisional Director	Embezzlement & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department 29-06-2021.
8	Mr. Muhammad Hassan Pirzada	APS	Embezzlement & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department 29-06-2021.
9	Mr. Habib ur Rehman	Assistant Director	Inefficiency & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department 14-06-2024.
10	Mr. Bahadur Ali Bhurgri	Assistant Director	Inefficiency & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department on 14-06-2024.
11	Mr. Javed Ahmed Kakepoto	Assistant Director	Inefficiency & Corruption	Repatriated to his parent department on 16-03-2023.

BALOCHISTAN REGION				
Sl.#	Name of Employee	Designation	Charges	Remarks
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
GILGIT – BALTISTAN REGION				
Sl.#	Name of Employee	Designation	Charges	Remarks
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR REGION				
Sl.#	Name of Employee	Designation	Charges	Remarks
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

***Question No. 25 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 9/12/2024 at 11:57 AM) QID: 42711

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that project of Bhara Kahu Green Enclave was undertaken as a joint venture in 2009, if so, the details of the JV partner firms indicating their names, capital worth investment, category and registration number with Pakistan Engineering Council along with the criteria adopted for awarding them with such contract?

Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada:

- The Executive Committee of the FGE Housing Authority in its 105th meeting held on 17-03-2009 accorded approval of this scheme with M/s Green Tree (Pvt.) Ltd for purchase of 3000 kanals private raw land at Bara Kahu, Islamabad at the rate of Rs. 9,50,000/- per Kanal.
- Accordingly, FGE Housing Authority executed an agreement with M/s Green Tree Pvt. Ltd. on 01-04-2009 and land measuring 3153 kanals 07 Marlas transferred in the name of FGE Housing Authority.
- Dr. Muhammad Hafeez Abbasi was the Chief Executive of M/s. Green Tree (Pvt.) Ltd.
- His PEC licence No. 343 Category: CA.
- FGE Housing Authority entered into agreement with M/s Green Tree Pvt. Ltd. through Expression of Interest (EOI).

***Question No. 26 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 10/12/2024 at 12:41 PM) QID: 42715

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the details of the Thallian Housing Scheme, indicating also name of the JV partner, its investment and guarantees deposited, the amount deposited by members including processing fee and date of cancellation and status of amount returned to members?

Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada: The detail is at ANNEX-A.

Annex-A**Annex-A**

- FGE Housing Authority signed a JV agreement with M/S K.S Developers & Builders (Pvt.) Ltd. on 26-09-2016 after approval of the Executive Committee in its 132nd meeting held on 08-01-2015. The aim was to provide developed plots preliminary in Mouza Khairi Mourat, Mouza Chahan, Mouza Mandowal, Mouza Thallian and any land in adjoining Mouzas contiguous to proposed land.
- Salient Features of JV Agreement:
 - a. Provision of compact land about 7000-10000 kanals in above Mouzas near Thaliyan interchange M-2.
 - b. 9105 (approx.) residential plots were planned.
 - c. Provision of 100 feet wide Access road from Thallian Interchange to scheme.
 - d. Provision of land for Interchange on M-2
- Name of JV partner was Mr. khalid Javed, CEO M/S K.S Developers & Builders.
- The only investment on behalf of JV partner was provision of Land to FGEHA, which he remained fail to provide the agreed / proposed land.
- The amount deposited by Thallian Housing Scheme member's are Rs. 3,072,266,000/-, whereas, amount returned are Rs. 957,006,700/- In addition to above, the processing fee is not charged.
- The project remained at a standstill due to lack of accessibility to the preliminary proposed land which was the responsibility of JV partner as per JV agreement.
- Subsequently, JV partner requested to withdraw from the JV agreement on 04-07-2021 which was approved by the Executive Board in its 15th meeting held on 06-08-2021 and decided to formally close the Thallian Housing Scheme.

***Question No. 28 Senator Aon Abbas:**

(Notice Received on 12/12/2024 at 11:00 AM) QID: 42718

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government is undertaking rightsizing, abolishment and merger of different Ministries, if so, the details of such policy indicating current status and future of the employees working in such Ministries?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:

The Prime Minister has been pleased to constitute the Committee on Rightsizing headed by the Finance Minister with the following ToRs (**Annex-I**):

- a) Propose architecture for functions of the Federal Government that can be undertaken in private mode; ascertain functions requiring public finances which can be performed in private mode; & analyze whether remaining functions have appropriate & economical architecture corresponding to them;
- b) Determine functions which are entirely provincial with no international obligation & without affecting common market principal;
- c) Recommend concrete plan with clear way forward and methodology along with ascertainment to safeguard assets, human resources and other ancillary issues.
- d) Any other issue relevant to the scope of work assigned to the committee.

