

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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

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

**Friday, the 6th February, 2026**

**[DEFERRED QUESTIONS]**

[Question Nos. 33, 115 and 10]  
were deferred on 13th November, 2025 (355th Session)

**\*(Def.) Question No. 33 Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:**  
(Notice Received on 1/07/2025 at 3:04 PM) QID: 43331

*Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be pleased to state whether it is fact that Right of Way for Pakistan Railways from Gawadar Port Berths to Zero Point Gawadar has been finalized and forwarded to Gawadar Port Authority for its consent but the same has not been approved by that Authority so far, if so, the time by which same will be approved?*

**Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar:** The proposal regarding Right of Way for Pakistan Railways from Gwadar Port Berths to Zero Point Gawadar, is under deliberation between Gawadar Port Authority (GPA) and Ministry of Railways, which is being finalized through lengthy communication, held so far. However, GPA *vide* letter No; GPA/P&D/2026/378 dated 9th January 2026, has issued its No Objection Certificate to the Ministry of Railways for implementation of Railway Track alignment plan within the port area is at annexed.

Annexure

**Gwadar Port Authority  
Ministry of Maritime Affairs  
Government of Pakistan**



No: GPAP&D/2026/378

Dated; the Gwadar 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER/S&C**  
Pakistan Railways, Head Quarter  
LAHORE

**Subject: - VEIWS/COMMENTS ON LINKING OF RAILWAY TRACK NETWORK  
CONNECTIVITY WITH BERTHS OF THE GWADAR PORT**

The is with reference to Pakistan Railway letter No-844-W/651/Alignment Design Report/S&C/2024 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025, Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) has confirmed its no objection to implementing the revised railway track alignment plan with the port area as detailed in annexure-A. The updated plan suggested by the China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPHC) and revised by your consultant, aims to align the railway track adjacent to mountainous side to maximize port operational space and accommodate further berth construction and port development plans effectively.

2. This issues with the approval of the Chairman Gwadar Port Authority.

*Best Regards !*

  
 ABDUL WAHID  
 Deputy Director (P&D)

**CC:-**

- i. PS to Chairman, Gwadar Port Authority, Gwadar
- ii. Chief Engineer Pakistan Railways Lahore

*\*(Def.)* Question No. 115 **Senator Palwasha Mohammad Zai Khan:**

(Notice Received on 21/10/2025 at 3:43 PM) QID: 43796

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *how many billion rupees are being spent on the Hadiara Drain to Thokar Niaz Baig project; was this project not completed three years ago, and if so, why is it being expanded again what are the purposes of the new extra lanes and widening of the bridge? is it not specifically for favoring the Park View Society; and*
- (b) *What is the justification of PKR 15 to 20 billion expended on 11 km, which is a recently constructed project i.e. Thoker-Hadiara drain?*

**Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan:**

**Ongoing Works from Thokar Niaz Baig to Ring Road Interchange (N-5)**

**1. Rationale for Recent Works**

Despite previous improvements, current traffic load, built-up surroundings, and expansion toward the southern corridors of Lahore have rendered existing infrastructure insufficient. Persistent congestion, safety risks, and inadequate turning facilities have led to the initiation of additional improvement works to streamline flow, avoid accidents, and upgrade entry points of the city.

**2. Scope of Ongoing Works**

The following major interventions are underway from Thokar Niazbaig to Ring Road

- Widening and Improvement of Road from Hadiara Drain to Ring Road Km 1231+850 to 1235+000 (NBC & SBC)
- Construction of 2x additional smart U-turns (at KM 1238-39 and 1239-40).
- Remodeling of 3x existing U-turns with additional outer lanes to ensure uninterrupted high-speed traffic.

- Widening of the existing narrow 2-lane Hudiara Drain Bridge at KM 1235 to a 3-lane bridge.
- Construction of 3x new canal bridges (KM 1243-1245) to facilitate additional turning points near EME, reducing congestion and conflict points
- Highway safety upgrades, including streetlights, lane markings, signboards, kerb painting, jersey barriers, and horticulture improvements.
- Installation of 2x NHV-10 digital information screens for real-time traffic and safety communication.

### **3. Financial Overview**

The total projected cost of the ongoing improvement works is Rs. 2.24 billion. This expenditure is justified based on prevailing critical traffic conditions, essential safety requirements, and the need to prevent congestion and accidents for thousands of daily commuters.

### **4. Conclusion**

The ongoing interventions form a vital component of NHA's commitment to enhancing mobility, ensuring road safety, and improving urban gateway infrastructure. These upgrades will significantly improve traffic flow, reduce delays, and support safer travel for the public at large. Moreover, the works completed or currently in progress bear no specific association and link with Park View Society as it is located at a distance of 7.37 Km away from start point of the works Hudiara Darin to Ring Road. All interventions have been undertaken solely to improve the road infrastructure, enhance commuter safety, mitigate traffic congestion, and reduce the frequency of accidents.

**(Traffic count of this road is 45652 vehicles per day)**

**\*Question No. 33 Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**  
(Notice Received on 19/11/2025 at 12:47 PM) QID: 43632

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the originally approved estimated cost of Mastuj-Broghil road project in Chitral has been revised, if so, details and reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan:**

**It is apprised that this project (Mastuj - Broghil) does not fall under the jurisdiction of NHA, as it comes under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government.**

**Suitable response may please be obtained from the concerned quarters.**

**\*Question No. 34 Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**  
(Notice Received on 20/11/2025 at 10:12 AM) QID: 43634

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) the date on which work on Chitral - Booni road was initiated indicating also the expected date of its completion;*
- (b) the original estimated cost approved for the said project; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the said cost of that project has been revise, if so, the details and reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan:**

- (a) The work on Chitral-Booni road was initiated on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and the expected date of completion is December 2026 subject to availability of requisite funds.**
- (b) The Original PC-1 Cost of said project 16,755 million.**

- (c) Yes, the cost of the project has been revised. The original PC-1 cost was **Rs. 16,755 million**. It has been revised to **Rs. 17,783.193 million**, primarily to cover the additional requirements for **land acquisition and shifting of utilities**.
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**\*Question No. 35 Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**  
(Notice Received on 20/11/2025 at 10:12 AM) QID: 43640

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of the project of Lowari-Chitral road indicating also the amount allocated for the same during the current fiscal year; and*
- (b) *the time by which work will be started and completed on the said project?*

**Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan:**

- (a) National Highway (N-45) from Chakdara to Chitral Project is planned to be executed in following three (3) sections with funding from Korean EXIM Bank:

Section-I: Chakdara-Timergara project (39 KM)

- Loan Agreement signed.
- Feasibility Study completed.
- Procurement of Consultancy Services has been completed. Consultant is carrying out field surveys and investigations. Detailed Design and PC-I is currently under preparation.
- Procurement of Civil Works will be initiated after completion of the aforesaid activities.

Section-II: Akhagram-Dir project (43 KM)

- Loan Agreement signed.
- Feasibility Study completed.
- Procurement of Consultancy Services for preparation of detailed design and formulation of PC-I is in progress, strictly adhering to the guidelines of the donor bank.

- RFP has been reviewed by the EXIM Bank, and their comments have been addressed by NHA. Further reply from Bank is awaited.

**Section-III: Kalkatak-Chitral project (48 Km)**

- Loan Agreement signed.
- Feasibility Study and Detailed Design stands completed.
- The CDWP in its meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 approved this project at a cost of Rs 10,950.519 million. Revised PC-I for the mentioned amount has been received from the consultant and presently under review.
- Procurement of Civil Works was earlier initiated by NHA, but process was annulled due to exorbitant high bid price by the bidder.
- Project is currently undergoing re-bidding. Bid Documents have been shared with K-EXIM for their review and concurrence. IFB will be uploaded, subsequent to the approval to be accorded by the donor bank.

**Financial Allocations:**

PSDP	Allocation (Rupees Million)			Section
	Foreign	Local	Total	
2017-18	750.000	200.000	950.000	All
2018-19	350.000	192.149	542.149	All
2019-20	NIL	100.000	100.000	All
2020-21	250.000	250.000	500.000	All
2021-22	650.000	150.000	800.000	All
2022-23	300.000	1000.000	1300.000	All
2023-24	400.000	100.000	500.000	All
2024-25	100.000	50.000	150.000	All
	100.000	400.000	500.000	Sec-III
2025-26	649.600	100.000	749.600	All
	3,056.600	500.000	3,556.600	Sec-III

- (b) The Implementation Timelines for different sections of the N-45 are attached herewith as **Annex-A**.

# **ANNEX-A**

**(Implementation Timelines)**

**Implementation Timelines for Improvement and Widening of Chakdara to Chitral Road Project (N-45)**

**1. Section-I, Chakdara-Timergara (39.0 Km)**

Sr. No.	Description	Timeline
1.	Procurement of Consultancy Services for "Detailed Design, Procurement Assistance and Construction Supervision Consultant"	Completed
2.	Detailed Design Phase	May 2025-November 2025 (7 months)
3.	Processing/approval of PC-I	December 2025-March 2026
4.	Procurement of Civil Works	January 2026-October 2026 (10 months)
5.	Construction Works and Supervision	November 2026- May 2029 (30 Months)

**2. Section-II, Akhagram-Dir (43.39 Km)**

Sr. No.	Description	Timeline
1.	Procurement of Consultancy Services for "Detailed Design, Procurement Assistance and Construction Supervision Consultant"	March 2025- June 2026
2.	Detailed Design Phase	June 2026-June 2027 (12 months, as per MOD)
3.	Processing/approval of PC-I	July 2027-October 2027
4.	Procurement of Civil Works	August 2028-June 2029
5.	Construction Works and Supervision	July 2029-June 2032 (36 months)

**3. Section-III, Kalkatak-Chitral section (48.0 Km)**

Sr. No.	Description	Timeline
1.	Procurement of Consultancy Services for "Detailed Design, Procurement Assistance and Construction Supervision Consultant"	Completed
2.	Detailed Design Phase	Completed
3.	Procurement of Civil Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Procurement attempt unsuccessful due to high bid rates (September 2023 to March 2024)</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt June 2025-May 2026</li> </ul>
4.	Processing/approval of Updated PC-I	July 2026 (as per bid rates)
5.	Construction Works and Supervision	August 2026-March 2030 (36 months)

**\*Question No. 36 Senator Shahadat Awan:**  
(Notice Received on 21/11/2025 at 9:43 AM) QID: 43771

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the details of factors identified for Pakistan's low per-acre yield of grain and rice compared to other countries in the region?*

**Rana Tanveer Hussain:**

Several agronomic, environmental, institutional, and socio-economic factors contribute to low per-acre yields of grain and rice in Pakistan compared to its potential. Crop wise factor are as under;

**Wheat:**

- Many farmers still use old or uncertified seed with low genetic potential and disease resistance.

- Limited adoption of high-yielding, climate-resilient, and micronutrient enriched varieties.
- Imbalanced fertilizer use
- Poor soil fertility management reduces nutrient use efficiency.
- Wheat is often planted late after cotton, rice, or sugarcane harvests, exposing crops to terminal heat stress during grain filling.
- Low Farm Mechanization.

**Rice:** Pakistan is the 9th largest producer of rice (9.7MT). Main causes of low yield are as under:

- High cost of production/ input cost (seeds, fertilizers, pesticides etc.).
- Less investment by rice farmers.
- Less price of the produce discouraged farmers to invest in rice farming.
- Climate Change

**Maize:**

Corn yield of Pakistan is more than most of the countries of the region including India, Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives.

Yield of Pakistan is around 5.7 Tones/ha. Whereas yield of India, Sri Lanka and Maldives is less than Pakistan and is around or less than 4 tons/ha. Yield of Bangladesh is around 9 tones /ha which is due to the very small (650 thousand hectares) area under corn crop.

**Factors for low yield.**

- Maize yield is mainly affected by the heat and drought stress during spring season. Due to climate change in the recent years the Autumn crop is also facing the same challenges causing the low yield.
- Many farmers still use obsolete open pollinated or non-hybrid local varieties instead of high yielding hybrids.
- Limited access to region specific hybrid seeds suited to local climates.
- Weak availability and high cost of quality certified seed, particularly for smallholders.
- Poor Crop Management Practices.
- Inadequate weed management leading to nutrient and moisture competition.
- Poor fertilizer application, timing and method, especially due to high fertilizer cost and availability and farmer affordability.

