

SENATE SECRETARIAT**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”***to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on***Thursday, the 12th February, 2026****[DEFERRED QUESTIONS]**

[Questions No. 52, 53, 54, 23, 26, 28, 119 and 130]
were deferred on 5th December, 2025 (356th Session)

(Def.)* Question No. 52 **Senator Shahadat Awan:
(Notice Received on 2/07/2025 at 11:54 AM) QID: 42569

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of the properties owned by the State Life Insurance Corporation (SLIC), including the date of purchase of each property, indicating also the current status of each property, specifying whether it is in use by SLIC, rented, encroached upon, or lying vacant?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

- i. State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan owns a total of 92 properties. Out of these 55 properties were inherited at the time of nationalization and 37 properties were purchased in various years.
- ii. The province wise breakup of State Life Properties is as under:

Sindh	48
Punjab	31
Baluchistan	01
KPK	03
ICT	07
AJK	02
Total	92

- iii. The rental income from these properties is a crucial component of SLIC' s overall income strategy. It provides Steady Cash Flow and Asset Appreciation. The occupancy of State Life buildings is 88.64%, which is one of the highest in terms of industry.

Detail is attached as under: -

- Category-wise detail of the property at (**Annexure-A.**)
- Detail of properties owned by the State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan (SLIC) including the date of purchase, current status, whether used by SLIC, rented, encroached upon or lying vacant at (**Annexure -B.**)
- Province-wise detail of properties (**Annexure-C.**)
- Detail of properties rented out along with their tenants and current use; (**Annexure-D.**)
- Detail of properties under encroachment along with reasons of encroachment and status of current issue or litigation, etc. (**Annexure-E.**)
- Detail of properties under self-use office, commercial, residential etc. (**Annexure-F.**)
- Detail Summary of List of SLIC properties. (**Annexure-G.**)

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

***(Def.) Question No. 53 Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 2/07/2025 at 11:55 AM) QID: 42568

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of pending litigation cases (Civil and Criminal) pertaining to State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan along-with case wise list of legal consultants, legal advisors, law officers and councilors engaged in such cases?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

- There are **875** civil cases and 5 criminal cases lying pending with State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan.
- The process of hiring **legal consultant/ legal advisor** has been initiated as per PPRA Rules.
- All other cases are dealt by the **law officers / advocates** engaged /hired by SLIC on its panel to represent State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan and Hon'ble High Court. Prior to 2023, the Empanelment of these Advocates were made with the approval of Ministry of Law and Justice. However, after promulgation of SOE Act 2023, Litigation policy was made by SLIC for engaging panel of advocates as per policy.
- Details of pending litigation cases (Civil and Criminal) along with case-wise list of legal consultants, legal advisors, law officers and councilors are attached herewith for ready reference (**Annexure-I**).

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

***(Def.) Question No. 54 Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 2/07/2025 at 11:55 AM) QID: 42576

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the amount of gross premium collected by Pak Re-Insurance Company along-with the net-claim demanded during the last eight years indicating also the premium paid to the foreign re-insurance companies during the said period?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

From 2017-2024, the amount of gross premium collected by Pak-Re-Insurance Company is 157 Billion PKR. The net insurance claims demanded are 33 Billion PKR during the same period. Premium paid to the foreign re-insurance companies during this period is 96 Billion PKR (**Annexure-I**).

PRCL is a public listed company and all the annual accounts are also available on the company's website: <https://pakre.org.pk/ms/investor-relations/financial-reports-by-year.html>

Annex-3

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2024 (Rs)	2023 (Rs)	2022 (Rs)	2021 (Rs)	2020 (Rs)	2019 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)	2017 (Rs)	Total (Rs.)
Gross premium	24,702,082,514	33,969,248,175	24,271,390,418	20,993,560,184	16,896,261,248	17,655,481,698	10,734,455,823	8,035,591,292	137,256,071,392
Reinsurance Premium ceded (expense)	14,514,623,584	23,417,470,763	16,244,192,681	13,127,923,393	10,816,070,850	10,270,023,569	4,739,552,036	3,347,520,637	96,477,377,483
Net Insurance Claims	5,436,150,719	4,707,325,117	4,311,851,021	3,777,804,999	3,924,588,676	4,258,866,001	2,989,581,642	3,739,974,172	33,146,142,347
Profit before Tax	6,793,408,896	5,189,322,813	3,556,743,771	3,614,418,291	1,971,985,556	2,189,249,380	1,729,746,590	2,973,540,710	28,018,416,007
Profit after Tax	3,778,314,855	3,065,248,116	2,624,828,489	2,589,586,464	1,391,439,231	1,484,282,533	1,228,047,167	2,219,264,260	18,381,031,135

• Pakistan Reinsurance Company is a public listed company and all the annual accounts are available on company's website.

***(Def.) Question No. 23 Senator Shahadat Awan:**
(Notice Received on 26/08/2025 at 10:28 AM) QID: 43473

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the vehicles assembled in Pakistan have been exported to foreign countries during last three years, if so, the details thereof, indicating also dates of export, types of vehicles, export value, names of manufacturing companies and the countries to which such vehicles have been exported?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

Yes. It is a fact that the vehicles of different engine capacities assembled in Pakistan have been exported to different foreign countries.

Details are given below:

Total **434 units** were exported as per following break up:

F.Y.	Number of Vehicle	Export Value in PKR
2022-2023	100	94,719,982
2023-2024	107	388,250,873
2024-2025	227	936,996,262
Total	434	1,419,967,117

- Vehicles were exported to **20 countries** namely; Japan, Afghanistan, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Thailand, Lebanon, Liberia, Kenya, Solomon Islands, Nigeria, United States, Djibouti, Mozambique, Cayman Islands, Sri Lanka, China, Brunei Darussalam, Ghana, Togo, Bangladesh.
- These vehicles were exported by following **08 exporter companies:**

- i. Pak Suzuki Motor Co. Limited.
 - ii. M/s Sazgar Engineering Works Limited.
 - iii. Honda Atlas Cars (Pakistan) Limited
 - iv. United Auto Industries Pvt. Ltd.
 - v. Lucky Motor Corporation Limited.
 - vi. Hyundai Nishat Motor Pvt. Ltd.
 - vii. Master Changan Motors Ltd.
 - viii. Indus Motor Company Ltd.
- **Types of Vehicles:** Toyota Corolla Altas, Suzuki, Electric Auto Rickshaws, Mini Vans, Sports utility Vehicle, Honda city, Suzuki Swift, Suzuki Alto etc.

(Def.)* Question No. 26 **Senator Shahadat Awan:
(Notice Received on 27/08/2025 at 10:15 AM) QID: 43472

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the post of Rector in Comsats University has been laying vacant since 2023, if so, the reasons thereof along with the steps being taken to fill the same ?

Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi:

Ministry of Science & Technology, after seeking approval of the President of Pakistan, in his capacity as Chancellor of COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) notified the appointment of Prof. Dr. Raheel Qamar as Rector CUI vide Ministry of Science & Technology's Notification No.2(27)/2007-CUI dated 21-10-2025 (**Annex-A**). Prof. Dr. Raheel Qamar has assumed the charge of the post of Rector CUI on 27-10-2025.

Annex-A

No.2(27)/2007-CUI

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Islamabad, the 21st October, 2025**NOTIFICATION**

No. 2(27)/2007/CUI In exercise of the powers under Section 8(3) and Section 12 of the Act No.XI of 2018 of COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI), the President of Pakistan, in his capacity as Chancellor of COMSATS University Islamabad has been pleased to appoint Prof. Dr. Raheel Qamar as Rector COMSATS University Islamabad for a period of five (05) years from date of joining. The terms and conditions of the appointment will be issued separately.

By order of Chancellor COMSATS University Islamabad/ President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Saqib Ali Khan
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Saqib Ali Khan
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***(Def.) Question No. 28 Senator Shahadat Awan:**
(Notice Received on 1/09/2025 at 11:15 AM) QID: 43566

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that on 29th June, 2020, Pakistan Stock Exchange was attacked by terrorists in which Sub-Inspector Sindh Police Muhammad Shahid embraced martyrdom, if so, whether any compensation was paid to the families of deceased/martyred and injured persons in that attack by the Stock Exchange, if so, details thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) was attacked by terrorists on 29th June 2020, in which Sub-inspector Sindh Police, **Shahid Ali embraced martyrdom.

Details about the compensation paid to the families of deceased/ martyred and injured Sindh Police persons in that attack are as follows:

Compensation Paid by PSX to Sindh police officers / Families			
S. No.	Name	Status	Payment Amount
1	Shahid Ali	Shaheed	2,000,000
2	Imtiaz Ali Shah	Injured	500,000
3	Muhammad Saeed Ikram	Injured	500,000
4	Shahzad Ahmed	Injured	500,000
5	Khalil Ur Rehman Jatoi	Hero	300,000
6	Muhammad Rafique	Hero	300,000
7	Muhammad Saleem Brohi	Hero	300,000

** As per PSX's record, sub-inspector-Shaheed name is appearing as Shahid Ali instead of Muhammad Shahid as mentioned in the Question.

*(Def.) Question No. 119 **Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan:**
(Notice Received on 3/09/2025 at 10:02 AM) QID: 43416

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

- (a) *the steps taken or been taken by the Government to ensure access for Balochistan's agricultural, mineral, and fisheries sectors to national and international markets through the Gwadar Airport; and*
- (b) *whether any trade zone or logistic support is available in this regard, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:

- (a) The New Gwadar International Airport is operational Since 20th January 2025. Connectivity access details are as under:
- (b) (i) **Trade Zone:** A fully developed Gwadar Free Zone (Trade and Industrial Zone), along with multiple logistics support facilities, is available at Gwadar. The Gwadar Port hosts a dedicated Free Zone spread over 2,281 acres, designed for trade, re-export, warehousing, distribution and industrial or assembling activities. It also provides opportunities for processing, packaging and value addition of agriculture, mineral and fisheries products from Balochistan. Key incentives and facilities at the Free Zone include:
 - o 23-years complete tax holidays on all Federal, Provincial and local taxes.
 - o Up to 99-years lease options for investors.