The committee is assisted by a Sub-Committee being chaired by Mr. Salman Ahmad, Ambassador at Large for Investment, which is examining the matter as per the following ToRs: (**Annex-II**)

- a. To examine in greater detail, all cases referred by the Rightsizing Committee for objective analysis and recommendations.
- b. To evaluate each entity on its merits including:
 - (i) considering whether the function being performed is a warranted role of the government (ii) whether some or all of the role might be more efficiently performed by the private sector (iii) the track record of impact of the entity (iv) for entities selected for retention, how each may be operated at maximum efficiency.
- c. To prepare set of proposals on institutional / structural reforms (merger, closure, transfer etc.)

The Current Status:

1. Rightsizing proposals for the following Ministries were approved by the Cabinet on 27.8.24 and are now in the implementation stage:
 - (i) Capital Administration & Development (dysfunctional);
 - (ii) Industries & Production;
 - (iii) Information Technology & Telecommunication;
 - (iv) Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit-Baltistan;
 - (v) National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination; and

- (vi) States & Frontier Regions.
2. Rightsizing proposals for the following Phase II Ministries were approved by the Cabinet on 1.1.25 and their implementation plans are being finalized:
 - (i) Science and Technology
 - (ii) Commerce
 - (iii) Housing and Works
 - (iv) National Food Security and Research
 3. Rightsizing proposals for the following Ministries in Phase III are being finalized:
 - (i) Energy (Power Division)
 - (ii) Federal Education and Professional Training
 - (iii) Information and Broadcasting
 - (iv) National Heritage and Culture
 - (v) Finance Division
 4. The following Ministries have been selected for Phase-IV
 - (i) Railways
 - (ii) Communications
 - (iii) Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety
 - (iv) Energy (Petroleum Division)
 - (v) Revenue Division
 5. The exercise for all the 41 Divisions is expected to be completed during the current financial year. The surplus employees, as a regular practice, are placed on surplus pool to be further adjusted on need basis by the Establishment Division.

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
(CABINET DIVISION)

Islamabad, the 21st June, 2024

NOTIFICATION

No. 9-148/2024(II)-Min-II: In continuation of earlier notification of even number dated 14-06-2024, the Prime Minister, while considering the report of earlier committee on Reducing Federal Government Expenditure, has been pleased to constitute the following **Committee on Rightsizing of the Federal Government**, with immediate effect, for detailed review and analysis on the basis of initial work done by the earlier committee for reducing the size of the Federal Government:

1.	Minister for Finance	Chairman
2.	Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives	Member
3.	Minister for Economic Affairs	Member
4.	Mr. Ali Pervaiz, Minister of State for Finance & Revenue and Power Division	Member
5.	Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission	Member
6.	Mr. Bilal Azhar Kyani, Member National Assembly	Member
7.	Secretary, Power Division	Member
8.	Secretary, Establishment Division	Member
9.	Secretary, Information Technology & Telecom	Member
10.	Mr. Ijaz Nabi, Professor of Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences	Member
11.	Mr. Salman Ahmed	Member
12.	Dr. Kaiser Bengali	Member
13.	Dr. Farrukh Saleem	Member
14.	Ms. Tania Aidrus	Member
15.	Secretary, Cabinet Division	Member/Secretary

2. The Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the committee shall be as under:
- i. Propose architecture for functions of the Federal Government that can be undertaken in private mode; ascertain functions requiring public finances which can be performed in private mode; and, analyze whether remaining functions have appropriate and economical architecture corresponding to them;

- ii. Determine functions which are entirely provincial with no international obligation and without affecting common market principal;
 - iii. Recommend concrete plan with clear way forward and methodology along with ascertainment to safeguard assets, human resources and other ancillary issues; and,
 - iv. Any other issue relevant to the scope of work assigned to the committee.
3. Committee may co-opt any additional member(s) on need basis.
 4. The Committee shall submit its recommendations by 15-08-2024 for consideration of the Prime Minister.
 5. The Cabinet Division (Institutional Reforms Cell) shall provide secretarial support to the committee.


(Khuram Reza Qureshi)
Additional Secretary-I

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1. Chairman and All Members of the Committee
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4. Joint Secretary, Institutional Reforms Cell, Cabinet Division



F. No. 1(202)/2024/CRFG-IRC-III
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
INSTITUTIONAL REFORM CELL
CABINET DIVISION, ISLAMABAD

Islamabad, the 2nd October 2024


NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTION OF SUB COMMITTEE UNDER THE COMMITTEE ON RIGHTSIZING OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Reference notification No. 9-148/2004(I)-Min-II, dated 21st June, 2024, issued by Cabinet Division, regarding constitution of "Committee on Rightsizing of the Federal Government" and as per the directions of Finance Minister, being the Chair of the Committee, the Sub-Committee comprised of the following is hereby constituted to assist the Committee on Rightsizing of Federal Government.