**\*Question No. 39 Senator Rubina Naz:**  
(Notice Received on 24/11/2025 at 1:14 PM) QID: 43883

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be please to state the major diplomatic engagements undertaken during the last six months to strengthen Pakistan's economic cooperation and attract foreign investment?*

**Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:**

Following are the major engagements undertaken during the last six months to strengthen Pakistan's economic cooperation and attract foreign investment:-

- Pakistan participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> Supervisory Committee Meeting of the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement in Abuja, Nigeria on June 15, 2025.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> Session of Pakistan-UAE Joint Ministerial Commission was held in Abu Dhabi on June 24, 2025. Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister led the Pakistan side.
- The second Pakistan-China B2B investment conference was held in Beijing on September 04, 2025. Prime Minister of Pakistan inaugurated the event attended by a large number of Pakistani and Chinese companies.
- A landmark deal was signed on September 08, 2025 between Frontier Works Organization and U.S. Strategic Metals (USSM) regarding US\$500 million investment for exploration, processing, and value addition in critical minerals.
- National Logistics Cell and DP World signed MOU for the construction of Phase-1 of US\$400 million Dedicated Freight Corridor on September 08, 2025.
- Pakistan-Malaysia Business & Investment Conference was held on October 06, 2025 in Kuala Lumpur. This event was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan and attended by leading companies of Pakistan and Malaysia.
- A Saudi business delegation led by His Highness Prince Mansour bin Mohammad Al Saud, Chairman of the Saudi-Pakistan Joint Business Council visited Pakistan from October 07-11, 2025.
- Pakistan participated in the D-8 Week held in Baku, Azerbaijan from October 13-17, 2025.
- An agreement on privatization of First Women Bank Ltd. (FWBL) was signed with the UAE's International Holding Company (IHC) on October 17, 2025.

- The Regional Transport Ministers' Conference was held from October 23-24, 2025 in Islamabad. The event was attended by Ministers and high-level delegates from International Organizations.
- Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif met with President and CEO of the World Economic Forum (WEF), Børge Brende on the sidelines of the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh on October 28, 2025.
- Pakistan participated in the D-8 Media Forum, held on November 21, 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The delegation was led by Mr. Ataullah Tarar, Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of D8 Trade Ministers' Council was held in Cairo on December 2, 2025. Pakistan's delegation was led by Mr. Jam Kamal Khan, Federal Minister for Commerce.
- The D-8 Youth Forum was held in Baku, Azerbaijan from December 6-8, 2025. Ms. Syeda Amnah Batool, Member National Assembly and Focal Person, Prime Minister Youth Program, led the delegation from Pakistan.
- Pakistan participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> session of D-8 Commission in Cairo, Egypt from December 15-16, 2025. Discussions focused on various administrative, financial and budgetary matters of D8 Secretariat, D8 reforms and upcoming D8 Summit, to be held in Jakarta this year.
- Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, Former Foreign Secretary, assumed charge of the Secretary-General of D-8 Organization on January 01, 2026.
- Pak – China Agriculture Investment Conference was held on January 19, 2026 at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. This event was attended by leading Pakistani as well as Chinese companies. Prime Minister of Pakistan addressed the conference. During the conference, MOUs worth more than 4.5 billion USD were signed.
- As a member of the Technical Team of SIFC, Additional Secretary (SIFC&ED) visited Kuwait from January 19 – 22, 2026 to seek FDI from Kuwait.
- Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister visited Davos, Switzerland to attend the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the World Economic Forum held from January 19 – 23, 2026. On the margins of the event, they interacted with key business leaders as well as other political leaders.

**\*Question No. 41 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**

(Notice Received on 26/11/2025 at 3:00 PM) QID: 43897

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:*

*(a) the details of actions taken by the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) in the last one year to improve its ability*

*for: Realtime post-market surveillance (watching out for bad medicines) after they are released and a Rapid prosecution (quickly taking legal action) against manufacturers and distributors of these dangerous drugs: and*

- (b) the detailed breakdown of the number of successful legal prosecutions completed by DRAP during this period, and the measures taken to strengthen the regional DRAP enforcement cells in all provincial capitals?*

**Syed Mustafa Kamal:**

(a) it is submitted that the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) has undertaken the following measures during the last one year to strengthen real-time post-market surveillance and ensure rapid legal action against manufacturers and distributors of spurious and substandard medicines:

1. National Task Force for Coordinated Surveillance  
DRAP has established a National Task Force (NTF) comprising representatives from DRAP and Provincial Drug Control Departments. The NTF conducts coordinated market surveillance activities across the country to detect substandard, falsified, or spurious medicines and to ensure compliance with approved manufacturing quality standards.
2. Strengthening of Inspection and Enforcement Mechanism  
Federal and Provincial Governments have appointed drug inspectors responsible for monitoring the quality, safety, and efficacy of medicines. These inspectors routinely collect samples of suspected products from the market for laboratory testing. Products found non-compliant are referred to the Central Licensing Board

(CLB), Registration Board (RB), or the respective Provincial Quality Control Boards (PQCBs) for regulatory and legal action under the Drugs Act, 1976.

3. Expansion and Utilization of Drug Testing Laboratories  
Pakistan currently has 12 drug testing laboratories, including five WHO-prequalified laboratories.
  - The Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL), Karachi, and the National Control Laboratory for Biologicals (NCLB), Islamabad, operate under federal oversight.
  - The remaining laboratories are managed by Provincial Governments.
  - CDL Karachi is ISO-17025 accredited and is in the process of WHO prequalification. These laboratories support real-time post-market surveillance through prompt analysis of sampled medicines.
4. Robust Complaint and Rapid Response System  
DRAP operates a robust complaint mechanism through which stakeholders, including the public, healthcare institutions, and manufacturers, can report suspected fake or substandard medicines either online or through written complaints. Upon receipt, DRAP promptly directs enforcement teams to conduct inspections, sampling, and necessary legal proceedings.
5. Strengthening of Pharmacovigilance and Post-Market Controls  
DRAP has operationalized a National Pharmacovigilance System under the Pharmacovigilance Rules 2022, enabling manufacturers, healthcare professionals, and patients to report

adverse drug reactions. These reports are evaluated by experts to identify safety signals, while enforcement actions are initiated where quality defects are suspected.

(b) In summary, through coordinated surveillance, strengthened inspection and testing capacity, digital complaint and reporting systems, alignment with international standards, and prompt legal referral mechanisms, DRAP has significantly enhanced its ability to conduct real-time post-market surveillance and initiate rapid prosecution against manufacturers and distributors of spurious and substandard medicines.

1. One prosecution was successful during the year 2025 in Drug Court, Islamabad i.e The State Vs Shaheen Pharmacy etc whereby the Court sentenced the accused person with imprisonment of two (02) years and with fine of Rs. 200,000/-
2. Total 16 cases are pending adjudication for trial in Drugs Courts in Pakistan i.e 02 in Drug Court, Islamabad, 12 in Drug Court, Sindh, 01 in Drug Court, KPK & 01 in Drug Court, Balochistan (**List Attached** )
3. Following measures have been taken by DRAP to strengthen its field offices:
  - A uniform inspection report format has been approved by Central Licensing Board (CLB) to ensure consistency, clarity, and standardization across all regulatory inspections.

- DRAP has shifted its official communications to the e-App to ensure centralized, secure, paperless and timely information exchange.
- DRAP has shifted its import and export operations to the Pakistan Single Window (PSW) to improve coordination, reduce processing time, and enhance regulatory oversight.

**LIST OF THE CASES PENDING ADJUDICATION BEFORE DRUGS COURTS IN PAKISTAN**

S.No.	Case Title	Name of the Court
1	The State Vs M/s Everest Pharmaceuticals etc	Drug Court, Islamabad
2	The State Vs M/s Ambro Pharmaceuticals etc	Drug Court, Islamabad
3	The State VS Al-Azim Medical Store etc	Drug Court, Sindh
4	The State Vs M/s Sante Pharmaceuticals etc	Drug Court, Sindh
5	The State Vs M/s Adamjee Pharma etc	Drug Court, Sindh
6	The State VS M/s Helix Pharma etc	Drug Court, Sindh
7	The State Vs M/s Hospital Supply Corporation etc	Drug Court, Sindh
8	The State VS Al-Rasheed Medical Store etc	Drug Court, Sindh
9	The State VS Amanullah Traders etc	Drug Court, Sindh
10	The State VS Syed Abdul Wahab Shah etc	Drug Court, Sindh
11	The State SV m/s Biotech Pakistan etc	Drug Court, Sindh
12	The State VS Naveed Ali etc	Drug Court, Sindh
13	The State VS M. Yasin Burhani etc	Drug Court, Sindh
14	The State VS M/s Medical (Glass Tower) etc	Drug Court, Sindh
15	The State VS M/s Hassan Pharma	Drug Court, KPK
16	The State VS M/ Layalpur Pharma etc	Drug Court, Balochistan

**\*Question No. 42 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**  
(Notice Received on 27/11/2025 at 1:20 PM) QID: 43912

*Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) the total number of jobs created at Gwadar Port and its attached projects and how many have been given to local youth during the last three years;*
- (b) whether the local employment quota is being implemented in Gwadar Port operations; and*
- (c) what steps the Ministry is taking to promote coastal and fisheries -related employment for youth in Balochistan?*

**Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar:**

(a) Over the past three years, 880 jobs in toto, were created, out of which 572 positions were filled with the local residents of Gwadar

(b) Yes.

(c) Promotion of coastal and fisheries-related employment opportunities for youth in Balochistan primarily falls within the mandate of the Fisheries Sector of the Government of Balochistan. The said Provincial Government holds responsibility for policy formulation, regulation, and overall development of inland and coastal fisheries within the province. However, Ministry of Maritime Affairs has established its Regional Office, Marine Fisheries Department (MFD) at Gwadar Port where the officials holding domiciles of Balochistan have been deputed with the objective of promoting fisheries and fishery products. In near future, MFD intends to recruit the technical and ministerial staff against the Balochistan quota in order to ensure the effective functioning of the Regional Office at Gwadar Port.

**\*Question No. 43 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**  
(Notice Received on 27/11/2025 at 1:25 PM) QID: 43911

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) total Number of youth from Balochistan have secured overseas employment during the last five years, with country-wise details;*

- (b) *the number of Baloch youth trained under federal skills programmes and linked with foreign jobs; and*
- (c) *whether the Ministry plans any special initiatives to increase overseas job opportunities for Balochistan's youth?*

**Chaudhry Salik Hussain:**

- (a) It is appraised that a total of **29,813** emigrants belonging to Balochistan proceeded for employment abroad during last five years. A Country-wise review of the data reflects that the majority of emigrants from Balochistan proceeded to Saudi Arabia (12770), followed by the United Arab Emirates (8,141), Qatar (3,806) and Oman (3225). Other notable destinations during the said period included Bahrain, Japan, China, United Kingdom, Australia, Kuwait, Malaysia, New Zealand, United States and Italy etc. In addition, 275 individuals secured employment in other miscellaneous countries. The data of **29,813** emigrants belonging to Balochistan proceeded for employment abroad during last five years is as below:

No.	Country	Total
1	Saudi Arabia	12770
2	United Arab Emirates	8141
3	Qatar	3806
4	Oman	3225
5	Bahrain	632
6	Japan	323
7	China	204
8	United Kingdom	105
9	Australia	72
10	Kuwait	64
11	Malaysia	42
12	New Zealand	33
13	United States	29
14	Kyrgyzstan	23
15	Italy	24
16	Zambia	21
17	Canada	19
18	Korea	4
19	Japan	1
20	Other miscellaneous Countries	275
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29,813</b>

- (b) Trainings and skills development are the mandate of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (FE&PT), therefore, M/o FE&PT being the custodian of Federal skills programs would be in better position to respond to this question.
- However, OEC at its own is running various language training programs to facilitate/ promote emigration under G-to-G arrangements, such as the Employment Permit System (EPS) for Korea, TITP, and SSW programs of Japan.
- In order to ensure equitable access for the youth of Balochistan, OEC has established a Korean Language Training Institute at Quetta in collaboration with Balochistan Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (B-TEVTA). The objective of this initiative is to prepare candidates specifically for overseas placement through OEC-managed legal migration pathways.
- Further, to strengthen supply side, OEC has signed MoUs with the following TVET Sector Institutions:

- MoU with NAVTTC
- MoU with Punjab TEVTA
- MoU with KP TEVTA
- MoU with Balochistan TEVTA
- MoU with Punjab Vocational

(c) Under the Ministry of OP&HRD., the Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC), being the national entity for emigration promotion, is primarily responsible for enhancement of employment opportunities for Pakistani citizens in foreign countries. As a sending agency, OEC is primarily deals with G2G manpower demands, however, to boost overseas job opportunities, OEC is also collaborating with different foreign Employers under B2B mechanism. To achieve the purpose, OEC focuses on four key objectives:

- Liaising with foreign governments, and
- foreign employers (both public and private sector)
- Promoting Safe and Legal Emigration:
- Recruitment Services to job seekers at low cost
- Pre-Departure & Soft Skills Training

For benefitting the youth of Balochistan from EPS program of the Korea, OEC has established a Korean Language Institute at Quetta, wherein 184 candidates from the province of Balochistan have so far been imparted Korean language training since 2023 to date. To further expand these special initiatives, establishment of another Korean Language Training Center at Gwadar is also under consideration to provide increased opportunities for the youth of Balochistan.

The initiative aims to increase participation of Balochistan's youth in safe, legal, and structured overseas employment programs, and reflects the Government's continued commitment to promoting regulated migration pathways through OEC.