- 100% exemption from import duties and sales tax on machinery/equipment.
- One-Window facilitation, ready warehouses, offices and industrial units for investors.
- Comprehensive security arrangements and internal infrastructure already in place.

(ii) **Logistic Support:** The New Gwadar International Airport is well-connected with other districts of Balochistan through the National Highway M-8, N-85, and N-10 highways, ensuring adequate logistic support. The routes are as follows:

- M-8 (Ratodero-Gwadar Motorway): Ratodero (Sindh) → Khuzdar → Hoshab → Gwadar
- N-85 (Hoshab-Surab Highway): Hoshab → Panjgur → Basima → Surab then to M-8
- N-10 (Makran Coastal Highway): Gwadar → Pasni → Ormara → Karachi.
- N-25 - Karachi to Quetta (Chamman) RCD highway is also been upgraded by the NHA and Federal Funding.

The Federal Government is taking responsibility for provision of adequate access / connectivity within the Balochistan with the Gwadar Port and Airport. The rest of the responsibility i.e. creation of warehousing / storage facilities at Airport lies with the Defence Division (Aviation) / CAA/PAA.

*(Def.) Question No. 130 **Senator Shahadat Awan:**
(Notice Received on 9/10/2025 at 1:52 PM) QID: 43726

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the details of multinational automotive companies which left Pakistan during the past three years indicating also the steps taken

or being taken by the Government to attract more investment in the said sector?

Minister for Industries and Production:

In this regard, it is submitted that investment facilitation falls under the mandate of the Board of Investment (BoI), while information regarding company closures is maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). EDB regulates only the automotive sector. No multinational company from the automotive sector has exited Pakistan during the last three years.

***Question No. 70 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**
(Notice Received on 24/11/2025 at 9:52 AM) QID: 43449

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the details of international & national companies registered by SECP during the last two years?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

According to the database maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), a total of **62,650 companies were registered during the last two financial years (FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25)**. The detail is as under:

- 46 companies were registered as foreign companies (international),
- 1,496 companies were registered as local companies with foreign subscribers
- 61,108 companies were registered as national (local) companies with local subscribers

***Question No. 71 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**
(Notice Received on 25/11/2025 at 2:01 PM) QID: 43419

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a gender pay gap in Pakistan, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken or being taken by the Government to address the same?*

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

(a) & (b) The mandate of Ministry of Finance is to deal with financial terms and conditions of the Government servants and to devise Pay Scales/Pay Packages applicable for the public sector. A person once appointed to a particular pay scale is entitled to the prescribed pay for the post irrespective of his/her gender. Therefore, there is no gender pay gap within the Public sector in Pakistan.

***Question No. 72 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**
(Notice Received on 25/11/2025 at 2:02 PM) QID: 43438

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to offer Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) to only 5,217 'regular' employees of Utility Stores Corporation (USC), if so the reasons thereof?

Minister for Industries and Production:

In accordance with the directions received from the Prime Minister's Office, Voluntarily Separation Scheme (VSS) is to be worked out for regular employees only. However, USC has also worked out the Compensatory Package for its Contractual and Daily Wages employees, the same is approved by the Cabinet vide Case No. 610/Rule19/2025/833 dated 31-08-2025. The compensatory package approved for Regular, Contractual and Daily Wages employees of USC is placed at **Annex-A**.

Annex-A

SEVERANCE PACKAGE FOR USC EMPLOYEES

Category	Description	Formula	No. of Emp.	Financial Impact (Rs.)
Regular Employee	Employees having 02 or less remaining years	Gross pay of the Remaining Months	230	357
	Employees completed service above 20 years	02 running basic pay of completed years	643	2,214
	Employees having less than 20 years service	03 Running Basic Pay of Completed Years OR 1.25X Running Basic for Remaining Month of Service (Max. 50 Months) whichever is Higher	4,356	10,612
	Total		5229	13,183
Contractual	Emp having 2 or less remaining years	Running basic for each remaining months	41	17
	Emp having service up to 16 years	30 x running basic pay	649	615
	Emp having service above 16 years	35 running basic pay	2,633	2,970
	Total		3,323	3,602
Daily Wagers	Emp having 2 or less remaining years	Rs. 37,000 for each remaining months	39	18
	Up to 10 years of service	15 x Rs. 37,000	571	317
	10 to 15 years of service	28 x Rs. 37,000	1,447	1,499
	Above 15 years	30 x Rs. 37,000	797	885
	Total		2,854	2,719
Total (Contract + Daily Wager)				6,321
G. Total (Regular + Contract + Daily Wagers)				19,504
Terminal Dues	Leave Encashment @365 days		5,217	2,348
	Farewell Grant (Regular employees)		5,014	1,873
	Farewell Grant (Contractual)		2,793	699
	House Ceiling 08 Months (Specified Cities)		1,255	147
Total				5,067
Widows Package	Widows Compensation Package in lieu of family pension @ Rs. 10,000 per month		570	684
G. Total Terminal Dues and Widows Package				5,751
Total (Severance and Compensation Package, Terminal Dues & Widows Package)				25,255

*Question No. 73 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 25/11/2025 at 2:52 PM) QID: 43829

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the action taken by the Competition Commission of Pakistan during the last three years against the Eighteen Housing Project for using the name of Islamabad without issuance of NOC by CDA?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

The Commission has already initiated a probe into the marketing practices of various housing schemes, including M/s. Eighteen Housing Project. The housing societies, in addition to M/s. Eighteen, have been observed to advertise themselves as Islamabad-based development projects despite being situated outside the territorial limits of Islamabad and within the geographical location of Rawalpindi Division. Such projects are regulated by authorities such as the Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA), Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency (PHATA) and/or the Tehsil Municipal Administration (TMA).

Subsequent to the press release by CCP dated 7th October, 2025, in which announcement of probe in the real-estate sector was made, all relevant stakeholders have come forward to assist the CCP and submitted the relevant documents, promotional material and other related evidence which may strengthen the case against the Undertakings which are, *prima facie*, in contravention of the Competition Act, 2010 (Act).

The Commission has gathered sufficient evidence to initiate a formal Enquiry u/s 37(1) of the Act to determine whether the Undertakings have engaged in deceptive marketing practices in violation of Section 10 of the Act, pursuant to which

proceedings u/s 30 will be initiated in which the Undertakings involved will be accorded an opportunity of hearing.

If the violation is proved, an Order u/s 31 of the Act will be issued in which the Commission may impose penalties up to Rs. 75 million or an amount not exceeding ten percent of the annual turnover of the Undertaking.

***Question No. 75 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 27/11/2025 at 2:16 PM) QID: 43917

Will the Minister for Finance and revenue, be pleased to state the details of the Chief Collector of Customs, their names, date of posting, grade and date of promotion to the grade?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

The following officers of Pakistan Customs Service are currently posted as Chief Collectors of Customs (BS-21):-

S.#	Name of Officer	BS	Place of Posting	Date of Posting	Date of Promotion
1.	Mr. Wajid Ali	22	Chief Collector of Customs, Appraisal (South), Karachi	27.08.2025	The officer was promoted in BS-22 on 18.07.2025
2.	Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Rafiq	20	Chief Collector (OPS) of Customs Exports & Input/Output Co. Efficient Organization (IOCO), Karachi	12.11.2025	The officer was promoted in BS-20 on 26.03.2020
3.	Mr. Muhammad Jamil Nasir Khan	20	Chief Collector (OPS) of Customs Appraisal (North), Custom House, Peshawar	03.09.2025	The officer was promoted in BS-20 on 25.02.2017
4.	Mr. Hassan Saqib Sheikh	20	Chief Collector (OPS) of Customs, Airports, Islamabad	04.11.2024	The officer was promoted in BS-20 on 26.02.2021
5.	Mr. Basit Maqsood Abbasi	20	Chief Collector (OPS) of Customs Enforcement Islamabad	01.11.2024	The officer was promoted in BS-20 on 26.06.2019
6.	Mr. Masood Ahmed	20	Chief Collector (OPS) of Customs Appraisal Balochistan, Custom House, Quetta	24.11.2025	The officer was promoted in BS-20 on 02.02.2022
7.	Mr. Naveed Illahi	20	Chief Collector (OPS) of Customs Appraisal Punjab, Lahore	17.11.2025	The officer was promoted in BS-20 on 02.12.2021

***Question No. 76 Senator Asad Qasim:**

(Notice Received on 28/11/2025 at 10:04 AM) QID: 43849

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state country-wise and year-wise details of Pakistan's exports to the member countries of the SAARC, ASEAN, and ECO blocs for the last five financial years?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

SAARC

1. Trade volume fluctuations over the five-year period reflect shifts in regional demand, pandemic disruptions, and changing commodity prices, which affected Pakistan's exports to SAARC markets.
2. The year-wise variations in export figures to SAARC countries reflect Pakistan's ongoing efforts to diversify its export markets and product base. Growth in exports to countries such as Bangladesh, Maldives and Sri Lanka indicates improving trade linkages and market access under bilateral and regional engagements.
3. The Ministry of Commerce, through TDAP and commercial sections abroad, continues to identify potential sectors and remove trade barriers to enhance Pakistan's exports to SAARC and other regional blocs.