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| i. | Mr. Salman Ahmad (Convener) | Ambassador at Large for Investment |
| ii. | Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani | MNA |
| iii. | Dr. Muhammad Fakhre Alam Irfan | Secretary Power Division |
| iv. | Ms. Sarah Saeed | Special Secretary, Establishment Division |
| v. | Mr. Salman Qayyum Khan (Secretary) | Joint Secretary (IRC) Cabinet Division |

2. The Terms of References (TORs) of the Sub-Committee include the following:
- To examine in greater detail, all cases referred by the Rightsizing Committee for objective analysis and recommendations.
 - To evaluate each entity on its merits including: (i) considering whether the function being performed is a warranted role of the government (ii) whether some or all of the role might be more efficiently performed by the private sector (iii) the track record of impact of the entity (iv) for entities selected for retention, how each may be operated at maximum efficiency.
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- SA to Finance Minister, Finance Division
- SA to Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Division

***Question No. 29 Senator Dr. Zarqa suharwardy taimur:**

(Notice Received on 16/12/2024 at 9:22 AM) QID: 42722

Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to state the total number of planes in PIA's fleet to date indicating also the details regarding planes on lease including tenure of lease, mode of payment of lease amount and the country from which planes were leased in each case?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: PIA fleet consists of 33 aircraft in total which includes 20 owned and 13 aircraft on lease. The details of the leased aircraft are placed at **Annex-I**.

Annex-I

Type	No of Units	Registration	Model	MSN	Vintage	Lease Start	Lease End	Mode of Payment	Leased from Country
Boeing 777	2	AP-BMS	777-300ER	35782	2009	JUL-17	DEC-26	Direct Bank Payment	Ireland
		AP-BHX	777-240ER	35296	2007	MAR-07	MAR-27		
Airbus A320	9	AP-BLB	A320-200	2155	2004	JUL-20	JUL-26		
		AP-BLC		2212	2004	JUN-20	JUL-26		
		AP-BMX		4392	2010	NOV-19	OCT025		
		AP-BOK		7784	2017	OCT-21	JUL-29		
		AP-BOL		7792	2017	NOV-21	AUG-29		
		AP-BON		5746	2013	APR-22	APR-28		
		AP-BOM		5253	2012	JUL-22	APR-28		
AP-BMV	5152	2012	SEP-22	SEP-28					
AP-BMY	5162	2012	DEC-22	DEC-28					
ATR72	2	AP-BKV *	ATR7	1000	2012	JUN-15	JUN-24		
		AP-BKZ *	2-500	1029	2012	APR-15	APR-25		

*Both the Aircraft are under process of redelivery to lessor.

***Question No. 30 Senator Muhammad Aslam Abro:**

(Notice Received on 18/12/2024 at 3:23 PM) QID: 42727

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

- (a) *name of department/authority responsible for dealing with the internet access and monitoring its speed; and*
- (b) *details of complaints regarding slow internet speed along with the steps taken by the Ministry in response to complaints*

and improve speed, indicating estimated fiscal and non-fiscal losses caused to students and business community, during the last six months?

Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja:

- (a) The Authority responsible for dealing with internet access and monitoring its speed is the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA). PTA regulates and oversees telecommunications services, including internet services, and ensures that internet speed and quality standards.
- (b) PTA has conveyed that 1015 complaints have been received on fault/ disruption in internet services from July 01st to 31st Dec, 2024. PTA has further conveyed that total of 6954 complaints have been received on coverage issues related to data services 3G,4G /LTE from July 01st to 31st Dec, 2024. The measures put in place to bring improvement in network services are summarised at **Annex-A**. It is further relevant to add that the ICT Exports has shown an upward trajectory despite complaints of slow internet services. Pakistan's ICT export remittances surged 24.15% during fiscal year 2023-24 reaching to \$ 3.23 Billion compared to \$ 2.596 Billion during the previous year. This is primarily attributed to multiple confidence building measures put in place by Government. so at this point of time the statistics does not show any fiscal loss due to slow broadband services. Government strong policy measure mentioned at **Annex-A** needs to be sustained to ensure better internet services and to optimise its benefit in this digital era.

MEASURES TAKEN FOR IMPROVEMENT IN NETWORK SERVICES**1. Improvement of Submarine Cable Infrastructure:**

Repair and Expansion of Submarine Cables: Pakistan faced slow internet speeds due to damage to its submarine cable system. The government has successfully repaired the damaged cables and is working on adding four additional submarine cables to increase international bandwidth capacity, reduce dependency on a single cable, and ensure faster and more reliable internet access.

2. Expansion of Broadband Infrastructure:

The government is actively promoting the expansion of fiber-optic broadband networks to provide high-speed internet, particularly in underserved areas. This includes both urban and rural regions where access to fast internet has been limited.