**\*Question No. 45 Senator Asad Qasim:**

(Notice Received on 27/11/2025 at 3:29 PM) QID: 43814

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of the highways and roads under constructed in Balochistan under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the details of the funds allocated and expenditure incurred on the said highways and roads during the same time period?*

**Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan:**

- (a) & (b) It is intimated that presently, there is no highway/road project being executed under CPEC in Balochistan; however, the requisite details regarding other ongoing PSDP projects in West-Zone Balochistan and details on account of allocation, release of funds and till date expenditures for these projects since start including last three years are tabulated as below;

Rupees in Billion

Sr #	Name of Project	PSDP	Allocation	Releases	Expenditure till June, 2025
01	Khuzdar-Kuchlak Project N-25 (330 Km)	2020-21 To 2024-25	29.6	23.1	23.1
02	Hoshab-Awaran M-8 (146 Km)		11.06	7.3	7.3
03	Awaran Naal M-8 (168 Km)		18.2	15.1	15.1
04	Nokundi-Mashkel Road Project (103 Km)		9.5	6.7	6.6
05	Quetta Western Bypass Project N-25 (22.7 Km)		7.4	4.83	4.83
06	Basima-Khuzdar Road Project N-30 (106 Km)		10.24	9.76	9.75
07	Zhob-Kuchlak Dualization Project N-50 (298 Km)		13.9	11.9	10.6
		<b>Total</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>78.69</b>	<b>77.28</b>

**\*Question No. 46 Senator Asad Qasim:**

(Notice Received on 27/11/2025 at 3:30 PM) QID: 43815

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of the Karachi-Bela (N-25) road project indicating the current status of the project, total funds allocated for the said project to date and if work has not commenced, the specific reasons for the delay?*

**Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan:**

1. Karachi – Bela Road (170 km) is a part of the Project **“Dualization & Rehabilitation of Karachi – Quetta - Chaman Road (Total length 790 kilometer) National Highway (N-25) “Pakistan Expressway” Karachi (Hub)-Kararo & Wadh - Khuzdar Section (length of 278.35 kilometer) including Hub Bypass (length 13.350 kilometer) (Revised)”**.
  2. Said project having four (04) Sections has recently been awarded to M/s Frontier Works Organization (FWO) under PPRA Rule-42(f): “Direct Contracting with State Owned Entities” on September 26, 2025.
  3. Detail of the construction cost of above said project (04 Sections) is placed at **Annexure-A**.
  4. An amount of **Rs. 33,000 million** have been allocated in Federal PSDP 2025-26.
  5. Contract has been awarded to Frontier Works Organization (FWO) on G2G Basis.
  6. FWO has been mobilized at site and construction activities in progress.
  7. Target Completion of the project is **August, 2027**.
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**ANNEXURE-A**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Revised PC-1 (bid based) Cost Rs. million</b>	<b>PSDP 2025- 2026 Allocation Rs. million</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Construction Cost (Bid Based) (Rs.)</b>
Dualization & Rehabilitation of Karachi Quctia Chaman road (length 790 kilometer) National Highway (N-2 "Pakistan Expressway" Karachi (Hub)-Kararo & Wadh - Khuzdar Section (length of 278.35 kilometer) including Hub Bypass (length 13.350 kilometer) (Revised)	183,421.475	33,000	I (Karachi – Uthal)	100 km	47,761,847,416.00
			IIA (Uthal – Bela;a)	70.7 km	35,615,635,107.00
			IIB (Bela – Kararo)	61 km	27,986,039,010.00
			IV (Wadh – Khuzdar)	41 km	30,326,223,984.00
			<b>Total</b>		

**\*Question No. 47 Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan Mandokhel:**  
(Notice Received on 5/12/2025 at 11:15 AM) QID: 43940

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state whether it is fact that Initiatives of new projects in the Worker Welfare funds have been stopped until the decision of CCI since 2018, if so, the details and reasons for this prolong ban?*

**Chaudhry Salik Hussain:**

The Governing Body WWF, in its 140<sup>th</sup> and 141<sup>st</sup> meetings held on April 12, 2018, and July 13, 2018, respectively ( Annexed ), agreed to place all new development projects on hold until a decision by the Council of Common Interests (CCI) regarding the devolution of the Fund.

The Governing Body in its 161<sup>st</sup> meeting held on August 8, 2024 (copy enclosed), unanimously approved lifting the ban on long term, sustainable new development projects, prioritizing the welfare of industrial / mine workers.

**MINUTES OF 140<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF  
GOVERNING BODY OF WORKERS' WELFARE FUND  
HELD ON 12.04.2018 AT ISLAMABAD**

**Item No.6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE DWP HELD ON 21.02.2018 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF WORKERS WELFARE FUND SECRETARIAT, ISLAMABAD**

35. The Secretary, Fund / Chairman, Development Working Party (DWP) briefed the GB about recommendations of DWP made in its meeting held on 21.02.2018. The detailed minutes of DWP meeting are placed at **Annex-XI**.

- I) Construction of 25 Bedded Hospital at Duki (PC-I Costing Rs.104.107 Million).  
The GB deferred the subject agenda item as recommended by the Development Working Party (DWP).
- II) Construction of Girls High School at Duki (PC-I Costing Rs.211.484 Million).
- III) Construction of High School at Loralai (PC-I Costing Rs.237.647 Million).
- IV) Construction of Boys High School at Mekhtar District Loralai (PC-I Costing Rs.215.188 Million).
- V) Construction of Girls High School at Harnai (PC-I Cost Rs.230.752 Million).
- VI) Construction of Boys High School at Dulai (PC-I Cost Rs.192.714 Million).
- VII) Construction of Boys High School at Sibi (PC-I Cost Rs.154.178 Million).
- IX) Construction of Boys High School at Zhob (PC-I Cost Rs.207.522 Million).

After detailed discussion, the GB endorsed the recommendations of Development Working Party (DWP) to pend the PC-Is of subject projects until the decision of CCI meeting.

Annex-XIMINUTES OF THE DEPARTMENTAL DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY (WWF) MEETING  
HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF  
WORKERS WELFARE FUND SECRETARIAT, ISLAMABAD

The meeting of the Departmental Development Working Party (WWF) was held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2018 in the Committee Room of Workers Welfare Fund Secretariat, Islamabad. The list of participants is at Annex-I.

2. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. The following agenda items pertaining to WWB Balochistan, Fund Secretariat and WWB Punjab were taken-up for discussion:-

Item No.1 CONSTRUCTION OF 25 BEDDED HOSPITAL AT DUKI (PC-I COSTING RS.104.107 MILLION).

3. On the recommendations of the Pre-Development Working Party, WWF in its meetings held on 08<sup>th</sup> & 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 decided to defer the PC-I of the subject project. Earlier, the decision of the Governing Body, WWF in its 139<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27.12.2017 under item No.2, Para No.14 (a), which is reproduced as under:-

"In future, no health projects would be initiated by WWBs / Fund Secretariat. However, at the time of handing over of any health project, after its completion, the WWBs / Fund Secretariat may sign MOU with the respective health department or social security institution for its implementation keeping in view existing government regulations."

Decision

4. After detailed discussion, the Development Working Party (WWF) stated that this is the policy matter and the subject project is deferred.

- Item No.2 CONSTRUCTION OF GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL AT DUKI (PC-I COSTING RS.211.484 MILLION).
- Item No.3 CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH SCHOOL AT LORALAI (PC-I COSTING RS.237.647 MILLION).
- Item No.4 CONSTRUCTION OF BOYS HIGH SCHOOL AT MEKHTAR DISTRICT LORALAI (PC-I COSTING Rs. 215.188 MILLION).
- Item No.5 CONSTRUCTION OF GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL AT HARNAI (PC-I cost Rs.230.752 Million).
- Item No.6 CONSTRUCTION OF BOYS HIGH SCHOOL AT DUKI (PC-I Cost Rs.192.714 Million).
- Item No.7 CONSTRUCTION OF BOYS HIGH SCHOOL AT SIBI (PC-I COST Rs.154.178 Million).
- Item No.9 CONSTRUCTION OF BOYS HIGH SCHOOL AT ZHOB (PC-I COST RS.207.522 MILLION).

5. On the recommendations of the Pre-Departmental Development Working Party meeting held in WWF on 08<sup>th</sup> & 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 emphasized to reduce the scope and cost of the projects mentioned above.

6. The Senior Joint Secretary (HRD) was of the view that the case for devolution of Workers Welfare Fund under the 18<sup>th</sup> amendment in national constitution of Pakistan is already under discussion by the Council of Common Interest (CCI) and we should wait for the decision of CCI before initiating the new projects.

#### Decision

7. After detailed discussion and due deliberations, the Departmental Development Working Party (WWF) unanimously decided that the PC-Is may be kept pending until the decision of the CCI meeting.

Extract from  
**MINUTES OF 141<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF  
 GOVERNING BODY OF WORKERS' WELFARE FUND  
 HELD ON 13.07.2018 AT ISLAMABAD**

**Item No.2: COMPLIANCE REPORT ON DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE WORKERS WELFARE FUND TAKEN BY IT IN ITS 140<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 12-04-2018 AT ISLAMABAD.**

**Decision**

11. The Secretary, Fund briefed the GB about compliance of decisions on the recommendations of Development Working Party (DWP) and Finance Committee. He apprised that all new development projects were put on a hold until any decision by the Council of Common Interests (CCI) regarding devolution of Fund, as decided by the Governing Body in its 140<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MINUTES OF 161<sup>ST</sup> MEETING  
 OF GOVERNING BODY OF WORKERS' WELFARE FUND  
 HELD ON 08.08.2024 AT ISLAMABAD.**

**Item No. 01: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10.07.2024.**

**Decision:**

37. After detailed discussion and due deliberations, the Governing Body unanimously decided the following: -

- i. Lifting of ban on new development projects that was previously imposed in 141<sup>st</sup> & 144<sup>th</sup> meeting by the same forum. This decision is for protection of interests and rights of workers across the country through provision of long-term sustainable projects both in Education and Health Sector by utilizing available land and budget.
- ii. PWWBs / WWF may initiate and plan new schemes with standing instructions to develop affordable and state-of-the-art schemes on available lands within their own budget with no expenditure on procurement of new lands.
- iii. Since WWF is under devolution process, Provincial Workers Welfare Boards can sign MOUs with respective Provincial Governments for establishing Joint Ventures towards running and recurring cost of schemes.
- iv. New schemes should not stretch more than three (03) years and PWWBs may take approval from Provincial Government and Provincial P&D Department for monitoring and cost rationalization of schemes. WWF will provide only initial funding line.

**\*Question No. 48 Senator Rubina Qaim Khani:**  
(Notice Received on 8/12/2025 at 12:59 PM) QID: 43741

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the details of all private medical and dental colleges in ICT indicating also their owner's names, addresses, dates of registration, number of seats allocated and fee structure with college wise and course wise breakup?*

**Syed Mustafa Kamal:**

The comprehensive details of all Private Medical and Dental Colleges, indicating their names, seat allocation, and other relevant particulars, are placed at **Annex-I**

The tuition fee structure of these colleges obtained from their official website / provided by the institutions is at **Annex-II**

Kindly be noted that the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC), vide its Public Notice dated 8th January 2025, directed all private medical and dental institutions not to collect tuition fees for the session 2024-25 until the outcome of recommendations made by the Committee on Medical Education Reforms, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) of Pakistan.

Pursuant to the recommendations of the DPM Committee, the PM&DC has repeatedly communicated with private institutions to ensure compliance with the tuition fee cap of PKR 1.8 million per annum.

To ensure compliance, all private institutions through PM&DC Notification dated 6th October 2025 have been given last opportunity to submit compliance reports by 13th October 2025, specifying tuition fees charged, any overcharged amount, refunds, and adjustments proposed for the next session.

Moreover, the PM&DC Tuition Fee Justification Committee, constituted under Section 20(7) & (8) of the PM&DC Act, 2022, is currently reviewing and standardizing the tuition fee policy.

Furthermore, any deviation, concealment, or misrepresentation in this regard shall be deemed unlawful and shall entail consequential action including but not limited to suspension of accreditation, student admissions or further action under Section-33 of PM&DC Act-2022.