Country	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
	Exports	Exports	Exports	Exports	Exports
Afghanistan	1,390	1,064	972	763	1,018
Bangladesh	785	666	768	937	650
Bhutan	0	0	0	0	0
India	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.004	0.102
Maldives	9.64	9.07	8.29	6.5	5.76
Nepal	1.78	2.94	2.97	4.07	3.85
Sri Lanka	371	386	301	392	275
Total SAARC	2,557	2,128	2,052	2,102	1,952

ASEAN

1. Fluctuations in trade volumes over the five-year period can be attributed to changing global demand patterns, pandemic-related disruptions, and varying commodity prices. These factors influenced export performance across different ASEAN markets.
2. The year-wise variations in export figures to ASEAN countries reflect Pakistan's ongoing efforts to diversify its export markets and product base. Growth in exports to countries such as Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines indicates improving trade linkages and market access under bilateral and regional engagements.
3. The Ministry of Commerce, through TDAP and commercial sections abroad, continues to identify potential sectors and remove trade barriers to enhance Pakistan's exports to ASEAN and other regional blocs.

Country	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Brunei Darussalam	1.46	1.20	0.52	0.82	1.16
Cambodia	29.22	32.72	39.28	36.59	20.88
Indonesia	274.45	537.06	145.56	131.77	149
Lao PDR	0.42	0.40	0.33	0.48	0.6
Malaysia	439.7	607.77	371.99	459.63	239.32
Myanmar	13.96	9.40	2.11	20.77	15.55
Philippines	290.2	264.99	144.68	160.89	130.44
Singapore	215.61	188.36	95.30	80.82	82.14
Thailand	303.04	173.76	245.89	364.82	173.53
Viet Nam	229.2	406.63	233.52	303.91	160.96

Total	1797.26	2,222.29	907.19	1560.50	973.57
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ECO

The Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) is an organization of ten (10) Muslim countries including Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkiye, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

The overall bilateral trade of Pakistan with the ECO region has increased from **US\$ 3504.52** million in 2023-24 to **USD 4150.25** million in 2024-25. The table below indicates Pakistan's trade with the ECO countries.

Table: Pakistan's Bilateral Trade with ECO Economies (\$ Million)

Country	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
	Export	Import								
1 Afghanistan	1022.2	583.59	763.98	801.26	953.99	892.84	1064.84	538.59	1,390.84	607.08
2 Azerbaijan	3.35	3.78	9.7	0.78	10.84	24.38	4.18	10.81	5.40	1.10
3 Iran	0	518.62	0	773.77	0.1	880.38	0.02	1036.76	0.00	1221.55
4 Kazakhstan	103.5	0.45	162.9	56.22	50.94	5.72	170.82	1.68	250.79	1.12
5 Kyrgyzstan	1.91	0.04	4.09	0.18	10.95	0.25	7.69	0.25	4.85	0.33
6 Tajikistan	2.05	0.77	3.52	4.6	23.57	1.04	14.69	0.5	25.99	3.16
7 Turkey	277.52	478.19	365.58	517.7	321.38	349.61	298.78	244.63	199.72	321.95
8 Turkmenistan	3.46	7.6	1.66	10.54	1.91	6.14	1.21	3.64	1.96	2.79
9 Uzbekistan	30.81	26.8	56.61	35.12	68.73	37.9	79.5	25.91	91.47	20.15
Total	1444.8	1619.8	1368	2200.2	1442.4	2198.3	1641.7	1862.7	1971.02	2179.23
Total Trade	3064.65		3568.21		3640.67		3504.52		4150.25	

Source: FBR

*Question No. 77 **Senator Asad Qasim:**
(Notice Received on 28/11/2025 at 10:05 AM) QID: 43850

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the estimated financial loss to Pakistan's exports as a result of floods 2025 with a sector-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the steps taken or being taken by the Government to support export sectors affected by the said floods?*

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

- (a) Although the 2025 monsoon floods caused widespread economic damage, with total losses provisionally estimated at Rs. 822 billion (approximately USD 2.9 billion) as of 30 September 2025, the agriculture sector, a major contributor to Pakistan's exports, suffered the most severe impact, with estimated damages of Rs. 430 billion. Although, flooding adversely affected agricultural production, any observed decline in exports cannot be conclusively attributed to flood-related damage alone, as export performance is influenced by multiple factors, including international demand, price trends, logistics, and market access conditions. Detailed and crop-specific assessments of flood-related losses fall primarily within the purview of the provincial governments, which maintain primary data on on-ground damage and production losses.

Among export-oriented crops, rice, maize, and potato were significantly affected in flood-impacted areas due to inundation of cultivated land and disruption of harvesting and post-harvest operations. Rice production, originally estimated at around 9.5 million tons, declined to approximately 8.3–8.9 million tons, while maize production decreased from an estimated 9.8 million tons to about 8.5–9.2 million tons, thereby reducing exportable surplus and potential foreign exchange earnings. In the case of potatoes, although final crop-wise loss estimates are still being compiled, extensive field inundation in affected districts resulted in substantial damage, adversely impacting both domestic availability and export potential, particularly due to the perishability of the crop and limited post-harvest storage capacity.

Source: - ("Preliminary Assessment of Flood Damages in the Economy of Pakistan", compiled by the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (Plan Coordination Section)).

- (b) To mitigate flood-related losses and support recovery of rice, maize, and potato exports, the Government has taken coordinated measures. The Export Enhancement Roadmap for Agriculture and Food Processing has been principally approved, targeting an increase in agro-food exports from USD 7.1 billion to USD 13 billion by 2029–30, and an Implementation Plan with defined actions and timelines is being finalized by the Ministry of Commerce in consultation with relevant stakeholders. Additionally MOC/TDAP have been facilitating the exporters of rice, maize and potato in their participation in trade exhibition and promotional activities in Pakistan and abroad.

***Question No. 78 Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**

(Notice Received on 1/12/2025 at 2:43 PM) QID: 43922

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

- (a) *the amount of domestic and foreign loans outstanding against Pakistan at present;*
- (b) *the amount of the said loans paid back by Pakistan during the last five years with year-wise breakup; and*

- (c) *the amount of the markup on the said loans paid back by Pakistan during the last five years with year-wise breakup?*

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

(a) **Total Public debt figures at end Nov'2025:**

(PKR Trillion)	FY-25	End Nov'25 (Jul-Nov'25)
Domestic Debt Stock	54.5	54.6
External Debt Stock	26.0	25.4
Total Debt Stock	80.5	80.0

(b) **Debt Repayment for the last five Fiscal Years:**

(PKR Trillion)	FY-21	FY-22	FY-23	FY-24	FY-25
Domestic Debt Repayment	15.6	21.4	27.2	25.5	24.9
External Debt Repayment	0.9	1.8	3.1	2.4	2.3
Total Principal Repayment	16.5	23.2	30.2	28.0	27.1

(c) **Interest Expense details:**

(PKR Trillion)	FY-21	FY-22	FY-23	FY-24	FY-25
Interest on Domestic Debt	2.5	2.8	4.9	7.2	8.0
Interest on External Debt	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.0	0.9
Total Interest Expense	2.7	3.2	5.7	8.2	8.9

***Question No. 79 Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice Received on 2/12/2025 at 4:06 PM) QID: 43925

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

- (a) *what are the details of complaints which were received against the officers and officials of various wings, directorates and offices of the Federal Board of Revenue since July, 2023; and*
- (b) *what are the names and designations of the officers and Officials against whom complaints were received and what action was taken against each of them?*

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

(a) & (b) In FBR, a comprehensive mechanism has been devised to receive and investigate the complaints against the officers and officials. In this regard, apart from the general inquiries, an "Integrity Management Cell (IMC)" has also been established and notified at FBR (HQ) and "Regional Integrity Committees (RICs)" in the field formations of FBR. As per the terms of reference for Integrity Management Cell (IMC) a complaint against an FBR employee may be submitted either in person, through email or in writing, alongwith credentials of the complainant. A dedicated web page has been created for the purpose which can be accessed @ ecrm.fbr.gov.pk. This page guides the complainants on manner of filing complaints and modes thereof.

On the basis of general inquiries and Integrity Management Cell (IMC), the current information of complaints required by the Honourable Senator has been categorized into three categories: -

1. Investigated and penalty imposed.
2. Under investigation.
3. Anonymous or otherwise, which have been investigated and dropped.

Summary of the complaints received is submitted as under:-

Sr#	Cadre/Group	Total number of complaints received	Action taken
1	Pakistan Customs Service (PCS)	114	Penalty imposed = 45 Under investigation = 22 Investigated and dropped = 47
2	Inland Revenue Service (IRS)	113	Penalty imposed = 09 Under investigation = 33 Investigated and dropped = 71

The details of complaints received, names and designation of officers/officials of Pakistan Customs Service (PCS) and Inland Revenue Service (IRS) and action taken against them is at **Annex-I** and **Annex-II** respectively.

Besides above, FBR has also strengthened the system of strict disciplinary action against the officials/officers. A list of the last two years is attached (**Annex-III**).

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

***Question No. 80 Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan Mandokhel:**
(Notice Received on 4/12/2025 at 3:35 PM) QID: 43932

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of the increase or decrease registered in the Trade during the last 3 years indicating also the steps taken or being taken by the Government to improve the same?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

USD Billion				
Time Period/Trade	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Growth % (2022-23 vs 2024-25)
Exports	27.7	30.6	32.0	16%
Imports	55.2	55.7	58.3	6%
Total Trade	82.9	86.3	90.3	9%
Trade Deficit	27.5	25.1	26.3	-4%

(Source: PBS)

During the period, Pakistan's exports rose from **US\$27.7 billion in 2022-23 to US\$32.0 billion in 2024-25**, showing a **16% growth**, while imports increased more modestly from **US\$55.2 billion to US\$58.3 billion (6% growth)**. As a result, total trade expanded from **US\$82.9 billion to US\$90.3 billion (9% growth)**. The trade deficit improved from **US\$27.5 billion to US\$26.3 billion**, reflecting that exports growth outpaced imports growth.

Government has taken various initiatives/asures to increase exports and to reduce trade deficit:

Market Access

- Ministry of Commerce is negotiating Pak-GCC FTA, which is at advanced stage.
- Continuation of EU GSP Plus, enabling 91% of Pak products subject to zero duty in EU.
- PTAs with Türkiye, Uzbekistan, and Azerbaijan have been operationalized.
- Transit Trade Agreements with Afghanistan, Uzbekistan & Tajikistan have been made operational.