5G Deployment: The government has been working toward the development and rollout of 5G networks, which will significantly boost internet speeds and connectivity across the country, offering faster data transmission and lower latency.

3. National Broadband Policy:

The National Broadband Policy (NBP) has been implemented to ensure better internet connectivity nationwide. The policy focuses on improving access to high-speed internet, enhancing network quality, and expanding broadband penetration, especially in rural areas where internet service is often slow or unavailable.

4. Collaboration with ISPs:

The PTA works closely with Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to monitor and regulate the quality of service. ISPs are encouraged to upgrade their infrastructure and adopt modern technologies to improve internet speeds and meet the growing demand for data. They are also required to meet minimum service standards for speed and reliability.

5. Regulatory Oversight and Complaint Resolution:

PTA regularly monitors internet speeds and ensures that ISPs adhere to the required service quality standards. Consumers can lodge complaints regarding slow internet speeds, which PTA investigates. If the complaint is valid, PTA takes corrective action, such as directing ISPs to fix the issue or impose penalties if service standards are violated.

6. Digital Pakistan Vision:

Under the Digital Pakistan Vision, the government aims to create a more connected and technology-driven economy. This includes efforts to digitize public services, expand e-commerce, and improve digital literacy, all of which require a reliable and fast internet infrastructure.

7. Upgrading Mobile Networks:

The government has focused on upgrading mobile networks, particularly 4G LTE networks, to increase mobile internet speeds. Additionally, the deployment of Wi-Fi hotspots in public spaces and educational institutions is being encouraged to provide faster internet access.

8. Public Awareness and Support:

The government, through PTA, also runs awareness campaigns to educate consumers on how to measure their internet speeds, troubleshoot common issues, and file complaints. This ensures that users are well-informed and able to take action if they experience slow speeds.

***Question No. 31 Senator Quratulain Marri:**

(Notice Received on 27/12/2024 at 10:38 AM) QID: 42760

Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Day Care Centers are not available at all airports in Pakistan as required under Day Care Centers Act, 2023, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also steps taken or being taken to establish such facilities?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: It is submitted that certain information from the Department is awaited on the basis of which reply of the Question will be submitted as soon as received.

***Question No. 33 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 31/12/2024 at 2:13 PM) QID: 42781

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that development work on the project Green Enclave, Bhara Kahu has been halted for the last few months, If so, the reasons thereof, indicating also the estimated completion date of the said project;*
- (b) details of bottlenecks hindering the development of the project; and*
- (c) steps taken or being taken by the Government to expedite work on this project?*

Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada:

- (a) The contractor has requested a rate revision with escalation. The matter was presented in the 35th Executive Board meeting held on 16-08-2024. The Board constituted a committee to propose a viable way forward for the project. The committee proceedings are underway.**

(b) The major challenges that was faced by the project are as follows:

- i. Court Cases (Suo Moto by the Supreme Court)
- ii. NAB Case
- iii. Settlement of Issue of Access Road
- iv. Delayed submission of Bank Guarantee
- v. Delay in Approval of Layout Plan by CDA
- vi. Spread of pandemic COVID-19.

However, the above challenges were resolved with the passage of time. Currently, the bottlenecks in the execution of project are dispute on exact determination of physical progress by third party, demand of contractor for rate revision and non-submission of extension of time by the contractor. The work will be expedited after the resolution of these issues.

(c) A committee under the Chairmanship of Senior JS M/o Housing & Works was constituted as per decision of 35th Executive Board held on 16-08-2024 to present a details report on plausible way forward of the project. The Executive Board in its 36th meeting held on 08-11-2024 was briefed about the progress of the Committee. The committee identified certain Technical and Financial issues. The Executive Board decided to form a Technical Team comprising of Engineers of Pak PWD to conduct comprehensive surveys to assess on-site progress and present it report for decision of the Board.

***Question No. 34 Senator Danesh Kumar:**
(Notice Received on 1/01/2025 at 11:02 AM) QID: 42793

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the details of the action taken against the contractors/ consultants for submitting fake banks instruments to the PWD and the responsible government functionaries on their negligence/involvement during the last three years?

Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada: Only one case of fake CDR, in bidding process of construction of Legal Facilitation Center Islamabad High Court, where the Contractor, M/S The City Traders, succeeded to win the bid, has been surfaced. After verification by the Department on later stages, after concluding the bidding process, the CDR No, 6277762 of Allied Bank G-8 Markaz, Islamabad, amounting to Rs. 30 million was found fake. The case was sent to FIA but not prosecuted proceeded by FIA, the reason best known to them. However, Director General, Pak PWD taking departmental action vide Superintending Engineer (QS), Office of the Director General, Pak PWD Notification No. F.DG-215/W-III dated 08-12-2023, debarred the contractor, M/S The City Traders, for six months.

ISLAMABAD,
the 14th January, 2025

HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH,
Acting Secretary.