**Annexure-I****LIST OF PRIVATE MEDICAL & DENTAL COLLEGES IN ISLAMABAD**

Sr. No.	College Name	Date of Recognition	Seat Allocation	Address of Colleges	Owner Name
<b>MEDICAL COLLEGES</b>					
1.	Al-Nafees Medical College, Islamabad.	30/12/2011	100	Al-Nafees Medical College Near Farash Town, Zone-IV, <u>Islamabad.</u>	Prof. Dr. Ghulam Qadir Kazi (President & CEO) Isra Islamic Foundation (Guarantee) Limited
2.	Fazaia Medical College, Islamabad.	06-11-2015	100	Fazaia Medical College Air University Sector E-9 <u>Islamabad.</u>	Under Section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017.
3.	Foundation University Medical College, Islamabad.	05/09/2007	150	Foundation University Medical College Defence Avenue, DHA, Phase-I <u>Islamabad</u>	Charter by the Federal Government of Pakistan.
4.	HBS Medical & Dental College, Islamabad.	29-12-2015	150	HBS Medical & Dental College Lehtar Road, Tarlai, <u>Islamabad.</u>	Dr. M. Rizw Shahbaz Janjua (Chief Executive/Director) Mr. Raja Saif-uz-Zaman Akram (Director) Mr. Ghulam Farid (Director) Mr. Shahzad Ali (Director)
5.	Islamabad Medical & Dental College, Islamabad.	13/08/2007	100	Islamabad Medical & Dental College Wadi ul Ilm Bhankahu, Main Murree Road, <u>Islamabad.</u>	Dr. Ghulam Akbar Khan Niazi (Chairman)
6.	Rawal Institute of Health Sciences, Islamabad.	30/12/2011	100	Rawal Institute of Health Sciences Lehtar Road, Near Ali Trust College, Khanna Dak, <u>Islamabad.</u>	Khaqan Waheed Khawaja (CEO/Director) Omama Khaqan (Director) Mariam Khanum (Director) Salcha Khaqan (Director) Ms. Amra Hayat (Director) Azir Mumtaz (Director)
7.	Shifa College of Medicine, Islamabad.	05/09/2007	100	Shifa College of Medicine Pitrus Bukhari Road, Sector H-8/4, <u>Islamabad.</u>	Not Available

8.	NUST School of Health Sciences, Islamabad.	27/11/2023	100	NUST School of Health Sciences, National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) Sector H-12 Islamabad.	Not Available
9.	Bahria University College of Medicine, Islamabad.	Notification pending from Federal Government.	100	Bahria University College of Medicine, Islamabad Shangrilla Road, Sector E-8, Islamabad.	Under Section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017.
<b>DENTAL COLLEGES</b>					
1.	Dental College, Islamabad Medical & Dental College, Islamabad.	24-12-2010	50	Islamabad Medical & Dental College Wadi ul Ilm Bharakahu, Main Murree Road, Islamabad.	Dr. Ghulam Akbar Khan Niazi (Chairman)
2.	Dental College, Rawal Institute of Health Sciences, Islamabad.	12-03-2012	50	Rawal Institute of Health Sciences Lehtar Road, Near Ali Trust College, Khanna Dak, Islamabad.	Khaqan Waheed Khawaja (CEO/Director) Omaira Khaqan (Director) Mariam Khanum (Director) Saleha Khaqan (Director) Ms. Amra Hayat (Director) Azir Mumtaz (Director)
3.	Foundation University College of Dentistry, Islamabad.	29-12-2015	75	Foundation University Medical College Defence Avenue, DHA, Phase-I Islamabad.	Charter by the Federal Government of Pakistan.
4.	HBS Dental College, Islamabad.	11-01-2019	75	HBS Medical & Dental College Lehtar Road, Tarlai, Islamabad.	Dr. M. Riaz Shahbaz Janjua (Chief Executive/Director) Mr. Raja Sarfaraz Akram (Director) Mr. Ghulam Farid (Director) Mr. Shahzad Ali (Director)
5.	Islamic International Dental College, Islamabad.	13-08-2007	75	Islamic International Dental College Sector G-7/4, Islamabad.	Not Available
6.	Shifa College of Dentistry, Islamabad.	Notification pending from	50	Shifa College of Dentistry Chaudhry Ghulam Abbas Road,	Not Available
		Federal Government.		996 Service Rd W, Dhoke Kala Khan, Rawalpindi.	

**TEUTION FEE STRUCTURE**

SR. NO.	PROVINCE	NAME	FEE CHARGED BY THE COLLEGE	SOURCE
1.	Federal	Shifa College of Medicine, Islamabad	1,920,000	From Institution
2.	Federal	Shifa College of Medicine and Dental, Islamabad	1,920,000	From Institution
3.	Federal	Islamic International Dental College, Islamabad	2,500,000	From Institution
4.	Federal	Fazaia Medical College, Islamabad	1,800,000	From Institution
5.	Federal	Foundation Medical University, Islamabad	1,954,000	From Institution
6.	Federal	Foundation Dental University, Islamabad	1,954,000	From Institution
7.	Federal	NUST School of Health Sciences, Islamabad	2,095,000	From Institution
8.	Federal	Al Nafees Medical College, Islamabad	2,475,000	From Institution
9.	Federal	HBS Medical College, Islamabad	2,425,750	From Institution
10.	Federal	HBS Dental College Islamabad	Nil	Not Provided
11.	Federal	Rawal Institute of Medical College, Islamabad	2,550,000	From Institution
12.	Federal	Rawal Institute of Dental College, Islamabad	2,346,000	From Institution
13.	Federal	Islamabad Medical and Dental College, Islamabad	2,345,964	From Institution
14.	Federal	Dental Section, Islamabad Medical and Dental College, Islamabad	2,233,984	From Institution
15.	Federal	Bahria University College of medicine, Islamabad	2113400	From Institution

**\*Question No. 49 Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan Mandokhel:**

(Notice Received on 9/12/2025 at 11:59 AM) QID: 43960

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the details of amount of Workers Welfare fund released for different projects and its utilization, since 2018 with province wise breakup?*

**Chaudhry Salik Hussain:**

- From 2018-19 to 2024-25, Rs.10,285.892 million were released to The Provincial WWB's against their approved budget for Development Works out of which an amount of Rs. 9,824.087 million have been utilized. Province-wise utilization of funds against Development Projects is as under;

**Rs. (in million)**

WWBs / WWF	Fund Released	Fund Utilized
<b>Punjab</b>	2,575.137	*3,326.549
<b>KPK</b>	2,264.966	2,157.259
<b>Balochistan</b>	1,627.857	522.347
<b>WWF</b>	3,817.932	3,817.932
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>10,285.892</b>	<b>9,824.087</b>

\*Over and Above expenditure were met by the WWB from its available balance.

- Details of projects are at (Annex-A).





WWF	FINANCIAL YEARS												Total			
	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		Fund Released	Fund Utilized
	Fund Release	Fund Utilize	Fund Release	Fund Utilize	Fund Release	Fund Utilize	Fund Release	Fund Utilize	Fund Release	Fund Utilize	Fund Release	Fund Utilize	Fund Release	Fund Utilize		
i. 504 Flats (Labour Complex) at Haitar Road Taxila. ii. Labour Complex at Japan Road, Zone-V Islamabad. iii. Dismantling of reconstruction of office Building at F-6 Market, Islamabad.	460.430	460.430	485.547	485.547	432.077	432.077	222.620	222.620	697.382	697.382	855.676	855.676	664.200	664.200	3,817,932	3,817,932

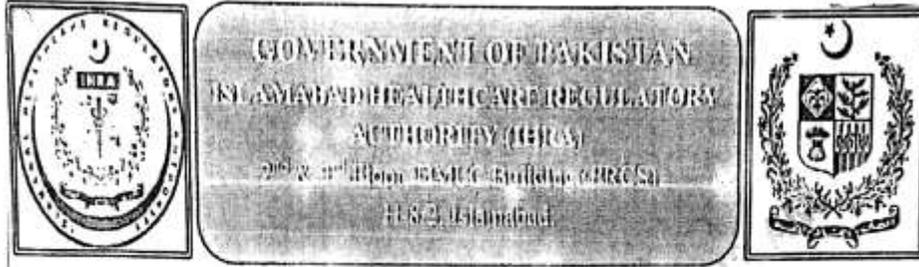
**\*Question No. 50 Senator Rubina Qaim Khani:**  
(Notice Received on 9/12/2025 at 3:23 PM) QID: 43742

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:*

- (a) the names of Advocates/lawyers engaged by the Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority (IHRA) at present indicating also the dates of their engagements and rates of retainership or per case fee and fees paid so far; and*
- (b) whether advertisements were published in the newspapers and EPADS system of PPRA was used for transparent selection of the said lawyers, if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Syed Mustafa Kamal:**

- (a) The Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority (IHRA) has not hired any lawyer on a retainership basis to date. However, the legal firm M/s Hayat & Sarwar has been selected through a competitive process in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules, after obtaining three quotations. The firm was taken on board on 1st September 2025 for provision of legal services to IHRA for an emergent matter. No amount or fee has been paid till date.**
- (b) The Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority (IHRA) has recently published an advertisement for Expression of Interest (EOI) through the Electronic Procurement System (EPADS) of PPRA. This step has been taken in compliance with the PPRA Rules to constitute a panel of legal firms to handle IHRA's current and upcoming legal cases. Advertisement attached at Annexure-I.**



**NOTICE FOR SUBMISSION OF  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST & PRE-  
QUALIFICATION FOR PANEL OF  
LAWYERS AND LAW FIRMS WITH  
DEMONSTRATIVE COMPETENCE  
TENDER**

The Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority (IHRA), an autonomous health regulatory body was enacted under the Islamabad Health Regulation Act, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) and Pre-qualification for Panel of Lawyers and renowned Corporate Law Firms having solid experience in the field of Regulatory Laws, to represent (plead and defend) IHRA in Supreme Court, High Court, District Courts, tribunals and other judicial forums. Interested bidder/s may visit PPRA/IHRA website (<https://ihra.gov.pk>) & (<https://www.ppra.org.pk>) & ([www.eprocure.gov.pk](http://www.eprocure.gov.pk)) respectively for Broad terms of Reference and submission requirements.

2. The EOI together with the above identified information must be submitted through EPADS, only EPADS applications shall be entertained, a certified copies shall also be posted to the following office by 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. Tender will be closed on 1500 hours. Proposals will be opened the same day at 1530 hours. IHRA may reject any or all proposals prior to the acceptance of any or all proposals.

Procuring Agency  
Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, PRCS Building Sufi Tabasum Road 11-8/2  
Islamabad.  
051-9199-999

**\*Question No. 52 Senator Rubina Qaim Khani:**  
(Notice Received on 11/12/2025 at 12:35 PM) QID: 43778

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the details of public sector nursing colleges/institutions in the country at present indicating also their date of registration, seats in each and criteria adopted for evaluating their annual performance?*

**Syed Mustafa Kamal:**

Total **205** public sector nursing colleges / institutions in the country at present. The list indicating their date of registration, seats is **Annexed**. The details also available on PN&MC website <https://pnmc.gov.pk/recognized-institutes/>.

The criteria for evaluating annual performance of the institutes is provided in PN&MC Application, Inspection, Recognition and Accreditation of Educational Institutions Regulations, 2023. As per Regulation No. 40, Chapter-IX of the Regulations *ibid*, the PN&MC has to inspect all the recognized institutes every two years. PN&MC regulation is available at the following links:

- i. <https://pnmc.gov.pk/rules-for-new-institutes/>
- ii. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iWnGX0VYe4gErZ49kkg7bWqVUjuPFBI/view>

*(Annexure has been placed in library and on the Table of the Mover/Concerned Member).*

**\*Question No. 53 Senator Noor Ul Haq Qadri:**  
(Notice Received on 12/12/2025 at 1:41 PM) QID: 43984

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the no repair/ maintenance work has been carried out on Landi Kotal road, which falls under the purview of National Highway Authority, for quite some time, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that work on nine bridges on Pak-Afghan Highway from Landi Kotal to torkham has not been initiated despite the completion of the road, if so, the reasons*

*thereof indicating also the time by which work will be started on the same?*

**Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan:**

- (a) The road section from Kharkhano Phattak to Torkham (Km 1713+000 to Km 1756+000 on N-5) is presently being maintained by the National Highway Authority through Routine Maintenance Contracts, under which continuous maintenance activities are being carried out. The scope of routine maintenance includes, inter alia, repair of potholes, shoulder treatment, clearance of side drains and carriageway shoulders, removal of slide material and debris, and repair/maintenance of damaged parapets, retaining walls, and other allied works.

Furthermore, a severe flash flood occurred on 30th August 2025 in District Khyber, which caused extensive damage to the N-5 section between Km 1734+000 (Ali Masjid) and Km 1753+000 (Landikotal/Charwazgai), including washed-away road portions and structural damage to several causeways. In response, the NHA immediately mobilized heavy machinery and restored traffic flow. Subsequent to the stoppage of flood water and restoration of traffic, the damages occurred to the road infrastructure at Ali Masjid including washed away road section, damaged retaining walls and damages occurred to the protection work of various causeways were reconstructed through maintenance contractors.

- (b) It is clarified that the structures referred to are **nine (09) causeways, not bridges, located between Km 1736+000 and Km 1746+000 on N-5 (Ali Masjid to Charwazgai section, Landi Kotal).**

These causeways were constructed earlier under the Peshawar-Torkham Expressway Project (PTEP), which was executed by FATA Secretariat through M/s FWO, with consultancy services provided by NESPAK and AGES, and completed and inaugurated in October 2015. It is pertinent to mention that the aforesaid project was a USAID assisted project and the Funds were utilized through FATA Secretariat. Upon completion, the road was formally handed over to NHA for routine upkeep.