- For the promotion of food products in China, 14 SPS Protocols have been signed.
- MoC successfully secured duty free concession on more than 94% of Pakistani products in the UK after Brexit.
- For enhanced market access for Pakistani products in the Chinese market, FTA with China is being expanded.

- Review of trade agreements with Malaysia and Indonesia is underway.

Trade Promotion

- Each year, Pakistan hosts high-level exhibitions i.e., Engineering & Healthcare Show, FoodAg, and TEXPO, which showcase key sectors and promote global trade opportunities for Pakistan.
- Business & Trade Forums have been held in Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Uzbekistan, China, Belarus and Malaysia followed by B2B meetings to showcase potential of Pakistani products.
- Rebranding Pakistan Initiative has been launched.

Trade Facilitation

- National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee has been operationalized.
- Transit Trade Agreements with Central Asian States has been operationalized.
- National Compliance Center established in the Ministry of Commerce to assist exporters to meet quality and safety standards.

Tariff Reforms

- Tariff Rationalization has been undertaken through National tariff Policy (6500 tariff lines rationalized, 2198 tariff lines brought to 0% duty. More than PKR 92 Billion relief passed to industry)
- Revitalizing National Tariff Commission so that it can actively work to safeguard interests of Pakistani industries.

Regulatory Reforms

- Export Facilitation Scheme has been reviewed to ensure a level playing field for domestically sourced inputs used in export production, particularly in the textile sector. Additional operational facilitation measures have been incorporated to streamline procedures and enhance exporter compliance.
- Import of used vehicles under the Personal Baggage has been withdrawn to discourage non-essential inflows and ease pressure on outflow of dollars.

- Regulatory Duties and 100% Cash Margin maintained to curb non-essential imports, particularly in the automotive and consumer goods sectors.
- Export of donkey hides from the Gwadar Free Zone has been allowed, recognizing the untapped export potential of this niche sector.
- Export of surplus Potassium Sulphate (K₂SO₄) from the Gwadar Free Zone has been allowed.
- To address market access constraints in countries where conventional banking channels are limited, the barter trade mechanism has been simplified under the existing regulatory framework.
- Export Development Surcharge (EDS) levy of 0.25% has been abolished to lower transaction costs and enhance the competitiveness of exporters.
- NEPRA has announced a reduced electricity tariff of Rs. 22.98 per unit, applicable for a period of three years, on additional consumption by industrial units commencing from December 2025.

***Question No. 81 Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan Mandokhel:**
(Notice Received on 4/12/2025 at 3:35 PM) QID: 43933

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state as to whether any consultations were held with the Chambers of Commerce and Trade before finalizing export related Tax Policies in the Budget of 2025-26, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

Consultations with key trade bodies and chambers of commerce are generally held during the budget making process each year. For Budget 2025-26, relevant stakeholders, including major trade associations and chambers, were invited to submit their budget proposals. These consultations were aimed to gather feedback on various tax related proposals including export-related tax measures.

***Question No. 82 Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice Received on 5/12/2025 at 9:23 AM) QID: 43937

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

- (a) the profit earned or loss suffered by Pakistan Steel Mills during the last five years; and*
- (b) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government to that Mills during the said period with year-wise breakup?*

Minister for Industries and Production:

- (a) Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) was a profit earning Corporation and had earned accumulated profits amounting to Rs. 9.54 billion up to 2007-08. However, due to global recession, high price of raw material and freight, devaluation of local currency and other factors, the Corporation suffered huge losses during the year 2008-09 to till date. The profit earned or loss suffered by PSM during last five years is at (Annexed-A)
- (b) The financial assistance provided by GoP to PSM was interest-based loan. The detail of these loan from 2020-2025 is at (Annexed-B)

Annexure-A**A- PROFIT EARNED OR LOSS SUFFERED BY PAKISTAN STEEL MILLS DURING LAST FIVE YEARS**

DESCRIPTION	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	Draft	Audited	Audited	Restated	Audited
REVENUE	(Amount in Million Rs.)				
Sales (Net)	915	2,709	3,999	1,596	546
Other Operating Income	6,759	2,940	31,491	5,536	1,659
Total Income	7,674	5,649	35,490	7,132	2,205
Operational Expenditures					
Cost of Sale	7,449	8,969	10,057	8,889	6,349
Distribution Cost	41	47	46	77	132
Administration expenses	7,379	4,318	4,156	3,168	2,918
Other Operating Expenses	308	2,204	1,475	380	482
Total Operating Expenditure	15,176	15,538	15,734	12,514	9,881
Gross Profit / (Loss)	(6,534)	(6,260)	(6,058)	(7,293)	(5,803)
Finance Cost	20,040	17,569	14,681	13,131	12,289
Share of profit from Associates	-	-	9	(2)	2
TOTAL EXPENSES	35,216	33,107	30,406	25,647	22,168
Profit / (Loss) before taxation	(27,542)	(27,458)	5,084	(18,515)	(19,963)
Taxation	2000	2003	2065	(213)	(542)
Profit / (Loss) after taxation	(25,542)	(25,454)	7,149	(18,748)	(20,505)

Annexure-B**B-FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY GOP TO PSM**

Year	(Rs.in million)								
	FUNDS RECEIPT	Payment of Salaries and other Related amounts					SSGC	Other (working capital)	Grand Total
	GoP Loan	Net Salaries	Provident Fund	Gratuity Fund	Payroll Dues	Total			
2020-21	37,894	2,818	19,421	13,009	1,704	36,952	849	93	37,894
2021-22	7,852	1,460	3,365	2,330	76	7,231	621	-	7,852
2022-23	2,057	1,280	-	-	-	1,280	777	-	2,057
2023-24	3,332	1,207	-	-	-	1,207	2,125	-	3,332
2024-25	825	825	-	-	-	825	-	-	825
TOTAL	58,059	12,038	23,897	15,339	1,969	53,243	4,723	93	58,059

***Question No. 83 Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan Mandokhel:**
(Notice Received on 9/12/2025 at 12:00 PM) QID: 43958

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of the measures taken for improving E Commerce during the last 3 years?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

The Government has taken several steps to boost e-commerce in Pakistan through policy reforms, institutional coordination, merchant formalization, and export facilitation. Details are as follows:

1. **Regulatory Reforms:** The MoC has supported key regulatory frameworks, including the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) 2021 B2B2C export regulations (FE Circular No. 05 of 2021), enabling Pakistani sellers on platforms like Amazon, eBay, and Alibaba. These were refined through 2022–2024 for better compliance by SMEs. In January 2021, SRO (14) was introduced to simplify small-packet exports (up to USD 5,000 value) by removing the need for customs export forms. Additionally, the Pakistan Single Window is advancing a Cross-Border E-Commerce Portal with ongoing consultations involving SBP and MoC.
2. **Strengthening Institutional Coordination:** The National e-Commerce Council (NeCC) and Provincial e-Commerce Councils were established under Pakistan's National e-Commerce Policy of 2019. The MoC leads the National e-Commerce Council (NeCC), established post-2019 National e-Commerce Policy, to coordinate federal, provincial, and private stakeholders via working groups on payments, logistics, and cross-border trade. To date, 9 meetings have been held, providing ongoing policy inputs on regulatory and taxation reforms.
3. **Sectoral Councils for Private-Public Dialogue:** The MoC has constituted 21 Sectoral Councils, with the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) as Secretariat. A dedicated IT and e-Commerce Sectoral Council provides regular feedback on logistics, cross-border trade, and taxation. Four meetings of this council have been held to date.

4. **MoU with Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA):** In 2025, the MoC and PTA signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding at PTA Headquarters to advance the digital ecosystem. Areas of cooperation include e-commerce, cybersecurity, cloud computing, knowledge sharing, capacity building, competitive business environments, and cross-border trade facilitation for enhanced efficiency.
5. **Engagements with Alibaba Group:** The MoC facilitated discussions leading to an MoU between Alibaba and the Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunication (MoITT). This focuses on capacity building for Pakistani SMEs, digital onboarding, and access to global platforms, promoting knowledge sharing on e-commerce infrastructure and market access.
6. **Development of National e-Commerce Policy 2.0 (2025–2030):** In 2025, the MoC has finalized the draft of the National e-Commerce Policy 2.0 through extensive consultations and global benchmarking. Developed through extensive multistakeholder consultations with e-commerce platforms, financial institutions, SMEs, freelancers, and regulators, the policy emphasizes digital payments interoperability, logistics infrastructure expansion, consumer protection, data privacy, cybersecurity, fraud mitigation, and cross-border trade facilitation. Key initiatives include a national one-window digital onboarding system, skills accelerators, and targeted support for MSMEs, women, and youth to achieve accelerated access to the global e-commerce market by 2030. Implementation will feature a robust monitoring mechanism coordinated across government entities.
7. **Merchant Onboarding and Formalization:** Under the 2019 Policy and subsequent reforms (2022–2024), over 9,000 merchants have been onboarded into formal channels, integrating informal sellers. This contributed to an approximately 1,400% increase in e-commerce transaction value from FY2019 to FY2024.

***Question No. 84 Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir:**
(Notice Received on 11/12/2025 at 10:10 AM) QID: 43970

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state whether any quarterly program reports on the URAAN Pakistan's implementation has been published/ released by the National Economic Transformation Unit (NETU), if so, the details thereof indicating also the number of such reports?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:

The Ministry has prepared an Annual Report on the implementation of the 13th Five-Year Plan (2024–29), which constitutes the first phase of the URAAN Pakistan Economic Transformation Plan. The report reviews progress achieved during the first year of implementation. Early results indicate encouraging signs of macroeconomic stabilization and a gradual restoration of confidence in the economy.

