

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 7th April, 2026

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*[Questions Nos. 52, 53, 54, 23, 26, 28, 130, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 93, 94 and 95]
was 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 the Library and on the 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 the Library and on the 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-I

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	157,258,071,352
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	4,739,552,006	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	1,228,047,187	2,219,264,260	18,381,011,135

- 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
 SO - (Org-III)

The Managing Director,
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- 20- Director General, PHA, Islamabad
- 21- Director General, PNAC, Islamabad
- 22- DG NIO, NIO, Karachi
- 23- Registrar, CUI, Islamabad
- 24- Registrar, NUTECH, Islamabad
- 25- Registrar, PEC, Islamabad
- 26- Dy Director Adm & Coord, NUST, Islamabad

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. 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:

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). Engineering Development Board (EDB) regulates only the automotive sector. As per record of EDB, no multinational company from the automotive sector has exited Pakistan during the last three years.

***(Def.) 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

(Def.)* 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.

(Def.)* 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 06 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

*(Def.) 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.

(Def.)* Question No. 74 **Senator Shahadat Awan:

(Notice Received on 26/11/2025 at 9:52 AM) QID: 43900

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether any inquiry(ies) / investigation(s) have been conducted to evaluate the involvement of Customs officers / officials posted at international airports in corruption related activities during the last three years, if so, the details thereof indicating also the action taken against the officers / officials found involved?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: The Information is at **Annex-A.**

Annex-A

S#	Name	Designation/BS	Place of Posting	Date of Initiation	Charges	Penalty/Status
1	Muhammad Abdullah	Inspector Customs/ BS-16	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Lahore	June 24, 2025	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption was found. Allegedly involved in facilitating a passenger in smuggling high- value electronic items at Faisalabad Airport. Mobile data evidence revealed his collusion with external accomplices to bypass Customs scanning procedures.	"Compulsory Retirement" vide Board's Notification No. 2672-C-IV/2025 dated 13.11.2025 imposed upon him.
2	Faizan Ahmed	Inspector Customs/ BS-16	Dte of IOCO, Islamabad Airport, Islamabad	July 8, 2025	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption The Collectorate of Customs, Islamabad Airport reported that Inspector Faizan Ahmed, during his posting as Detention Officer, replaced 7 detained original mobile phones with counterfeit ones.	"Reduction to lower post as Assistant (BS-15)" vide Board's Notification No. 2969- C-IV/2024 dated 07.01.2024 imposed upon him.
3	Rooh ul Amin	Sepoy/ BS-05	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Islamabad	September 12, 2025	Misconduct & Corruption He was accused of facilitation in smuggling of goods from the Bacha Khan International Airport, Peshawar.	"Dismissal from Service" imposed upon him.
4	Muhammad Fayaz Khan	Sepoy/ BS-05	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Islamabad.	September 9, 2025	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption He was accused of facilitation in smuggling of goods from the Bacha Khan International Airport, Peshawar.	"Dismissal from Service" imposed upon him.
5	Fazal Karim	Principal Appraiser (TS-17)	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Karachi	December 9, 2024	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption The accused officer being Principal Appraiser did not performed his duty efficiently and diligently and caused evasion of duty & taxes to the tune of Rs. 9.7 million of a consignment of M/s Siccotel Trading.	Charge of Corruption was not established against the accused officer therefore "Withholding of increment for a period of three (03) years without cumulative effect" vide Board's Notification No. 1637-C- III/2025 dated 21.07.2025, imposed upon him.

S#	Name	Designation/BS	Place of Posting	Date of Initiation	Charges	Penalty/Status
6	Syed Hassan Mehdi	Senior Preventive Officer (BS-16)	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Karachi	December 9, 2024	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption The accused officer being Approving Officer did not performed his duty efficiently and diligently and caused evasion of duties taxes of the tune of Rs. 9.7 million on a consignment of M/s Siccotel Trading.	Charge of Corruption was not established against the accused officer. "Withholding of increment for a period of three (03) years without cumulative effect" vide Board's Notification No. 1636-C-III/2025 dated 21.07.2025, imposed upon him.
7	Mr. Ali Zaman	Inspector Customs/BS-16	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Karachi	December 9, 2024	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption The accused officer being Examiner did not performed his duty efficiency and diligently and caused evasion of duty & taxes to the tune of Rs. 9.7 million of a consignment of M/s Siccotel Trading.	Charge of Corruption was not established against the accused officer therefore "Withholding of increment for a period of three (03) years without cumulative effect" vide Board's Notification No. 1635-C-III/2025 dated 21.07.2025, imposed upon him.
8	Manzoor Huusain	Inspector Customs/BS-16	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Islamabad	January 28, 2025	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption While leading Manzoor Huusain's case, the Authority noted that he left the detained phones at the warehouse on 05.03.2024, and they remained under Mr. Manzoor Huusain's control until 08-04-2024. Mr. Faizan contended that since custody was taken after over a month, Mr. Manzoor is also responsible for the lapse.	"Withholding of One Increment for a Period of One Year Without Cumulative Effect" vide Board's Notification No. 1527-C-IV/2025 dated 10.07.2025 imposed upon him
9	Shakeel Ahmed	Inspector Customs/BS-16	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Islamabad	May 24, 2024	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption He was found negligent during examination of GD No. 44897, allowing clearance of a misdeclared consignment without proper documents. His lapse led to narcotics being recovered by ANF from the shipment.	"Reduction to three lower stages, in pay scale, for a period of three years without cumulative effect" vide Board's Notification No. 2479-C-IV/2024 dated 27.09.2024 imposed upon him