During heavy rainfall and flash flood events, temporary submergence/overtopping occurs at certain causeways

due to the overflow of storm water. However, the water recedes shortly after cessation of rainfall, and traffic is restored in a timely manner. Debris and flood-borne material deposited at these locations following such events are regularly cleared through Routine Maintenance Contracts to ensure continued serviceability of the roadway. These causeways are functioning as per the original project design; however, climate-induced extreme rainfall events have increased the frequency and intensity of overtopping. It is pertinent to mention that the submergence/overtopping of rainstorm or flash-flood water at the above-mentioned causeways is a **temporary and transient phenomenon**, which occurs only during periods of exceptionally heavy rainfall. The accumulated water recedes promptly upon cessation of rainfall and dissipation of the flash-flood, thereby restoring normal traffic conditions.

**\*Question No. 55 Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 18/12/2025 at 2:36 PM) QID: 44024

*Will the Minister for National Food Security & Research be pleased to state the steps taken by the government in the last 2 years to bridge the gap between the actual and potential rice production in the country?*

**Rana Tanveer Hussain:**

The government of Pakistan is addressing the gap between actual and potential rice production through an integrated approach focused on **modern technology adoption, research and development, improved input access, and farmer capacity building**. Ministry of National Food Security & Research has recently completed a mega PSDP project "**Productivity Enhancement of Rice**" (23-09-2019 to 30-06-2025) in Punjab, Baluchistan and KPK. The key steps taken / achievements of the project include:

### Technological & Mechanization Interventions:

- **Promoting Farm Mechanization:** The government encouraged the use of modern machinery like laser land levelers, mechanical rice transplanters, and reapers/combine harvesters on a cost-sharing basis (50 % subsidy) to increase efficiency, reduce labor dependency, and minimize post-harvest losses.
- **Adopting Smart Agriculture:** Initiatives include using precision agriculture techniques with GAP and DSR for real-time data on soil health, crops, weather, and pests, enabling better decision-making resource use.
- **Enhancing Water and optimized Management:** The government promotes efficient irrigation methods such as alternate wetting and drying (AWD) techniques, drip irrigation, and the conversion of tube-wells to solar power to manage water scarcity and improve water use efficiency.

### Research and Development (R&D):

- **Developing High-Yield Varieties:** Develop and introduce high-yielding, disease-resistant, and climate-resilient rice varieties through advanced research and biotechnology, including establishing a Plant Genome Lab and speed breeding facilities.
- **International Collaboration:** The government is fostering cooperation with international partners and institutions (like the International Rice Research Institute and China) to facilitate technology transfer and adopt global innovations to local conditions.

### Farmer Support & Capacity Building

- **Ensuring Quality Inputs:** Ensure the timely availability and quality of essential inputs such as certified seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides, including awareness campaigns about their proper use.
- **Farmer Trainings/Capacity Building:** Mega/smart gatherings, field days, trainings, extension activities were conducted for awareness on GAP/other interventions for rice productivity enhancement.
- **Providing Support on fertilizers:** Provided subsidies on fertilizers (50%) to help them.

\*Question No. 56 **Senator Shahadat Awan:**  
(Notice Received on 18/12/2025 at 2:38 PM) QID: 44023

*Will the Minister for National Food Security & Research be pleased to state the steps are being taken by the Government in the last 2 years to bridge the gap between the actual and potential wheat production in the country?*

**Rana Tanveer Hussain:**

The following steps have been taken by the Government during the last two years to bridge the gap between actual and potential wheat production in the country.

i. The Federal Government in consultation with provinces and other stakeholder prepared the **National Seed Policy, 2025**. The policy establishes a comprehensive framework for development, regulation, certification, and commercialization of quality seeds. It clarifies federal and provincial roles, harmonizes the Seed Act and Plant Breeders' Rights regime, strengthens seed testing and certification systems, and improves ease of doing business in the seed sector. These reforms are ensuring timely availability of improved wheat varieties, strengthening the private seed industry, and directly contributing to productivity enhancement.

ii. In continuation of market reforms, the Federal Government notified the **Interim National Wheat Policy (INWP) 2025-26**, which deregulated the wheat sector by withdrawing federal and provincial procurement and allowing private sector-led procurement, storage, movement, and trade. This reform reduced fiscal burden, improved market signals and price transparency, ensured free movement of wheat across the country, and created a competitive and sustainable wheat value chain. The policy also provided the basis for rationalization of the public sector role, including restructuring and winding-up of PASSCO, in line with broader agricultural market reforms. This policy shift will bring International and local private sector investment in wheat sector which will enhance the productivity of wheat in coming years.

iii. Parallel to policy reforms, MNFSR in coordination with the **Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC)** initiated wheat productivity enhancement programs under PSDP, focusing on development and dissemination of high-yielding and climate-resilient wheat varieties, promotion of improved agronomic practices, and farmer outreach. These initiatives are translating research outputs into field-level productivity gains and supporting the narrowing of the yield gap.

iv. Availability and use of quality inputs have been significantly improved. Use of **certified wheat seed increased by approximately 37% during Rabi 2025-26**, which is expected to **increase 10-15% in wheat yields**. Under Prime Minister's directives, the Federal Government ensured uninterrupted inter-provincial movement of certified wheat seed, particularly from Punjab to other provinces. A **dedicated committee** was constituted to monitor certified seed movement during Rabi 2025-26 to ensure timely availability across the country.

v. To further strengthen coordination and oversight, a **National Wheat Oversight Committee**, chaired by the Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research with representation of all Provincial Food and Agriculture Secretaries, has been notified. The Committee meets on a weekly basis to ensure effective implementation of the Interim National Wheat Policy, address emerging issues, and facilitate coordination among federal and provincial governments.

vi. Fertilizer availability and affordability have also been ensured. **Urea offtake increased by around 27% in Punjab**, mainly due to sufficient availability at affordable prices. The Federal Government ensured uninterrupted gas supply to two SNGPL-based urea plants, resulting in enhanced domestic urea production and availability during peak demand periods, which supported timely fertilizer application and yield improvement.

vii. At the provincial level, the **Government of Sindh** provided substantial support to farmers through a dedicated wheat grower support programme with **Rs. 5.5 billion fertilizer subsidy**, supplying one bag of DAP and two bags of urea per acre to the wheat farmers. This intervention shared input costs, encouraged wheat sowing, and resulted an increase in wheat cultivated area exceeding the provincial target for the current Rabi season, which is expected to translate into higher wheat production.

viii. Similarly, the **Government of Punjab** introduced an expanded farm mechanization initiatives by providing tractors and modern farm equipment on interest-free, low-markup financing and subsidized rates schemes for farmers. Improved mechanization has supported timely land preparation and sowing, improved crop management practices, and is expected to contribute to higher wheat yields.

2. Through these integrated policy, institutional, input-supply, market, and productivity enhancement measures, the Government has taken concrete steps over the last two years to bridge the gap between actual and potential wheat production and to strengthen national food security in a sustainable manner.

**\*Question No. 57 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
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*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the details of the phytosanitary measures for quality standards to facilitate international and inter provincial trades of the country crops during the last 2 years?*

**Rana Tanveer Hussain:**

Following actions have been undertaken during the last 02 years to improve the Phytosanitary Measures for quality standards to facilitate the trade:

- Revision of DPP-notified public sector laboratories for residue, pest, and disease testing to ensure quality and phytosanitary compliance.
- Implementation of the e-Phyto system to enhance transparency, reduce delays, and improve acceptance by trading partners.
- Compliance with WTO-SPS Agreement and International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) standards to ensure science-based regulation.
- DPP has now authorized the Lahore office to perform phytosanitary certification of export, to expedite the export process.
- Establishment of two laboratories to ensure compliance with the Food Safety and Phytosanitary measures in DPP with the help of HEJ Institute Karachi university.
- Establishment of National Agro-trade and Food Safety Authority (NAFSA).

- A dedicated module for issuance of Phytosanitary Certificate, Import Permits and Release Order for Agro Commodities has already been rolled out, and are currently being processed based on documents submitted through the online system to reduce the timelines.
- “Plant and plant products shall not be fumigated upon arrival if they have been disinfested or disinfected using appropriate treatments in the country of origin and are found free from pests upon inspection at the port of entry, in accordance with the Plant Quarantine Rules, 2019”. However, if the conditions are not met and biosecurity risks i.e. regulated pests are found, the DPP will take necessary/emergency quarantine action i.e. fumigation etc. as per IPPC standards.
- A step has been initiated to decrease the use of Methyl Bromide by revisions of import Conditions.

For Rice shipments, following actions have been taken to improve SPS measures

- **Lot Inspection & Sealing** report by PSI (SGS, Supply chain & Bureau VERITAS)
- **MRL & Aflatoxin** analysis by accredited labs (Eurofins, SGS & Bureau VERITAS)
- Improved field interventions & regulatory controls with Provincial Govts
- **14 harmful pesticides for rice banned**
- **Mandatory labeling** on pesticides '**Not for use on rice**'
- Introduction of **Minimum Food safety standards** for rice exports on self-regulatory basis
- **Verification** of lab reports & documents through official email
- **Coordination** with EU-SANTE for resolution of issues
- Regular engagement with REAP, labs & exporters
- **Awareness campaigns & field monitoring**
- EU interceptions reduced from 77 (2024) to 38 (2025)
- Revisions of SOPs for export consignments in case of Rice
- 1. Revision of Phytosanitary Import Requirements for import of Beetle nuts to Pakistan as per international standards
- 2. Pakistan has successfully captured the market of Cherries and Red Chili to China, Dry dates to Japan and Mango to Argentina.

**Process has also been initiated to take the market access of the following commodities for export**

Country	Products
Iran	Maize
Mexico	Peach, Potato, Citrus, Mango and Guava.
China	Guava, Strawberry, Banana, Fresh dates, Melon, Maize, Dried nuts, Medicinal Herbs, Apricot, Sorghum, Peanut.
Japan	Citrus
Argentina	Potato and Onion
Thailand	Citrus, Mango, Potato, Onion, Fresh dates, Cherry and Strawberry.
Philippines	Potato
Costa Rica	Rice
USA	Mango, Banana, Fresh Dates and Kinnow.
Indonesia	Onion
South Korea	Kinnow, Cherry and Grape Fruit
Italy, Belgium and Japan	Potato
Vietnam	Citrus, Mango, Potato, Onion, Rhod grass hay, fresh dates, melon and apricot.

- Training of stakeholders and provincial coordination to maintain plant health while facilitating domestic trade.
- Monitoring and regulatory controls to prevent movement of regulated pests across provinces without imposing undue restrictions.

**\*Question No. 60 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
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*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the details of the action against the adulterated pesticides during the last 3 years?*

**Rana Tanveer Hussain:**

- After the 18<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment, regulation, distribution, sale and use of pesticides fall under the mandate of provincial Agricultural Departments. However, import and standardization of Pesticides fall under the mandate of Department of Plant Protection (DPP). The following actions were taken by DPP under the Agricultural Pesticides Ordinance, 1971 and Agricultural Pesticides Rules, 1973:
  - Each consignment is invariably subjected to inspection by Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs) enlisted by the Department of Plant Protection (DPP) to confirm compliance with registration data, including the source, purity, packaging, and labeling.
  - Upon arrival in Pakistan, samples are drawn from the port randomly @ 10% and tested by the Federal Pesticide Testing and Research Laboratory (FPTRL) under the Agricultural Pesticides Ordinance, 1971 and DPP had rejected 02 consignments due to substandard quality and the PSIA was also suspended.
  - DPP has also cancelled the registrations of 03 importers who violated Rule 9A(d) of APR-1973 due to submission of fake and fabricated documents and misdeclaration of origin. Moreover show cause notice was also issued to 01 importer for verification of their manufacturing status.

**\*Question No. 61 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
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*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the details of the production of tobacco, tea, and other major crops since 2020, year wise Increase/decrease and the measures taken for Increase?*

**Rana Tanveer Hussain:**

**Year-wise increase/decrease of tobacco production since 2020:**

Year	Production (Million Kg)	%increase/decrease	Status
2019-20	114.062		
2020-21	118.949	4.28	Increase
2021-22	112.358	-5.54	Decrease
2022-23	126.653	12.72	Increase
2023-24	137.165	8.30	Increase
2024-25	169.455	23.54	Increase

**Measures taken for increase of tobacco production:**

Tobacco cultivation and production are regulated in accordance with the demand of tobacco companies and exporters. However, due to the measures and initiatives undertaken by the Pakistan Tobacco Board (PTB), tobacco production has increased significantly over the last five years. The key measures adopted by PTB are as under:

**Export Support and Market Development**

- PTB oversees export quota allocation and streamlines export procedures (e.g., digital platforms for permits), making it easier to tap international markets.
- Supporting export logistics helps tobacco exporters access higher-value markets and improves overall production value:

**Research & Development (R&D)**

- In order to increase tobacco production and quality, the PTB has enlisted four new hybrids. Names are as under:

S. No.	Variety/Hybrid
1.	RJR 215
2.	GLR 20443003
3.	GLR 20443001
4.	GLR 20443005

- PTB has developed a new area in Layyah in collaboration with multinational companies for growing a new type of tobacco, Sun Cured Virginia.

- PTB has established a new tobacco model farm in Pishin, Balochistan, at a project cost of Rs.35.85 million. An additional Rs.26.05 million has been allocated for the upgrade and rehabilitation of the Tobacco Research Sub-Station (TRSS) in Okara.