At the institutional and strategic level, implementation of the URAAN Pakistan 5Es framework (i.e., Exports, E-Pakistan, Environment & Climate Change, Energy & Infrastructure, and Equity & Empowerment) has strengthened federal–provincial coordination and alignment of development priorities. Extensive consultations with provinces and development partners facilitated the alignment of provincial ADPs and external financing with national objectives. Furthermore, development spending under the PSDP exceeded Rs. 1 trillion for the first time, underscoring the government's continued commitment to growth-supporting investment alongside fiscal consolidation.

***Question No. 85 Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir:**
(Notice Received on 11/12/2025 at 10:11 AM) QID: 43971

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, be pleased to state the number and date of coordination / implementation meetings held with each ministry and division regarding URAAN Pakistan?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:

NETU Federal Engagements		
	EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE
1.	Minister MoPD&SI Addresses Federal Secretaries regarding Uraan Pakistan.	20-Jan-25
2.	Donor's Coordination Meeting by EAD.	10 Feb 25
3.	Landmark Federal Focal Persons Meeting	07-May-25
4.	Summary on National Policies Review submitted to Prime Minister.	26-Aug-25
5.	Prime Ministerial Endorsement Received	15-Sep-25
6.	Policy Implementation: Meeting with Commerce Division	13-Nov-25
7.	Policy Implementation: Meeting with Water Resources Ministry	20-Nov-25
8.	Policy Implementation: Meeting with Federal Education Ministry	24-Nov-25
9.	Continuous Follow-up with Federal Focal Persons	Aug-Nov 2025
10	File Case Initiated for High-Level Review	30-Oct-25
11	Meeting and Collaboration with MoNHSRC for National Healthcare Workshop	15-Dec-25

NETU Provincial Engagements		
	EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE
1.	Sindh Provincial Consultative Workshop	24-Feb-25
2.	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) Provincial Consultative Workshop	12-Mar-25
3.	Balochistan Provincial Consultative Workshop	18-Apr-25
4.	Gilgit-Baltistan Provincial Consultative Workshop	Nov-25
5.	iPAS Virtual Alignment Meetings with all Provincial P&D Departments	Last Week of Mar-25
6.	Alignment of Provincial ADP Projects with URAAN Framework	By Jun-25
7.	Virtual Follow-up Meetings for One-Year Progress Reports	Nov-Dec 2025
8.	Coordination on Policies related to Devolved Subjects	20-Nov-25 (Follow-up)
9.	GB Consultative Workshop	Nov-2025
10.	Planned Workshops for AJK	TBD
11.	Postponed Punjab Provincial Workshop	2025 (TBD)

***Question No. 86 Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir:**
(Notice Received on 11/12/2025 at 10:12 AM) QID: 43972

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state the names and designation of staff recruited/posted in National Economic Transformation Unit (NETU) along with dates of such appointment and qualifications of each?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:

Sr. No	Name	Designation	Grade	Latest Degree	Experience in Years total	Date of Joining
1	Irma Malik	CTO/Project Director	PPS-12	M.A Development Economics University of Sussex UK	32	22-Mar-25
2	Nuzhat Shamin	Head of Monitoring and Evaluation	PPS-10	M.Phil Anthropology M.Phil Leadership and Management	11	15-Oct-2025
3	Zahoor Badshah	Admin & HR Manager	PPS-07	Master of Business Administration in HR from NUML	23	2-May-25
4	Asghar Ali	Finance Manager	PPS-07	Master of Business Administration in Finance from Bahria University	12	24-Apr-25
5	Zia ur Rehman	Research Associate	PPS-07	Master in Economics from Quaid-e-Azam University	3	15-May-25

***Question No. 87 Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand:**
(Notice Received on 16/12/2025 at 10:09 AM) QID: 43997

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

- (a) *whether it is fact that a case regarding fake deposits / embezzlement in the Federal Treasury Office, Islamabad has surfaced in July, 2025, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that an FIR has been registered in the said case, if so, the name and designation of the complainant*

officer, date of registration of FIR, findings of investigation, if any, and action taken against the responsible officials?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

- (a) Case regarding fake deposits/challans in the Federal Treasury Office, Islamabad was identified on 03-06-2025. A complaint was lodged immediately on 05-06-2025 at Aabpara Police Station against 14 stamp vendors and FIR was registered on 16-06-2025. Simultaneously, a fact finding inquiry was initiated by Finance Division and on recommendations of an inquiry committee, disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the officers/officials of FTO Islamabad. After detailed investigation, Police transferred the case to FIA on 28-11-2025, where a fresh FIR has been lodged against stamp vendors as well as officers/officials of the FTO Islamabad. The case is presently under investigation in FIA.
- (b) As stated, FIR was registered on 16-06-2025 at Aabpara Police Station by Syed Toqeer Hussain Shah, Federal Treasury Officer Islamabad and after detailed investigation, the case has been handed over to FIA. As the matter is now being investigated by FIA, details may be sought from there. It is further added that a forensic audit is also being conducted by DG (Federal Audit).

***Question No. 89 Senator Kamil Ali Agha:**

(Notice Received on 18/12/2025 at 12:19 PM) QID: 44021

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

- (a) *whether the amount collected under the head of Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) is being deposited in the Federal Consolidated Fund, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the amount collected under the said head and deposited in the Federal Consolidated Fund since the announcement of the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan that domestic oil prices would not be reduced, despite a decline in global oil prices, on the grounds that the resulting revenue*

would be used to upgrade the strategic N-25 highway in Balochistan, connecting Chaman, Quetta, Kalat, Khuzdar, and Karachi indicating also the amount collected and released out of the revenue for construction of the said road?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

- (a) Yes, the amount collected under the head Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) is deposited into Federal Consolidated Fund. PDL collected during first half of CFY is Rs. 827.6 billion.
- (b) For FY 2025-26, total PSDP allocation of Rs. 100 billion has been made for N-25 projects. Finance Division has released the following amounts during the 1st & 2nd quarters of CFY.

Sr. No.	Project	Release Request (Rs. bn)	Total Release (Rs. bn)
i.	Dualization of Khuzdar - Kuchlak Section of National Highway (N-25); Length 330.52 KM	8.69	8.69
ii.	Dualization and Rehabilitation of Karachi Quetta - Chaman Road (N-25) from Karachi - Kararo (232 km) & Wadh - Khuzdar (41 Km) having total Length 273 km	21.68	21.68
iii.	Dualization of Kararo - Wadh Section (83 km) & Kuchlak - Chaman Section (104 Km) of National Highway (N-25) Length: 187- km	20.24	20.24
Total		50.61	50.61

The amount released by Finance Division for the above projects is as per those requested by NHA/Communications Division.

In FY 2024-25, an amount of Rs.6.09 billion was released for N-25 projects.

***Question No. 91 Senator Jan Muhammad:**
(Notice Received on 30/12/2025 at 9:47 AM) QID: 44092

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

- (a) *the reasons for slow execution of work on the M-8 Motorway remaining 3 sections, and whether the delays are due to inadequate release of funds or any other administrative or technical reasons;*
- (b) *the expected completion timeline for each remaining section of the M-8 Motorway; and*
- (c) *the total estimated cost of each section, the allocation made in PSDP 2025-26, and the actual amount of funds released during the first and second quarters of Financial Year 2025-26?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:

(a) **INTRODUCTION OF MOTORWAY M-8**

- The Motorway (M-8) is 890 Km Long motorway linking Gwadar Port to Ratodero via Khuzdar, Naal, Awaran, Hoshab and Turbat. The Motorway is part of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) (Western Alignment) and holds strategic and economic importance.
- Sections of the Motorway from Gwadar to Hoshab (200 km) and Khuzdar to Ratodero (250 Km) are already completed and operational. The left-over sections Hoshab-Awaran (146 Km) and Awaran-Naal (168-Km) have been taken up for construction.

REASONS OF SLOW PROGRESS ON M-8 PROJECT

(As Intimated by M/o Communications)

- Main reasons of slow progress on M-8 Project are as below:
 - Terrorist attacks and critical law & order situation
 - Restricted working hours
 - Permission of work in restricted sections due to security threats
 - Insufficient allocation/releases of funds in PSDPs
- (b) • The target completion of remaining sections of M-8 (314 Km) is December, 2026 subject to availability of sufficient funds and improved law & order situation.
- (c) • The requisite details are tabulated as below:

Project	PC-I Cost	PSDP 2025-26 Allocation	Released PSDP 2025-26		Expenditures upto June, 25	Progress	Target Completion	Funds required to Complete the Project
			1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter				
Hoshab Awaran M-8 (146 km)	25,835,893	37,00	225	375	7,744	64%	Dec, 2026	18,091.90
Awaran-Naal M-8 (168 km)	32,244,820	6,000	1,650	2,100	16,291.8	46%	Dec, 2026	15,935.0

***Question No. 92 Senator Jan Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 31/12/2025 at 9:40 AM) QID: 44105

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

- (a) *The reasons for slow execution of work on the dualization of N-25 Quetta-Karachi Highway sections, and whether the delays are due to funding constraints or any other reasons;*
- (b) *The expected completion timeline for the ongoing dualization of all the sections of N-25; and*
- (c) *The total estimated cost of each section, the allocations made under PSDP 2025-26, and the funds actually released during the first and second quarters of Financial Year 2025-26?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:

- (a) The project consists of three sections, and the details of the original approvals are as follows:
 - **Dualization & Rehabilitation of Karachi (Hub) - Kararo & Wadh - Khuzdar Section**
Length: 278.35 kilometers
Originally approved by ECNEC on 07th October 2022 at a cost of **Rs. 74,716.226 million.**

- **Dualization of Kararo-Wadh Section & Khuzdar-Chaman Section**
Length: 187 kilometers
Originally approved by ECNEC on 07th October 2022 at a cost of **Rs. 67,671.852 million.**
- **Dualization of Khuzdar - Kuchlak Section of National Highway (N-25)**
Length: 331.70 kilometers
Originally approved by ECNEC on 04th June 2021 at a cost of **Rs. 81,582.219 million.**

The sponsors have submitted the **Revised PC-I** for all three sections, mainly due to updation of rates. The Revised PC-Is were received in the Ministry of Planning in **July 2025**, as per following details, along with approval status:

- **Dualization & Rehabilitation of Karachi (Hub) - Kararo & Wadh - Khuzdar Section**
Length: 278.35 kilometers
Revised PC-I approved by ECNEC on 07th August 2025 at a cost of **Rs. 183,421.475 million.**
- **Dualization of Kararo-Wadh Section & Khuzdar-Chaman Section**
Length: 187 kilometers
Revised PC-I approved by ECNEC on 07th August 2025 at a cost of **Rs. 72,751.852 million.**
- **Dualization of Khuzdar - Kuchlak Section of National Highway (N-25)**
Length: 331.70 kilometers
Revised PC-I approved by ECNEC on 07th August 2025 at a cost of **Rs. 98,904.229 million.**

The slow execution of work is **not due to funding constraints**; the NHA, being the executing agency while submitting the revised PC-Is provided the reasons for revision of cost based on the bids received from M/s FWO.