S#	Name	Designation/BS	Place of Posting	Date of Initiation	Charges	Penalty/Status
10	Muhammad Chan Zeb	Inspector Customs/ BS-16	Collectorate of Customs, Sambrial Sialkot (Sialkot Airport)	August 8, 2023	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption A passenger was caught smuggling 229 mobile phones worth Rs. 3,369 million at Sialkot Airport. He was found complicit and was arrested and included in FIR No. J-1/2023 for involvement in the smuggling.	"Withholding of one increment for a period of one year" vide Board's Notification 1454-C-IV/2024 dated 06.06.2024 imposed upon him.
11	Maqsood Ahmed	Inspector Customs/ BS-16	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Islamabad.	November 16, 2023	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption He negligently signed and stamped the cargo manifest without verifying the Airway Bills or GDs, enabling illegal loading of consignments. His actions indicate connivance in bypassing export procedures in violation of rules.	The Secretary Revenue Division / Chairman, FBR in his capacity as Appellate Authority has converted the "Removal from Service" into "Withholding of three increments for a period of three years without cumulative effect" vide Board's Notification No. 2066-C-IV/2024 dated 05.08.2024.
12	Imran Elahi	Inspector Customs/ BS-16	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Lahore	August 7, 2023	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption He while posted at Traffic Section of the Collectorate of Customs (ATA), Lahore demanded money from a passenger departing the country.	"Withholding of Two Increments for Two Years" vide Board's Notification No. 0339-C-IV/2024 dated 12.02.2024 imposed upon him.
13	Zulfiqar Ali	Inspector Customs/ BS-16	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Lahore	October 6, 2022	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption He was found guilty of fraudulently processing de-attachment of property in favor of an accused, causing a short recovery of Rs. 24.82 million.	"Censure" vide Board's Notification No. 0264-C-IV/2024 dated 31.01.2024 imposed upon him.
14	Mr. Muhammad Nahid	Sepoy/BS-05	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Lahore	July 2025	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption Demanding money from Passenger for clearance of cigarette sleeves.	"Censure" on 27.11.2025 imposed upon him.
15	Mr. Abdul Waheed	Sepoy/BS-05	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Lahore	February 13, 2024	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption Facilitating the smuggling of Mobilies & Laptops	"Stoppage of Performance Allowance for six months" on 29.06.2024 imposed upon him.

S#	Name	Designation/BS	Place of Posting	Date of Initiation	Charges	Penalty/Status
16	Muhammad Sadaqum Nazar Ali Khan	Assistant Director (PCS/BS-17)	Directorate of IPR Enforcement, Central, Lahore (Airport, Lahore)	September 23, 2025	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption Engaged a clearing agent to facilitate clearance of a used jeep engine under baggage rules for a non-bonafide passenger, thereby violating baggage regulations, undermining Customs integrity, and influencing the clearance process.	The officer was Exonerated from the charges levelled against him on 09.12.2025
17	Muhammad Sadaqum Nazar Ali Khan	Assistant Director (PCS/BS-17)	Directorate of IPR Enforcement, Central, Lahore (Airport, Lahore)	May 19, 2025	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption Being the incharge of Examination of baggage, he was responsible for negligence, Inefficiency and Misconduct committed by the staff working under his command. i. Responsible for checking the role of verification and endorsement officer as well as to check the baggage cargo.	The officer was Exonerated from the charges levelled against him vide Board's Notification No. 1949-C-II/2025 dated 21.08.2025.
18	Syed M. Abbas Shah	Inspector Customs/ BS-16	Collectorate of Customs Airports Islamabad	April 16, 2024	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption On 28.03.2024, a passenger bag intercepted with smuggled electronics exceeding duty-free allowance, which were seized. Inquiry revealed audio evidence linking Inspector Syed Muhammad Abbas as a facilitator, indicating complicity in the smuggling attempt.	Exonerated vide Board's Notification No. 1685-C-IV/2024 dated 05.07.2024.
19	Muhammad Zulfiqar Khan	Inspector Customs/ BS-16	Collectorate of Customs Airports, Islamabad.	November 27, 2025	Inefficiency, Misconduct & Corruption Despite prior alerts of large-scale misdeclarations in IMO consignments, valuable goods were cleared from GPO Rawalpindi on 24-25 April 2025. The lapse indicates serious negligence in acting on credible intelligence, leading to revenue loss.	Order of Inquiry dated 27.11.2025 has been issued, however, inquiry report has not yet been received.