#### Tea Production since 2020 at PARC-NTHRI Shinkiari Mansehra

Year's	Processed Green Tea (Kgs)	Processed Black Tea (Kgs)	Total Production (Kgs)	% Increase/Decrease	Status
2020	4500	530	5030		
2021	4800	330	5130	1.98	Increase
2022	4400	400	4800	-6.43	Decrease
2023	4500	195	4695	2.18	Increase
2024	4000	555	4555	-2.98	Decrease
2025	4600	505	5105	-12.07	Decrease

#### Measures taken to increase Tea Production:

Tea production fluctuated year-wise with change of weather parameters and an increase of 1.5% in production since 2020 is due to better tea crop husbandry practice

#### Detail of major crops production of last five years:

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Year	Wheat	% increase/decrease	Rice	% increase/decrease	Sugarcane	% increase/decrease	Maize	% increase/decrease	Cotton	% increase/decrease
2020-21	27444		8419		81007		8935		7064	
2021-22	25633	-6.59 decrease	9323	10.73 increase	88647	9.43 increase	9519	6.53 increase	8329	17.90 increase
2022-23	27536	7.42 increase	7322	-27.32 decrease	87981	-0.75 decrease	10966	15.20 increase	4910	-41.04 decrease
2023-24	31438	14.17 increase	9900	35.20 increase	84442	-4.0 decrease	5560	-49.29 decrease	10223	108.21 increase
2024-25	28980	-7.81 decrease	9720	-1.81 decrease	84737	0.35 increase	9032	62.44 increase	7084	-30.71 decrease

\* Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

#### Measures taken to increase productivity of major crops:

The government of Pakistan is addressing production increase/enhancement of major crops through an integrated approach focused on **modern technology adoption, research and development, improved inputs access, and farmers' capacity building**. Recently Ministry of National Food Security & Research has completed four mega PSDP projects "Productivity Enhancement of Wheat, Rice, Sugarcane and Pulses" (23-09-2019 to 30-06-2025) in Punjab, Baluchistan, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The key steps taken / achievements of these projects include:

#### Technological & Mechanization Interventions:

- **Promoting Farm Mechanization:** The government encouraged the use of modern machinery like laser land levelers, mechanical transplanters and reapers/combine harvesters on a cost-sharing basis (50 % subsidy) to increase efficiency, reduce labor dependency, and minimize post-harvest losses.
- **Adopting Smart Agriculture:** Initiatives include using precision agriculture techniques with GAP and DSR for real-time data on soil health, crops, weather, and pests, enabling better decision-making and optimized resource use.

- **Enhancing Water Management:** The government promotes efficient irrigation methods such as alternate wetting and drying (AWD) techniques, drip irrigation, and the conversion of tube-wells to solar power to manage water scarcity and improve water use efficiency.

**Research and Development (R&D):**

- **Developing High-Yield Varieties:** Developed and introduced high-yielding, disease-resistant, and climate-resilient crops varieties through advanced research and biotechnology, including establishing a Plant Genome Lab and speed breeding facilities.
- **International Collaboration:** The government is fostering cooperation with international partners and institutions (like the International Rice Research Institute and China) to facilitate technology transfer and adapt global innovations to local conditions.

**Farmer Support & Capacity Building**

- **Ensuring Quality Inputs:** Ensure the timely availability and quality of essential inputs such as certified seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides, including awareness campaigns about their proper use.
- **Farmers Training / Capacity Building:** Mega/smart gatherings, field days, yield competitions, traveling seminars, trainings, technology demonstrations, extension activities were conducted for awareness on GAP / other interventions for productivity enhancement.
- **Providing Support on Fertilizers:** Provided subsidies on fertilizers (50%) to help farmers for better production.

**\*Question No. 63 Senator Jan Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 31/12/2025 at 9:41 AM) QID: 44100

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased state:*

- whether it is a fact that despite officially notified OPD timings of 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Polyclinic Hospital, Islamabad, OPDs start late, i.e. after 9:00 a.m., and although Laboratory and Radiology departments remain open, but they do not issue registration numbers nor collect samples during the prescribed hours and stop service delivery around 12:00 noon, thereby compelling patients to obtain medical consultation, investigations and reports on different days;*
- if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- the measures being taken or proposed to ensure effective monitoring of staff and provision of full-time facilities to the patients?*

**Syed Mustafa Kamal:**

- (a) It is clarified that the OPD timings of FGPC, Islamabad are from 08:30 a.m. to 02:30 p.m. However, to facilitate patients and manage patient load more effectively, the OPD reception is proactively opened at 08:00 a.m. under the supervision of the Housekeeping Section. Furthermore, all diagnostic service collection points are operating strictly within their defined timings.
- (b) Nil
- (c) Implementation of the digital Hospital Management Information System (eHMIS) across the FGPC, hospital is under process which will ensure effective monitoring of staff and provision of full-time facilities to the patients.

**\*Question No. 65 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 14/01/2026 at 10:07 AM) QID: 44167

*Will the Minister National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the following:-*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a large number of patients have to wait for months in order to get dates for surgery/operations in two main public sector hospitals located in Islamabad i.e. PIMS and Polyclinic, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *is there any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish new hospitals in Islamabad to cater the huge number of patients in the Federal Capital? If so, the details thereof?*

**Syed Mustafa Kamal:**

- (a) It is a matter of fact that both PIMS and FGPC are experiencing a large number of patients not only from Islamabad but also from other areas of the country.

All emergency services including surgical procedures are being performed immediately as per medical guidelines and condition of the patient(s). However, elective and routine surgeries are being scheduled with the prior appointments; depending on availability of operation theatres and considering medical conditions. Consequently, patients wait for months, due to limited number of beds/ operating tables and due to high influx of patients.

Surgical emergencies can be life threatening, hence all such cases are carried out on war footing basis whereas the elective cases are done routinely.

- (b) In order to cater the growing patient load, the Government has initiated multiple proposals to enhance public sector healthcare capacity in Islamabad . In this regard, the project titled "Establishment of Jinnah (Polyclinic) Hospital (PGMI-II) at G-11/3, Islamabad" is under construction as an extension of FGPC to supplement existing tertiary care hospitals.

Additionally, a PSDP funded project titled "Strengthening and Up-gradation of Cardiology and Other Departments of Federal Government Polyclinic (PGMI), Hospital, Islamabad" is under implementation. The project aims to expand diagnostic and treatment facilities, enhance Cath-Lab services, add modern medical equipment, and increase services capacity to reduce the patient burden on existing hospitals.

**\*Question No. 66 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 14/01/2026 at 10:08 AM) QID: 44168

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government has allowed increase in the prices of medicines during the last two years? If so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is further a fact that there has been an acute shortage of critical medicines in the market during the last two years, due to which common man suffers badly? If so, the details thereof indicating the name of medicine and its new and old price; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to rationalise and bring down the prices of medicines and also their easy availability in the market?*

**Syed Mustafa Kamal:**

- (a) The increase made in the prices of medicines during the last two years is as under: -
  - Annual increase in Maximum Retail Prices of drugs has been linked with Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the preceding financial year under paragraph 7 of Drug Pricing Policy -2018. It provides that in any fiscal year. Manufacturers and importers may increase their existing Maximum Retail Prices (MRPs) of essential drugs (excluding lower priced) equal to 70% increase in CPI (with a cap of 7%) and MRPs of lower priced essential drugs up to increase in CPI (with a cap of 10%). Consumer Price Index (CPI) of any fiscal year ended June 30, is published by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in 1st week of July.
  - Increase in MRPs of drugs included in National Essential Medicine List (NEML) has been allowed on the basis of Consumer Price Index (CPI) during last five years is as under; -

Year	Category	Rate of increase
2024	Drugs included in NEML other than lower priced	7%
	Lower Priced Drug included in NEML	10%
2025	Drugs included in NEML other than lower priced	3.14%
	Lower Priced Drug included in NEML	4.49%

- Maximum Retail Prices(MRPs) of 146 drugs included in National Essential Medicine List(NEML) were increased vide SRO.229(I)/2024 dated 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 under hardship category, after approval of Federal Government. Moreover, Federal Government de-regulated prices of drugs not included in National Essential Medicine List vide SRO.228(I)/2024 dated 19-02-2024
- (b) Drug shortage is a global and dynamic phenomenon arising from multiple interrelated international and domestic factors. During the preceding two years, whenever temporary shortages of critical and life-saving medicines were identified through surveillance, information by Health Care professionals and provincial health departments, the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) initiated timely regulatory interventions to mitigate supply disruptions. Such shortages were primarily attributable to global supply chain constraints, non-availability of active pharmaceutical ingredients and raw materials, import-related limitations, restricted registered sources, price volatility, and increased clinical demand.

In order to address issues relating to the availability of therapeutic goods in a systematic and transparent manner, DRAP has instituted a comprehensive, structured, and user-friendly reporting and communication framework for the public and healthcare professionals. All stakeholders are advised to utilize official reporting channels to facilitate prompt regulatory action, including the designated email address **drugshortages@dra.gov.pk** and the official DRAP website, thereby ensuring timely assessment, coordination, and resolution of reported shortages.

Upon receipt of shortage notifications, DRAP undertook appropriate regulatory and administrative measures in accordance with the applicable legal framework,

including expedited processing of registrations, facilitation of imports, promotion of local manufacturing, and continuous liaison with manufacturers and relevant stakeholders. Digital mechanisms for reporting, monitoring, and regulatory oversight were also operationalized through online portals and QR-code-based systems. As a consequence of these coordinated regulatory actions, supply conditions have substantially normalized, continuity of patient care has been maintained through approved therapeutic alternatives, and DRAP continues vigilant market surveillance to ensure sustained availability of safe, efficacious, and affordable essential medicines in the country. The list of 56 medicines made available by DRAP is placed at **Annex-A**.

(c) Following steps have been taken to keep the prices of medicines within the reach of the common man for a long period:

- **Regulation imposed:**

Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, with the approval of Federal Cabinet notified a Drug Pricing Policy-2018 which provides a mechanism for fixation, decrease & increase in maximum retail prices of drugs included in National Essential Medicine List (NEML).

- **Reduction in MRPs of drugs:**

- i. Maximum retail prices of 89 originator brands of drugs were reduced vide SRO 1610(I)/2018 dated 31-12-2018.
- ii. Maximum retail prices of 89 drugs on generic basis were reduced SRO 9(I)/2020 dated 01-01-2020.
- iii. Maximum retail prices of 01 drug Remdisivir injection (drug used in treatment of Covid-19) was reduced multiple time vide SRO 1100(I)/2020 dated 22-10-2020, SRO 1305(I)/2020 dated 07-12-2020, SRO 1257(I)/2021 dated 22-09-2021, SRO 406(I)/2022 dated 07-03-2022 and SRO 1083(I)/2022 dated 20-07-2022.
- iv. Maximum retail prices of 20 originator brands were reduced vide SRO 24(I)/2023 dated 11-01-2023.
- v. Maximum retail prices of 20 drug were reduced on generic basis vide SRO 209(I)/2023 dated 21-02-2023.
- vi. MRPs of 03 drugs were reduced on generic basis vide SRO. 1710(I)/2023 dated 27-11-2023.

- **Encouragement of production of generics**

a) Manufacturing of generic drugs is being encouraged and facilitated, as by and large the generic products are cheaper than the branded drugs. Priority and all facilitations are being given to the manufacturers of generic drugs and to make their investment fruitful in the shortest possible time. For that purpose, meetings of the various boards are being held frequently.

b) Priority is also being given to grant registration to new licenses/new sections to increase production of drugs which increase competition in the market which in turn results in the reduction of prices of drugs.

- **Coordination with provincial health authorities to monitor prices in the market**

Under Section 6 of the Drugs Act, 1976, the storage and sale of drugs in the market is regulated by the Provincial Governments, therefore, DRAP has advised the Provincial Health Authorities to take action under the law against the companies who increase prices of drugs more than approved prices.