- (b) As per the revised PC-Is recently approved, the expected completion date for the ongoing dualization of all sections of N-25 is **30th June 2028**.
- (c) The PSDP allocation of NHA for FY 2025–26 earmarks PKR 100 billion for the Pakistan Expressway Project (N-25), extending from Karachi through Kalat and Quetta up to Chaman. The project has been segmented into 12 distinct packages, with construction activities presently in progress across all segments.

Against the total allocation of PKR 100 billion in PSDP 2025-26, the Ministry of Finance has released funds amounting to PKR 50.6 billion up to the second quarter.

***Question No. 93 Senator Mashal Azam:**

(Notice Received on 31/12/2025 at 1:08 PM) QID: 44096

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state a year-wise record for the last ten (10) years of amounts collected from the tobacco sector under the heads of Tobacco Development Cess, Federal Excise Duty and Sales Tax, the corresponding share or royalty allocated to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, particularly to District Swabi being a major tobacco-growing district, details of amounts actually released in the said period, and the reasons for any delay, reduction or non-release thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Auranzeb:

Tobacco industry is subject to Sales Tax @ 18% ad-valorem. Federal excise duty (FED) is imposed on multi-tier basis as per retail price. Presently, rates of FED for Tier-I is Rs. 16,500 per 1,000 cigarettes and for Tier-II Rs. 5,050 per 1,000 cigarettes in terms of S.No.9 & 10 of Table-I of First Schedule to Federal Excise Act, 2005.

Sales tax and FED collected from tobacco manufacturers during last Ten years on imports and domestic supplies as per ST&FE returns declaration are as under:

(Rs. In millions)

FY	SALES TAX			FED		
	DOM	IMP	TOTAL	DOM	IMP	TOTAL
2015-16	23,757	1,938	25,695	90,471	390	90,862
2016-17	17,534	996	18,530	66,182	17	66,199
2017-18	20,516	2,010	22,526	66,984	21	67,005
2018-19	23,080	3,048	26,128	90,209	659	90,867
2019-20	23,193	2,699	25,892	88,670	988	89,658
2020-21	27,908	3,057	30,965	106,502	914	107,416
2021-22	31,368	3,660	35,028	117,107	214	117,321
2022-23	36,838	4,284	41,122	140,917	1,175	142,091
2023-24	60,531	4,899	65,430	236,333	811	237,144
2024-25	40,133	23,521	63,654	121,574	104,309	225,883
2025-26	16,685	15,550	32,235	34,167	73,778	107,944

It is pertinent to mention that information regarding collection of Tobacco Cess is provincial subject and to be provided by province of KPK.

***Question No. 94 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 5/01/2026 at 1:01 PM) QID: 44115

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state as to whether it is fact that the Export Facilitation Scheme have been misused causing losses to the public Exchequer, if so then please state the details, items exported, amount of losses and action taken against the exporters and the responsible functionaries on their negligence/ involvement since 2024-25?

Mr. Muhammad Auranzeb:

To facilitate the exporters, the earlier schemes like DTRE, Export Oriented Units etc. were fused in a new single scheme called Export Facilitation Scheme and issued vide SRO 957(I)/2021 dated 30-07-2021. Subsequently, to avoid the misuse of the scheme further necessary safeguards were introduced in the Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS) while ensuring that genuine exporters continue to avail its benefits. The amendments were issued vide SRO 301(I)/2025 dated 07.03.2025 and SRO 1435(I)/2025 dated 05.08.2025.

The FBR is regularly monitoring the implementation of the Scheme through its field formations to detect and prevent misuse of this facility by the unscrupulous elements while ensuring the continuous benefits for the genuine exporters. The efforts of the Customs field formations have so far detected discrepancy to the tune of Rs.10.9 billion

It is pertinent to mention that the aforesaid discrepancy has been found in 107 cases out of 1940 EFS users in FY 2024-25 and July-Dec 2025-26. The percentage of mis use in terms of number of users comes to 5.5% (107 out of 1940). Necessary actions have been taken in accordance with Customs Act, 1969 and the relevant Rules. Most of the cases are subjudice before various legal fora and an amount of Rs.959 million has already been recovered. Moreover, various type of goods was involved in the aforementioned cases including textile, plastic packaging, pharmaceutical, iron and steel scrap, frozen meat, coal, leather etc. The involvement of functionaries, if any, will be determined subsequent to finalization of cases and conclusion of legal proceedings.

***Question No. 95 Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand:**
(Notice Received on 12/01/2026 at 10:36 AM) QID: 44156

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the details of the PEC 24 EPE Exams 2024:

- (a) Total number of candidates applied for exams and amount deposited;
- (b) Number of candidates and percentage of result with the Institution wise students of public, private and foreign Institutions; and
- (c) Number of candidates applied for Rechecking, total amount deposited, results rectified/ corrected so far?

Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi:

- (a) • 24th Engineering Practice Examination (EPE) was conducted on 23rd February 2025, wherein total number of applicants applied were 871 out of which 740 appeared.
- Details of expenses incurred on conduct of 24th EPE are as under:

Fee Collected (Rs. In Million)		Expense on 24 th EPE (Rs. In Million)	
786 new candidates @ Rs. 5000/- per candidate	3.930	i. Advertisement = 0.15	
85 reappearing candidates @ Rs. 2500/- per candidate	0.212	ii. Venue Charges (11 centers) = 2.40	
		iii. IT Operations = 1.50	
		iv. Invigilation / Logistics = 4.30	
		v. Others = 1.50 (Candidates: meal, stationary, etc)	
Rs. 4.142 Million		Rs. 9.85 Million	

- (b) • Pakistan Engineering Council as mandated under the PEC Act 1976, registers engineers after having accredited Engineering qualification as Registered Engineers (RE) and thereby their elevation towards higher title of Professional Engineer (PE) after completing 5-years in practice along with requisite CPD points and qualifying Professional Engineering Examination (EPE).

- The EPE consists of two parts: **Part-I** (common to all engineering disciplines) and **Part-II** (discipline-specific, based on the candidate's registered discipline). **A candidate must pass both parts to be declared qualified in the EPE. If a candidate does not qualify either part, they may reappear**

in the remaining part within next three consecutive attempts.

- The discipline-wise data of total Number of candidates and the percentage of their result for the 24th EPE is as under:

Sr #	Discipline / Groups	Candidates Appeared		Candidates Qualified	
		Part-I	Part-II	Part-I	Part-II
1	Civil Engg & Allied Disciplines	457	450	178 (38.95%)	155 (34.44%)
2	Electrical Engg & Allied Disciplines	152	181	51 (33.55%)	27 (14.92%)
3	Mechanical Engg & Allied Disciplines	54	58	26 (48.15%)	19 (32.76%)
4	Material & Metallurgical Engg	3	3	1 (33.33%)	1 (33.33%)
5	Chemical and Polymer Engg	8	10	3 (37.50%)	1 (10.00%)
6	Mining Engg	3	3	1 (33.33%)	1 (33.33%)
7	Agricultural Engg	2	2	0 (00.00%)	0 (00.00%)
8	Textile Engg	1	2	0 (00.00%)	0 (00.00%)
9	Petroleum and Gas Engg	1	1	0 (00.00%)	0 (00.00%)
10	Geological Engg	3	3	1 (33.33%)	0 (00.00%)
Total		684	713	261 (38.16%)	204 (28.61%)
Overall Qualified (candidates who qualified both parts)		132 (18%)			

- (c)• The EPE is fully computer-based; from application submission to result generation.
- Total **57 grievances / requests** were received.
 - Total fee collected was **Rs. 57,000/- @ Rs 1000/-** per candidate.
 - After thorough review of the requests by the PEC Grievance Committee and checking the complete result of each candidate, the overall result remained unchanged, as no discrepancy was observed.

*Question No. 98 **Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro:**
(Notice Received on 16/01/2026 at 3:48 PM) QID: 44197

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state the details of exports of Pakistan during last two years and the reasons for the recent decline?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

Details of exports during last two years:

Pakistan Exports by Products in USD Million		
Major Sector /Products	2023-24	2024-25
All Products	30,677	32,040
Food Group	7,370	7,117
Rice	3,932	3,353
Fruits and Vegetables	774	676
Meat	512	495
Fish	410	465
Sugar	21	411
Oil Seeds	410	385
Tobacco	64	167
Textile and Apparel	16,656	17,887
Knitwear	5,010	4,408
Readymade garments	4,129	3,564
Bed wear	3,113	2,803
Cotton cloth	1,809	1,866
Towels	1,083	1,055
Cotton yarn	681	956
Other textile materials	728	716
Made-up articles(excl. towels bedwear.)	776	715
Other Manufacturing Products	4,032	4,228

Other chemicals	647	755
Leather manufactures	573	546
Surgical goods & medical instruments	452	445
Plastic materials	469	400
Sports goods	386	396
Engineering goods	409	351
Pharmaceutical products	457	341
Cement	330	267
Petroleum Group	398	573
All Others	2,221	2,236

Source: PBS

Series	Jul- Dec, 2025	Jul- Dec, 2024	Change
Exports (USD million)	15,135	16,631	-9%
Imports (USD million)	34,475	30,902	12%
Balance of Trade (Trade Deficit) (USD million)	-19,340	-14,271	36%

Source: PBS

Pakistan's export decline in the first half of FY26 reflects a convergence of external competition, domestic supply shocks, and trade-route disruptions, with agriculture-led exports most affected.