**Annex-A**

DRUGS MADE AVAILABLE BY DRAP					
S.No.	Brand Name	Composition	Dosage Form	Old Price (30-06-2024) (Rs.)	New Price (Rs.)
<b>Methylphenidate Tablet</b>					
1	Rital 10mg	Methylphenidate HCl ..... 10mg	Tablet	De-regulated	
<b>Flumazenil Injection</b>					
2	Flumaze 1mg/ 10ml Injection	Flumazenil ..... 100 mg	Injection	De-regulated	
<b>Estradiol valerate Norgestrel Tablet</b>					
3	Progyuton Tablets	11 TABLETS 2MG ESTRADIOL VALERATE, 10 TABLETS 2 MG ESTRADIOL VALERATE AND 0.5MG NNORGESTREL	Tablet	De-regulated	
<b>Valporic Tablet</b>					
4	Dapokan Tablet 500mg	Divalproex Sodium eq. to Valporic acid.....500mg	Tablet	1,084.67/100%	1,261/100%
<b>Heparin Sodium Injection</b>					
5	Inhixa Solution for Injection	Heparin Sodium ..... 5000 IU	Solution for injection	1,344/1%	1,482.23/1%
<b>Iohexol Injection</b>					
6	KOPAQ 350 1MG/ML IV SOLUTION FOR INJECTION	Iohexol ..... 755 mg	Injection	3,250/50ml 4,874/100ml	3,587/50ml 5,379/100ml
<b>Diazepam Injection</b>					
7	VALIUM AMPOULES 10mg/2ml	DIAZEPAM 10MG,	Injection	347.75/10mlx5%	392.88/10mlx5%
8	Diazelive 10mg/2ml Injection	Diazepam ..... 5 mg	Injection	235.78/10ml x5%	252.28/10ml x5%
<b>Diazepam Tablet</b>					
9	VALIUM 5MG TAB	DIAZEPAM.....5MG,	Tablet	65.19/30%	74.93/30%
<b>Midazolam Injection</b>					
10	Olam 1mg/ml Injection	Midazolam ..... 1 mg	Injection	314.37/5%	336.37/5%
<b>Midazolam Tablet</b>					
11	Milam Tablet 7.5mg	Midazolam.....7.5mg	Tablet	196.40/20%	216.75/20%
<b>Estradiol Valerate Tablet</b>					
12	Progyuton Tablets	11 TABLETS 2MG ESTRADIOL VALERATE, 10 TABLETS 2 MG ESTRADIOL VALERATE AND 0.5MG NNORGESTREL	Tablet	De-regulated	
<b>Testosterone Injection</b>					

S.No.	Brand Name	Composition	Dosage Form	Old Price (30-06-2024) (Rs.)	New Price (Rs.)
13	SUSTANON 250(1ML) INJ	TESTOSTERONE PROPIONATE 30MG, TESTOSTERONE PHENYLPROPIONATE 60MG, TESTOSTERONE ISOCAPROATE 60MG, TES	Injection	253.03/1's	279.24/1's
<b>Gadopentetic Injection</b>					
14	Magnevist Injection	GADOPENTETIC DIMEGLUMINE 469.01MG	Injection	De-regulated	
<b>Citrixine Syrup</b>					
15	Alergoid Syrup.	Levocitrixine 2HCl..... 2.5mg	Syrup	De-regulated	
<b>Rivaroxaban Tablet</b>					
16	Xarelto Tablet 10mg	RIVAROXABAN MICRONIZED.....10MG (PREVENTION OF VTE IN HIP AND KNEE REPLACEMENT)	Tablet	2,862.54/5's 8,017.62/14's	3,159.09/5's 8,848.23/14's
<b>Sitagliptin Tablet</b>					
17	Treviamet Tablets 50mg+1000mg	Sitagliptin as Phosphate Monohydrate.....50mg Metformin HCl.....1000mg	Film-coated tablet	De-regulated	
<b>Metoprolol Tartrate Tablet</b>					
18	Metoscot Tab	Metoprolol Tartrate.....100mg	Tablet	De-regulated	
<b>Nifedipine Tablet</b>					
19	Mastipine 20mg SR Tablets	Nifedipine ..... 20 mg	Tablet	247.82/3x10's	273.49/3x10's
<b>Insulin Human</b>					
20	Humalin 70/30 100 IU/mL Vial	Human Insulin ..... 100IU/ml IU	Suspension for injection	Sub-Judice	
<b>Fluconazole Injection</b>					
21	Derozole 100mg/50ml Injection	Fluconazole ..... 100 mg	Liquid Vial	486.10/1's	520.12/1's
<b>Fluconazole Capsule</b>					
22	Fludem Cap 50mg	Fluconazole ..... 500 mg	Capsule	838.91/7's	925.82/7's
<b>Methylprednisolone Acetate Injection</b>					
23	Depo-Pred 40mg/ml Injection	Methylprednisolone Acetate ..... 40 mg	Injection	187.25/1's	200.36/1's
24	Medroxin Injection	Methylprednisolone acetate ..... 40 mg	Injection	176.02/1's	194.25/1's
<b>Leflunomide Tablet</b>					
25	Movelef 10mg Tablets	Leflunomide.....10mg	Tablet	De-regulated	

S.No.	Brand Name	Composition	Dosage Form	Old Price (30-06-2024 (Rs.))	New Price (Rs.)
<b>Buprenorphine Injection</b>					
26	Bupregsic 1ml inj	BUPRENORPHINE HCL 0.324MG,	Injection		De-regulated
27	Norpia Injection 0.3mg/ml	Buprenorphine .....0.3 mg/ml	Injection		De-regulated
<b>Topiramate Tablet</b>					
28	Topirama Tablet 25mg	Topiramate.....25mg	Tablet		De-regulated
<b>Methotrexate Injection</b>					
29	Mextru 500mg/20ml Solution for Injection	Methotrexate ..... 500mg/20ml mg/ml	Solution for injection	1,974/1%	2,178.62/1%
<b>Pioglitazone Tablet</b>					
30	Piozer-G 30/2 Tablet	Pioglitazone (as HCl) ...30mg Glimepiride.....2mg	Tablet		De-regulated
31	Piozer-G 30/4 Tablet	Pioglitazone (as HCl) ...30mg Glimepiride.....4mg	Tablet		De-regulated
<b>Procyclidine Tablet</b>					
32	Kemadrin Tablet	PROCYCLIDINE HCL 5MG,	Tablet		De-regulated
<b>Zolpidem Tablet</b>					
33	Jolodam 10mg Tablet	Zolpidem Tartrate ..... 10 mg	Tablet		De-regulated
<b>Levetiracetam Tablet</b>					
34	Epicetam 500mg Tablet	Levetiracetam ..... 500 mg	Tablet	926.21/10%	1,022.16/10%
				2,778.62/30%	3,066.48/30%
35	Epicetam 250mg Tablet	Levetiracetam ..... 250 mg	Tablet	557.86/10%	615.65/10%
				1,675.68/30%	1,849.28/30%
<b>Allopurinol Tablet</b>					
36	Zyloric 100mg Tablet	ALLOPURINOL 100MG,	Tablet	101.50/30%	112.01/30%
				170.54/50%	188.21/50%
37	Zyloric 300mg Tablet	ALLOPURINOL 300MG,	Tablet	249.74/30%	275.60/30%
<b>Permethrin Cream Lotion</b>					
38	Scabiderm Cream	Permethrin ..... 5 % W/W	Cream	106/30gm	113.42/30gm
				176.66/50gm	189.02/50gm
39	Lotrix 5% Lotion	Each ml contain:- Permethrin .... 5% w/w	Lotion		Sub-Judice
<b>Chlorpheniramine Tablet</b>					
40	CHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE 4MG TAB	CHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE 4MG,	Tablet		De-regulated
<b>Levodopa, Carbidopa Tablet</b>					
41	DopTrio Tablet 50mg + 12.5mg + 200mg	Levodopa ..... 50 mg+Carbidopa 12.5mg+Entacapone200mg	Tablet		De-regulated
42	Sinemet Plus Tablet 200mg+50mg+200mg	Levodopa ..... 200 mg	Tablet		De-regulated

S.No.	Brand Name	Composition	Dosage Form	Old Price (30-06-2024) (Rs.)	New Price (Rs.)
43	Sinemet Plus Tablet 100mg+25mg+200mg	Levodopa ..... 100 mg	Tablet	De-regulated	
44	Sinemet Plus Tablet 150mg+37.5mg+200mg	Levodopa ..... 150 mg	Tablet	De-regulated	
<b>Salmeterol Xinafoate, Fluticasone Propionate Aerosol</b>					
45	Seretide Evohaler 25/50mcg	:SALMETEROL XINAFOATE 36.3UG FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE 50.0UG	Inhalant	De-regulated	
46	Seretide Evohaler 25/125mcg	:SALMETEROL XINAFOATE 36.3UG FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE 125.0UG.	Inhalant	De-regulated	
47	Seretide Evohaler 25/250mcg	:SALMETEROL XINAFOATE 36.3UG FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE 250.0UG.	Inhalant	De-regulated	
<b>Memantine Tablet</b>					
48	Ehisa Tablets 10mg	MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE (EQUIVALENT TO 8.13MG MEMANTINE).	Tablet	De-regulated	
<b>Metformin Tablet</b>					
49	Glucophage Tablet 250mg	Metformin Hcl.....250mg	Martin Dow Marker Limited	103.50/5x10s	121.83/5x10s
50	Glucophage Tablet 500mg	Metformin Hcl..... 500mg	Martin Dow Marker Limited	178.25/5x10s	211.02/5x10s
<b>Rabies Vaccine</b>					
51	RABIVAX-S (Rabies Vaccine Inactivated, (Freeze Dried Powder for Injection)	Rabies Vaccine Inactivated (Freeze Dried Powder for Injection) ..... 1ml ml.	Freeze Dried Powder for Injection	2,126.40/1's 10,206.69/5's	2,346.68/1's 11,264.08/5's
52	DOW-RAB Lyophilized Powder for Injection	Rabies Vaccine (Vero Cell) for Human Use Each dose of lyophilized vaccine for immunizing dose (0.5ml) contains: Purified, Inactivated Rabies Virus.....2.5IU (Prepared on Vero Cells CTN IV strain of ..... 2.5 IU	Lyophilized powder for injection	1,310.72/1's Vial (0.5ml diluent)	1,446.54/1's Vial (0.5ml diluent)
<b>Tetanus Injection</b>					
53	Tetanus Antitoxin Injection	Equine Tetanus Immunoglobulin ..... 1500 IU	Injection	Letter For EPI/Government Supplies only.	
<b>Fludrocortisone Tablet</b>					
54	Fluocort Tablet 0.1mg	Fludrocortisone Acetate ..... 0.1 mg	Tablet	8.15/1's 63.15/20's	8.40/1's 68.27/20's
<b>Rifampicin, Isoniazid Tablet</b>					
55	Rifapin H 300 Tablet	RIFAMPICIN 300MG, ISONIAZID (I.N.H) 150MG,	Tablet	4,002.87/100's	4,128.56/100's
56	Dexach Capsule 60mg	Duloxetine HCl Enteric Coated Pellets eq to Duloxetine ..... 60 mg	Tablet	De-regulated	

**\*Question No. 67 Senator Abid Sher Ali:**  
(Notice Received on 16/01/2026 at 3:55 PM) QID: 44194

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state*

- (a) the number of officers and officials, including teaching staff, currently working in the Nursing College of the Federal Government Polyclinic, indicating also their names, designations, places of residence, domiciles, and places of posting in each case separately;*
- (b) the detail of the prescribed procedure for the recruitment of teachers to teach students in the said College; indicating also whether such recruitments have been made in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations; if not, the steps being taken in this regard;*
- (c) whether the curriculum taught to students in the said College is recognized by the Federal Nursing or the Federal Education authorities; and*
- (d) whether the said College has an Accounts Section; if so, since when; if not, the reasons thereof indicating also the time by which the same will be established?*

**Syed Mustafa Kamal:**

- a. The number of officers and officials, including teaching staff, currently working in the Nursing College of the Federal Government Polyclinic, along with their names, designations, places of residence, domiciles, and places of posting in each case is annexed **(F/A)**
- b. The recruitment rules of Ministry of Health / FGPC are implemented in the College of Nursing, and all staff members fulfill the prescribed eligibility criteria, hence, there is no likelihood of any violation of these rules.

- c. The curriculum of the BSN (4-Year Degree Program) is approved by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and Pakistan Nursing & Midwifery Council which is being implemented at the College of Nursing, FGPC, Islamabad.
- d. As per Public Finance Management Act 2019 Government entity cannot open or have an account, however, all account related matters of Nursing college of FGPC are dealt in main Hospital's Account section.

(Annex-A)

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLYCLINIC HOSPITAL (FGMH), ISLAMABAD.****TEACHING STAFF-COLLEGE OF NURSING, FGPC ISLAMABAD.**

S No	Name	Designation	Posting in College	D.O Appointment	Residence	Domicile
1	Ms Rubina Naz	Principal	2008	1993	G:6/2, Islamabad	ICT
2	Ms Musarrat Pareveen	Nursing Instructor	2016	2002	Rawalpindi	Punjab
3	Ms Mumtaz Akhter	Nursing Instructor	2023	1996	G:10 Islamabad	Punjab
4	Ms Saiqa Suzan	Nursing Instructor	2024	2002	Taxila Rawalpindi	Punjab
5	Mr Abdul Hakim	Charge Nurse	2023	2003	G:6/2 Islamabad	Rural Sindh
6	Sabra Rani	Charge Nurse	2010	2004	St # 7, madina town Rawalpindi	Punjab
7	Lubna Kanwal	Charge Nurse	2018	2005	Add: flat 12, block-10/E, F 6/4, IBD	ICT
8	Humaira Jamil	Charge Nurse	2021	2007	Add: flat no 1, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor. Kashmir apartments, IBD.	PUNJAB
9	Umbreen Dildar	Charge Nurse	2025	2010	H.No. 39/4-B, St # 69, Sector G-7/1, IBD	KPK
10	Sabiha Sarwar	Charge Nurse	2025	2010	H.No. 11, New Chatta Bakhtawer. IBD	ICT

11	MS Falecha Tehreem	Charge Nurse	2025	2010	F:10/1 Islamabad	PUNJAB
12	Hashmatullah Azeem	Vaccinator	2023	2003	H.No. 32-C, saddar Road, G/6/2 IBD	ICT

Administration :

1. Principal office (01)
2. Administration offices (02)
3. Faculty offices (02)

**\*Question No. 68 Senator Abid Sher Ali:**  
(Notice Received on 16/01/2026 at 3:56 PM) QID: 44195

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total number of male and female students admitted to the Nursing College of the Federal Government Polyclinic during the last three years, indicating also the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for uniforms, the timely provision of textbooks, and the session fee; and*
- (b) *the fixed working hours for staff and students in the said College during the last three years, and the actions taken against those who fail to observe the prescribed timings;*

**Syed Mustafa Kamal:**

- (a) The total number of male and female students admitted to the Nursing College of the Federal Government Polyclinic during the last three years is detailed as under:

**Admission - BSN Program:**

The College of Nursing, FGPC organizes annual inductions for each academic session, admitting 50 students every year. At present, the enrolled student strength comprises 38 male and 151 female students.