Rice exports weakened as India's re-entry into global markets triggered oversupply and a sharp price correction, eroding Pakistani basmati's competitiveness amid higher domestic paddy prices and slightly lower output.

Several major markets (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Kenya) paused imports after stock accumulation, while exports to Afghanistan, and Central Asia were curtailed by border situation.

Other key products faced similar pressures. Sesame and maize exports declined due to climatic conditions and crop losses, higher domestic procurement prices and stronger price competition from Brazil, Africa and the Americas, alongside reduced demand in China and Southeast Asia. Sugar exports were disrupted by a mid-year policy reversal, onions lost ground to cheaper Indian and Thai supplies amid lower domestic production, and plastics exports fell mainly due to trade remedy measures in one of the key markets. Overall, price competitiveness erosion, global market uncertainty, trade wars jointly explain the export contraction in the first half of FY26.

However, the Ministry of Commerce is undertaking well-calibrated and targeted measures to address these challenges, restore export momentum and place Pakistan's exports back on a sustainable growth trajectory

***Question No. 99 Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro:**
(Notice Received on 19/01/2026 at 12:02 PM) QID: 44204

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the plan, if any to cut down civilian expenditure of Federal Government which is around hefty Rs 7 trillion as last year the Federal Budget expenditure was brought down from Rs. 18.8 Trillion to Rs 17.5 trillion?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

"The civilian expenditure cited at around Rs. 7 trillion is factually not correct. This expenditure is classified as 'Running of Civil Government (RoCG)' and comprises of pay and allowances, and operational expenses of ministries and divisions. For current financial year, RoCG expenditure is budgeted at Rs. 971 billion.

RoCG expenditure has been on a consistent decline as a percentage of total Federal Government expenditure, falling from about 9% in FY 2016 to around 5% in FY 2025, reflecting sustained fiscal discipline of the Federal Government.

To further contain RoCG, the Federal Government has implemented Cabinet-approved austerity measures, including ban on non-essential procurement of vehicles and equipment, restrictions on creation of posts, curbs on non-obligatory foreign travel, and strict controls on operational expenditures across all ministries, divisions and attached departments. Additionally, a comprehensive rightsizing exercise is being undertaken to rationalize administrative structures and reduce recurring costs.

Finance Division has also issued a Strategy for Re-appropriation and Additional Allocation of Funds which mandates re-appropriation of available savings as the first recourse, subjects Technical Supplementary Grants to rigorous scrutiny with prior identification of resources, and disallows Supplementary Grants except in cases of natural disasters, thereby ensuring efficient utilization of approved allocations and preventing any unplanned increase in RoCG expenditure. In addition, expenditures are being regulated through a quarter-wise release strategy issued by the Finance Division."

***Question No. 100 Senator Danesh Kumar:**

(Notice Received on 21/01/2026 at 11:48 AM) QID: 44217

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be please to state:

- (a) the details of appointments made by the Ministry over the last ten years, with a year-wise breakup for positions in BPS-1 to BPS-16, including the method of selection, process followed, and the criteria for these appointments;*
- (b) whether these appointments made in a fair and transparent manner or otherwise; and*
- (c) details of employees who were terminated after their appointments during the last ten years, if any, along with the reasons for their termination?*

Minister for Industries and Production:

The required information covers a period of last ten years and further requires to consult multiple records. The requisite information is being collected from the concerned wing and will be submitted in the next Rota Day.

ISLAMABAD,
The 11th February, 2026

HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH,
Acting Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Thursday, the 12th February, 2026**

Question No. 11 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:
(Notice Received on 27/11/2025 at 1:22 PM) QID: 43906

Will the Minister for Industries & Production be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of industrial units and SME-based projects being supported by the Federal Government at present in Balochistan and the employment (number of employed persons) they have generated;*
- (b) whether any incentives have been provided to attract industries to Balochistan; and*
- (c) what measures the Ministry is taking to create more jobs for the youth of Balochistan through industrial and SME development?*

Minister for Industries & Production: (a) Following industrial units and SME Development projects are being implemented in Balochistan by Federal Government:

- 1. 1000 Industrial Stitching Units(Phase-II):**
350 units will be established in Balochistan which will create **1200 jobs** over a period of three years
- 2. SME Certification, International Accreditation, and Quality Improvement Program:** 600 firms will obtain certification in 3 years which will enhance exports by SMEs

3. **Establishment of SMEDA Center at Quetta is under execution through PSDP Funding:** It will create a number of opportunities in private sector through facilitation
4. **Establishment of Hub Special Economic Zone under LIEDA, Hub Balochsitan** Once established it is expected to generate an employment of around 5,000 direct and 20,000 indirect jobs.
5. **Development of Marble and Granite Sector:**

PASDEC has already invested Rs. 817.73 M in the development projects of Balochistan including the Common Facility Training Centre (CFTC) Gaddani, Machinery Pool and Mechanized mines.

An area of 20 acres of land was allotted to PASDEC as gratis on 20th May, 2009 on 99 years lease for establishment of CFTC and warehouse under the PSDP project titled "Development of Marble and Granite Sector". PASDEC spent Rs. 70 million on the project out of which Rs. 16 million has been directly paid to Lasbela Industrial Estate Development Authority for land development and the major portion of the remaining amount was spent on procurement and installation of machinery at the site whereby, a 40 tons Gantry Crane is installed at the site and major processing / cutting machinery (Gang Saw 80 Blade from Italy) has also been procured. Efforts are underway to complete the projects on public private partnership basis. **Once established the project is expected to generate an employment of around 20 direct and 100+ indirect jobs.**

- (b) Various incentives have been introduced by the federal & provincial govts to attract industries in Balochistan. Brief of incentives currently available in Export Processing Zones (Saindak Export Processing Zone – Chagai, Duddar Export Processing Zone -Lasbela) and Special Economic Zones (Bostan Special Economic Zone – Pishiry Hub Special Economic Zone – Lasbela/ are provided below for kind reference.

Income Tax Exemption in SEZs:

Enterprises located in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are exempt from federal income tax for a specified period as per the SEZ incentive package under the Board of Investment policy.

Customs Duty Exemptions:

Enterprises in SEZ/Export Processing Zones (EPZS) enjoy customs duty machinery and equipment required for setting up industries.

100% Foreign Equity Ownership:

Foreign investors can own 100% of their enterprise in Balochistan (no upper limit on foreign equity) under the investment regime outlined by Pakistan Board of Investment & BbolT.

Export Processing / Free Trade Zone Benefits:

Firms operating in EPZs benefit from additional incentives such as duty-free imports, tax concessions and streamlined federal export facilitation. (Export Processing Zone Authority incentives apply under Federal EPZA framework)

- (c) Following measures are being taken by SMEDA under Industries & Production Division for industrial & SME Development, ultimately leading towards job creation for youth;

2. SMEs Certification

Accreditation, and Quality improvement Program

Limited market access, especially internationally, is a major barrier to SME growth in Pakistan, largely due to a lack of resources, competitiveness, and recognition of quality standards. To address this, a program has been launched to help SMES obtain national and international certifications, particularly in export-potential sectors. It offers training, financial support, and access to accreditation bodies to improve quality, compliance, and global market integration. PKR. 200 million is allocated for the project. Matching grant of up to Rs. 1 million shall be available for SMEs all across Pakistan, including Balochistan.

3. Export Assistance Program for SMEs:

To boost SME exports, a support program has been launched to help SMEs overcome barriers such as limited market access, lack of global standards awareness, and resource constraints. It focuses on identifying cluster-based exportable products, assessing SME export readiness, and building export capacity through training on compliance, market access, financing, logistics, and performance-based support. The program aims to assess 3,000 SMEs, train 1,500, provide export grants to 950, and boost exports by USD 153 million. Export Development Fund (EDF) approved the funding of PKR 417 million for the first year of the proposed program.

4. Other Development Initiatives for SMEs:

SMEDA has been actively engaged in various SME Development initiatives leading to Job creation for youth of Balochistan. SMEDA, under '**Industrial Stitching Unit (ISU)**' Project has given a matching grant to 17 SMEs in Balochistan for establishing their own textile stitching units. Furthermore, more than 200 capacity building programs were conducted province-wise for SMEs and Youth under SMEDA Project '**National Business Development Program**'.

SMEDA is actively engaged with the business community for setting up projects in **Bostan Special Economic Zone**. Business Plan for 17 businesses has been developed for setting up business in Bostan Special Economic Zones, out of which 7 Business plans have already been commercialized.

All the aforementioned initiatives are for SME Development, ultimately leading towards job creation for youth of Balochistan.