Session	Total Students
2023-26 (Jan to Dec)	48
2024-2027 (Jan to Dec)	44
2024-2028 (Oct to Sep)	49
2025-2029 (Oct to Sep)	48
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>189</b>

It is to apprise that the academic calendar has been revised by Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University vide letter No. F.1/Registrar/SZABMU/2025-8473 dated 28-06-2024.

**Uniform:**

The prescribed uniform, as mandated by the Pakistan Nursing & Midwifery Council, is strictly followed by the College of Nursing, FGPC. A sample of the approved uniform is displayed on the college notice board for students reference.

**Books:**

A list of required textbooks for each semester is provided to students at the beginning of the session. Students purchase the books from any bookstore.

<b>Session Fee:</b>			
Session	Fee on Admission (Rs.)	Fee from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester to 8 <sup>th</sup> Semester (Rs.)	Total fee paid in 4 Years.
2023-26	40,600	15,500	149,100
2024-27	40,600	15,500	149,100
2024-28 (Fall)	40,600	15,500	149,100
2025-29	60,600	30,500	457,700

(b) The prescribed duty timings of the Federal Government Polyclinic Hospital are strictly followed by the College of Nursing. All staff members and students adhere to the scheduled timings as follows:

- i. Summer Timings: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- ii. Friday (Summer): 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- iii. Winter Timing: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- iv. Friday (Winter): 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**\*Question No. 69 Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro:**  
(Notice Received on 22/01/2026 at 10:13 AM) QID: 44220

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the Number of employees working on Deputation in NHA, their qualifications against the post, tenure of posting and no of positions held by them?*

**Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan:**

**Currently, 42 employees are working on deputation in NHA against direct recruitment quota posts out of total 2834 working employees of NHA. The details containing their qualifications, tenure and positions held by them, are enclosed.**

National Highway Authority Administration (Vide: 7/F/2000/1)						
LIST OF DEPUTATIONISTS WORKING IN NHA (For Senate Question No. 69)						
Sl#	Name	BS	Qualification held by the Officers/Officials	From	Tenure of posting To	Remarks - posts held by them
1	Mr. Mansoor Azam	20	M.A (International Economics Development) -JICA follow an International Development (2009-11)	07-Feb-2025	06-Feb-2028	Member (Implementation)/ Leak after charge of Member (Admin)
2	Mr. Farooq Ahmed	19	M.A (English)	07-Oct-2021	08-Oct-2026	GM (Internal Audit)
3	Mr. M. Osama Shahbaz Amin	19	M.Sc (Const. Engr & Management)	22-Sep-2023	21-Sep-2026	Director (Monitoring & Inspection)
4	Mr. Tariq Mehmood Bhatti	19	M.A English, LLB	06-Oct-2023	05-Oct-2026	GM (Right of Way)
5	Ms. Nayyar Raazique	19	M.A (Economics)	30-Apr-2024	29-Apr-2027	Director (LMA/25)/Zonal Land Officer West Zone, Quetta
6	Haiz Muhammad Saad Nawaz Qazi	19	Masters in Environment	24-Feb-2025	23-Feb-2028	GM (Implementation), NHA HQ
7	Dr. Anzela Javed Gondal	18	BDS	28-May-2021	27-May-2026	Director (Establishment) / Director (Regulatory) NHA HQ
8	Mr. Muhammad Usman Chacha	18	M.Sc Publica	22-Sep-2022	21-Sep-2027	Director (Franchise Rights Boarding/Boarding)/ Roll
9	Ms. Hira Rawaan	18	M.Sc (Applied Mathematics)	21-Sep-2023	20-Sep-2026	Director (Personnel) / ISO / Complaint Cell / GM (Admin) NHA, HQ
10	Dr. Breenah Noor	18	MBS	21-Sep-2023	20-Sep-2026	Director (Admin) Shaikat - Sambral-Kharlan Motorway Project, NHA Lahore
11	Mr. Asim Iqbal	18	MBA (Finance)	06-Feb-2023	05/02/2026 (Case for extension is taken up with the MoC)	Director (Revenue-Contract)
12	Mr. Muhammad Tahir Ashfaq	18	MSc (International Economics Cooperation)	19-Jan-2023	18/01/2026 (Case for extension is taken up with the MoC)	Deputy Director (Acct) Construction of interchange at M-3 Abdul Hakeem Motorway at Sharaqpur, Lahore
13	Mr. Faisal Hafeez	18	BSc	30-Apr-2024	29-Apr-2027	Director HRD
14	Mr. Haiz Muhammad Waqas	18	M.Phil	18-Jul-2024	17-Jul-2027	Director (Revenue-Operational)
15	Mr. Shahbaz Khalil	18	MSc Economics	08-Jul-2024	07-Jul-2027	Director (Secretariat)
16	Ms. Ayretha Komal	18	D Pharmacy / LLB	17-Feb-2025	16-Feb-2028	Director to CEO
17	Ms. Maryam Khalid	18	BSc (Public Policy & Financial Management)	28-Feb-2025	27-Feb-2028	Director (Revenue-Receiptal)
18	Mr. Bhakhar Mirboub		PhD		22/11/2024 (Case for appointment under Section -10 of Civil Servants Act is already taken up with concerned department)	GM (PPP)
19	Ms. Farwa Mughal	18	M. Phil (American Studies)	27-Oct-2025	11-Sep-2027	
20	Mr. Nasir Hayat	17	BSc (Electrical Engineering)	06-Jun-2024	05-Jun-2027	DD/Dt (Recruitment)
21	Mr. Muhammad Umar Khan Saddozai	17	BSc (Electrical Engineering)	27-Jun-2023	21-Jun-2026	DD (Right of Way)
22	Mr. Sudhir Ahmed	17	Masters of Arts	02-Mar-2022	01-Mar-2027	DD (Admin) NHA Quetta / DD(ROW) (In) North NHA Quetta
23	Mr. Muhammad Saad Anwar	17	MBA (Finance)	02-Feb-2024	01-Feb-2027	AD (Recruitment) / Regulation

24	Mr. Saad Umer	17	MA (History)	29-Feb-2024	28-Feb-2027	DD (Coordination)
25	Mr. Muhammad Tavab Tariq	17	MA (English Literature)	22-Oct-2024	21-Oct-2027	DD (Admin) Genl Pk North
26	Mr. Hussain Mirzobod	17	BSc (Civ)	23-Dec-2024	22-Dec-2027	AD (Genl) Lahore Sahwal - Behawalnagar Motowar, Lahore
27	Mr. Muhammad Hamid	17	MA (Physical Sciences)	14-Apr-2025	13-Apr-2028	PS to Parliamentary Secretary, MoC
28	Mr. Hassan As Mahmud	16	MBA	14-Jun-2022	12-Jun-2027	AD (Transport)
29	Mr. Abubakar Sadique	16	MBA	01-Aug-2022	31-Jul-2027	AD (Personnel-IT)
30	Mr. Asif Iqbal	16	M.A	02-Jun-2023	01/01/2026 (Case for extension is taken up with the MoC)	AD (Environment) Yank - Segal RHA D.I Khan
31	Mr. Shah Fahad	16	Master (International Relations)	26-Jun-2023	25-Jun-2026	APS
32	Mr. Ejaz Azeem	16	FSc	09-Feb-2024	08-Feb-2027	PSO to Federal Minister of Communications
33	Mr. Shahdoom Faruq Hussain	16	BA (LLB)	03-Jul-2024	02-Jul-2027	AD (ISO) HQ
34	Mr. Javed Iqbal	16	M.A	31-Dec-2024	30-Dec-2027	APS to Member (Opposition)
35	Syed Kaleem Hussain	14	F.A	09-Mar-2023	08-Mar-2026	Support (Admin) Lahore (DPS)
36	Mr. Ehsan Ali	13	FSc	25-Jul-2024	24-Jul-2027	UDC
37	Kamal Mir	11	Private Course	29-Dec-2025	28-Dec-2028	Quartermaster/Curdwar
38	Sulhan Feroz	11	Private Course	29-Dec-2025	28-Dec-2028	Quartermaster/Curdwar
39	Mr. Muneer Khan	9	Private Course	04-Jun-2024	03-Jun-27	Patrolman
40	Mr. Muhammad Shoaib	4	Class Six	22-Jun-2025	21-Jun-2025	Driver
41	Muhammad Irfan Tariq	4	Matric	07-Jul-2025	06-Jul-2028	Driver
42	Mr. Abdul Bas	1	Matric	04-Aug-2023	03-Aug-2026	Cook

ISLAMABAD,  
The 4th February, 2026

HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH,  
Acting Secretary.

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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**“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Friday, the 6th February, 2026****Question No. 7 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 19/12/2025 at 4:06 PM) QID: 44030

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state as to whether it is fact compensation along with compulsory acquisition charges and additional compensation @ 8% of the land have been paid in compliance of the Islamabad High Court orders dated 11/8/25 in WP No. 3085/24 by NHA, if so, then please state the details?*

**Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan:** The said petition was filed by the M/S Shelter & Shelter Private Limited for payment of land compensation. National Highway Authority (NHA) lawfully acquired land in Mouza Jhangi Syedan for construction of the M-2 Islamabad-Lahore Motorway under Land Acquisition Act-1984 through Land Acquisition Collector & ICT. NHA deposited the entire compensation amount, as determined under the relevant law, with Land Acquisition Collector, ICT, Islamabad at the time of initiation of land acquisition proceedings. After deposit of the compensation amount, the Land Acquisition Collector announced the award on 31- 07-1997 (**Annex-A**). It was further clarified that the name of the petitioner was not included in the Qabz-ul-Wasul prepared by the District Revenue Authorities and that under the statutory framework; it is the responsibility of the Land Acquisition Collector to ensure disbursement of compensation to the rightful landowners. The acquiring agency, having deposited the compensation amount with the Land Acquisition Collector, had fully discharged its legal and statutory obligations.

During the proceedings, the Hon’ble Court sought a report from the Land Acquisition Collector, who confirmed that the compensation amount had been deposited by the acquiring agency; however, the same had not yet

been received by the landowners. This position was duly reflected in the court order dated 21-02-2025. Vide the same order, the Hon'ble Court directed all concerned parties to appear before the Land Acquisition Collector so that the record could be properly inspected and a conclusive report could be prepared.

After due deliberation and reconciliation of record before the Land Acquisition Collector, the parties mutually agreed that there would be no objection if the payment of land compensation was made to the petitioner. This understanding was recorded by the Hon'ble Court in its order dated 23-06-2025, where after the Land Acquisition Collector was directed to prepare the cheque and submit the same before the Court. **(Copy of Court order as Annex-B).**

In compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Court, vide order dated 11-08-2025, an amount of Rs. 2,259,750/- was deposited by the Tehsildar, Islamabad, in the Court for onward handing over to the petitioner in lieu compensation of the acquired land measuring 19 Kanal 13 Marla along with 15% compulsory acquisition charges, strictly in accordance with the award announced by the Land Acquisition Collector. However, 8% compound interest was not payable under the Award and the court in its order dated, 11-08- 2025 did not accept the plea of petitioner, However, the court allowed them for filling reference, if they feel aggrieved of the amount of compensation and hence, disposed of the petition accordingly. The matter thus stands resolved to the extent of payment of compensation as determined under the award, pursuant to judicial directions. **(Copy of Court order as Annex-C).**

*Annexures have been placed in Library and on the Table of the Mover/Concerned Member).*

**Question No. 8 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 7/01/2026 at 1:48 PM) QID: 44128

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of the escalations allowed in the contracts with the amount of escalations with reasons during the last 5 years?*

Reply not received.

**Question No. 9 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 7/01/2026 at 1:49 PM) QID: 44130

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of the First Aid Emergency Medical facilities on the National ways under the National highways and Motorways Police?*

Reply not received.

*ISLAMABAD,*  
*the 4th February, 2026*

HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH,  
*Acting Secretary.*