Question No. 12 **Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**
(Notice Received on 27/11/2025 at 1:24 PM) QID: 43907

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

- (a) *the number of jobs created for the people of Balochistan under CPEC during the last five years with project wise break up indicating also the number of jobs provided to the Balochistan domiciled youth in the same; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to ensure fair share of employment for local youth in all ongoing and upcoming development projects under the CPEC in that province?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:

- (a) Under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a total of 18 infrastructure, energy and social sector projects are being implemented in Balochistan. Based on information reported by the relevant executing agencies, these projects have generated approximately 9,586 employment opportunities during the last five years, both direct and indirect. The project-wise position of jobs created, including employment provided to Balochistan-domiciled youth, is as under:

Sr#	Project Name	Number of Jobs created
Projects Completed or Under Implementation		
1.	Surab-Hoshab (N-85)	A total of 101 jobs were created and provided to local domicile holders. Employment was arranged through contractors and consultants, as NHA has not hired regular or contractual staff since 2017.
2.	Gwadar-Hoshab-Awaran-Naal sanctions of (M-8) and Khuzdar-Basima	616 locals were engaged through projects contractors.
3.	Nokandi-Mashkail-Panjgur	82 temporary jobs were created during project execution.
4.	HUBCO Coal Power Project	627 jobs were created, out of which 170 jobs were provided to Balochistan domicile holders.
5.	New Gwadar International Airport	107 jobs were created, including 63 employees

		holding Balochistan domicile, which exceeds the Federal Government-prescribed quota of 6 percent.
6.	Gwadar Port and Free Zone	216 jobs. 214 jobs were provided to local residents.
7.	Eastbay Expressway (Phase-I)	During construction, about 1,400 workers were engaged, out of which 200 were local workers. Phase-II is at the planning stage.
8.	Technical and Vocational Institute, Gwadar	During construction, around 1,500 workers were engaged, including 450 local workers.
9.	1.2 MGD Desalination Plant, Gwadar	About 330 workers were engaged during construction, including 165 local workers.
10.	Bostan Special Economic Zone	Existing industrial units have generated 426 jobs, all for local residents. The allotted plots to 24 enterprises are expected to create around 8,030 additional jobs, predominately for local residents.
11.	15,000 Solar Powered Lighting Equipment Project	Around 1,100 contractual jobs, primarily for local residents.
12.	Necessary Facilities of Fresh Water Treatment and Supply (Gwadar)	320 jobs created, including 270 local jobs, with an additional around 300 jobs expected.
13.	Pak-China Friendship Hospital, Gwadar	515 jobs created, of which 441 were provided to Balochistan domicile holders.
14.	Westbay Expressway, Gwadar	100 jobs, including 9 local jobs.
15.	School at Faqeer Colony Gwadar	51 jobs, including 24 local jobs.
PROJECTS IN PIPELINE		
16.	Saindak Copper/Gold Mining Project	Around 1,120 jobs are projected, with approximately

		950 jobs earmarked for local residents, particularly from Chagai district and adjoining areas.
17.	300 MW Coal Power Plant, Gwadar	Approximately 575 jobs are expected during construction and operation phases, including around 43 positions projected for local employment.
18.	Gwadar Smart Environmental & Sanitation System	Approximately 200 temporary jobs are expected during construction, with around 150 local hires, and an additional 200 operational jobs, with priority for local residents.

(b) The Government is taking the following measures to ensure fair and equitable employment opportunities for local youth in ongoing and upcoming CPEC projects in Balochistan:

- All concerned Ministries, Departments and Project Authorities, have been directed to accord due preference to eligible local candidates, subject to merit and project requirements.
- In energy and mining projects implemented on private investment, sponsors are encouraged by the Government and relevant regulators to maximize local hiring where feasible.
- Federal entities, including Pakistan Airports Authority, Gwadar Port Authority Strictly follow domicile-based quotas, with several projects in Gwadar exceeding the prescribed share for Balochistan.
- Technical and vocational institutes, apprenticeship programs and on-job training initiatives are being promoted to enhance employability of local youth for skilled and semi-skilled positions.
- Project sponsors and operators are required to submit periodic employment data, including local versus non-local hiring, which is reviewed by the concerned federal and provincial departments.

- Contractors and operators are encouraged to source goods and services locally, creating indirect employment and business opportunities for the local population.

Through these measures, the Government remains committed to ensuring that the socio-economic benefits of CPEC projects are shared equitably, with particular focus on employment generation for the people of Balochistan.

Question No. 13 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:

(Notice Received on 27/11/2025 at 1:30 PM) QID: 43905

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

- the number of youth belonging to Balochistan who have received loans under the Prime Minister's Youth Business Loan Scheme and other Federal Government micro-financing programs during the last five years with district-wise breakup; and*
- whether any new financial measures are under consideration of the Government to support youth entrepreneurship and small businesses in Balochistan, if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

Question No. 14 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:

(Notice Received on 27/11/2025 at 2:18 PM) QID: 43918

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the names, date of posting and duration of posting of Appraiser inspector's and above at ports in Karachi during the last 5 years?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

Details of names, dates of posting and duration of posting of Appraising Officers, Inspectors and above at ports in Karachi during the last 05 years is enclosed at
Annex-A

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

Question No. 15 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:
(Notice Received on 19/12/2025 at 4:05 PM) QID: 44029

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

- (a) the details of the Collectorate of Customs Faisalabad, its original area of jurisdiction and extension to more areas granted with reasons; and*
- (b) name of the incumbent Collector and his date of posting?*

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

- (a) It is stated that all details pertaining to the Collectorate of Customs, Faisalabad have been clarified by Government of Pakistan vide SRO No. 1637/2024 dated 18-10-2024. The requisite details have been reproduced below for ready reference:
- (b) i. *All matters relating to cargo clearance for exports, imports including temporary imports of all sorts (excluding transit) in the Civil Division of Sahiwal, Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalpur, Sargodha and Faisalabad, including the following Customs Stations, namely:-*
 - a. The Customs-port at Gatti Railway Station, Faisalabad'*
 - b. The Customs-port at Multan Railway Station; and*
 - c. The Customs-port located at bypass, Bahawalpur Road, Multan;*
 - d. Sadiqabad Export Terminal, Sadiqabad;*
 - e. Export Terminal Muzaffargarh;*
 - f. Export Terminal Sargodha;*
- ii. *Licensing of all type of Customs Clearing Agents/Bonded Warehouse i.e. Private/ Public/ Duty Free Shops (excluding duty free shops at airports)/ Diplomatic bonded warehouses in the civil divisions of Sahiwal, Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalpur, Sargodha and Faisalabad;*

- iii. *All matters related to Export Facilitation Scheme, legacy issues of Duty Tax Remission for Exports, Manufacturing Bonds and Export Oriented Units situated within the civil divisions of Sahiwal, Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalpur, Sargodha and Faisalabad;*
- iv. *All matters relating to the auction and disposal of goods at above Customs stations, and respective public and private bonded warehouses;*
- v. *Clearance of Accompanied and Unaccompanied Baggage at above Customs Stations;*
- vi. *Monitoring of Gates of dry ports and Customs stations within the Collectorates jurisdiction excluding matters related to transit trade;*
- vii. *Investigation & Prosecution.*

b. Mr. Rizwan Basharat is serving as Collector Customs since 13-05-2025.

Question No. 16 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 23/12/2025 at 1:13 PM) QID: 44068

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the details of the confiscated, auctioned and smuggled items by the customs during the last 3 years?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

The details of the confiscated, auctioned and smuggled items by the Customs field formations during the last three (03) years are as under:

Confiscated and Smuggled Items in Last Three Years		
Sr. No.	Financial Year	Value of Goods (In Millions)
1	2022-2023	63,402
2	2023-2024	106,161
3	2024-2025	109,228

Revenue Realized Through Auction in Last Three Years			
Sr. No	Fiscal Year	No. of Cases	Revenue Realized (in PKR Millions)
1	2022-23	3980	9,184
2	2023-24	5282	12,799
3	2024-25	5668	12,982

Question No. 17 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 7/01/2026 at 1:50 PM) QID: 44132

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the functions, responsibilities and performance of the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology during the last 3 years?

Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi:

Pakistan Council for Science and Technology (PCST) is the national body that advises the Government on science, technology, and innovation matters. Its main responsibilities include policy research, national science data collection, identification of priority research areas, coordination between academia and industry, evaluation of research performance, and support to national science and technology planning. PCST also serves as the Secretariat of the National Commission for Science and Technology.

During the last three years, PCST has contributed to national science and technology development in several important areas, including the following:

- Development of the National Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STI Policy) 2022 and its Action Plan, for which 74 organizations were consulted. The Action Plan includes 89 actions under 7 thematic areas, to be implemented by 27 agencies in consultation with 112 stakeholders across Pakistan.

- Regular conduct of the National Science & Technology Statistics Survey to consolidate information on research and development (R&D) expenditure and number of researchers. This data is shared with international organizations such as the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) and contributes to global innovation and development indicators, as well as national STI planning.
- Conduct of Pakistan's First National Industrial Innovation Survey (FINIS), covering about 5,000 industrial units in the manufacturing sector. The survey findings and policy recommendations were published in 2024 to support industrial innovation and improve competitiveness of local industry.
- Completion of a national study titled "Need Assessment of S&T Human Resources for Driving Innovation (NAHR)" in 2024, which assessed the availability of highly qualified manpower in universities, R&D organizations, and industry, and provides guidance for future workforce planning and skill development.
- Preparation and publication of research work on Pakistan's progress toward Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target, relating to research capacity and technological development, supporting national planning and international reporting.
- Establishment of expert panels in sectors such as Minerals, Automotive and Robotics to carry out Technology Foresight studies, including a published foresight report on the mineral sector, which help identify future technologies and guide policy and investment priorities.

- Preparation of policy briefs and technical papers for national leadership and international forums, including inputs for discussions at United Nations and regional development platforms, on themes such as the role of science and technology in development, emerging technological challenges, low-carbon and smart connectivity, and future of e-mobility.
- Provision of technical reviews and expert comments to the Ministry of Science and Technology and other government bodies on science and technology matters, including review of science and technology related development project proposals for national planning bodies.
- Preparation of national reports on the status of science and technology in Pakistan and contribution to international science and technology cooperation activities, helping present Pakistan's scientific progress at regional and global platforms.

Through these activities, PCST supports informed decision-making, strengthens national science, technology and innovation planning, improves understanding of Pakistan's research capacity, and helps align science and technology with economic and development goals.

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