***(Def.) 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, Appraisalment (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 Appraisalment (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 Appraisalment 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 Appraisalment Punjab, Lahore	17.11.2025	The officer was promoted in BS-20 on 02.12.2021

***(Def.) 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
ASEAN					

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)

S. No.	Countries	2023-24		2024-25		2023-24		2024-25	
		Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import
1	Afghanistan	1022.2	583.59	763.98	801.26	953.99	892.84	1064.84	538.59
2	Azerbaijan	3.35	3.78	9.7	0.78	10.84	24.38	4.18	10.81
3	Iran	0	518.62	0	773.77	0.1	880.38	0.02	1036.76
4	Kazakhstan	103.5	0.45	162.9	56.22	50.94	5.72	170.82	1.68
5	Kyrgyzstan	1.91	0.04	4.09	0.18	10.95	0.25	7.69	0.25
6	Tajikistan	2.05	0.77	3.52	4.6	23.57	1.04	14.69	0.5
7	Turkey	277.52	478.19	365.58	517.7	321.38	349.61	298.78	244.63
8	Turkmenistan	3.46	7.6	1.66	10.54	1.91	6.14	1.21	3.64
9	Uzbekistan	30.81	26.8	56.61	35.12	68.73	37.9	79.5	25.91
	Total	1444.8	1619.8	1368	2200.2	1442.4	2198.3	1641.7	1862.7
	Total Trade	3064.65		3568.21		3640.67		3504.52	

Source: FBR

*(Def.) 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:

- the estimated financial loss to Pakistan's exports as a result of floods 2025 with a sector-wise breakup; and*
- 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.

(Def.)* 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), (b) & (c).

Total Public debt figures for 1HFY-26:

(PKR Trillion)	FY-25	1HFY-26
Domestic Debt Stock	54.5	55.4
External Debt Stock	26.0	26.0
Total Debt Stock	80.5	81.4

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

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

*(Def.) 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).

*(Def.) 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:

Time Period/Trade	USD Billion			
	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/measures 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.

(Def.)* 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.

(Def.)* 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 (Annexure-A).
- (b) The financial assistance provided by GoP to PSM was interest-based loan. The detail of these loan from 2020-2025 is at (Annexure-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	(233)	(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

(Def.)* 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.

***(Def.) 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.

***(Def.) 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)

***(Def.) 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 Shami m	Head of Monitoring and Evaluation	PPS-10	M.Phil Anthropology M.Phil Leadership and Management	11	15-Oct-2025
3	Zahoor Badsha h	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

***(Def.) 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).

*(Def.) Question No. 88 **Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 16/12/2025 at 4:30 PM) QID: 44005

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on organizing the International Capital Market Conference by Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan in Karachi with head wise break up?

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

The International Capital Market Conference was jointly organized and funded by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and the Capital Market Infrastructure Institutions (CMIIs) i.e. Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited (PSX), National Clearing Company of Pakistan Limited (NCCPL), Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited (CDC), and Pakistan Mercantile Exchange (PMEX).

The total expense incurred by the SECP was PKR 5.8 million. The head-wise breakup of the expense is provided below:

<u>Head</u>	<u>Amount (PKR)</u>
Travel	2,546,827
Accommodation	3,251,586
Total	5,798,413

*(Def.) 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.

*(Def.) Question No. 90 **Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 18/12/2025 at 2:34 PM) QID: 44022

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of panel advocates of State Life Insurance Corporation (SLIC) during the last 10 years, along with the details/number of cases assigned to each of them?

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

Advocates and law firms are empaneled on the State Life Panel through a structured and merit-based process managed by the Legal Affairs Division (LAD). Interested advocates/law firms apply on the prescribed form with complete supporting documents, including professional credentials, experience, and certificates of good standing. Applications are vetted by the Empanelment/Litigation Committee, which evaluates eligibility based on standing at the Bar, relevant experience, integrity, reputation, absence of conflict of interest, and alignment with State Life's litigation needs. The Committee conducts scrutiny and interviews, seeks regional feedback where required, and makes recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer, who is the final approving authority. Upon approval, advocates enter into a formal agreement with State Life and are placed on the approved panel, categorized according to qualifications and experience for appropriate assignment of cases.

Advocates may be delisted from the State Life Panel through periodic or event-driven performance evaluations conducted by the Litigation Review Committee. If performance is found below average in two assessments or unsatisfactory due to misconduct, inefficiency, conflict of interest, breach of agreement, ethical violations, adverse court outcomes, or failure to properly handle cases and reporting obligations, the Legal Affairs Division may recommend removal. After due consideration, the authorized officer may approve delisting, and the decision is circulated to all concerned offices. Records of delisted advocates are maintained, and those losing three consecutive cases are barred from receiving new assignments for one year. Re-enlistment is possible only upon fulfillment of strict conditions and fresh approval through the prescribed process. List is annexed.

Annexure

Advocate wise List		
Karachi		
Sr. No.	SLIC Advocate	No. of cases
1	Sanaullah Noor Ghuri, Advocate	1
2	Syed Shayan Ahmed	4
3	Mr. Ali Sufyan Faiz	1
4	Mr. Zahid Hussain	20
5	Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed	20
6	Mr. Sultan A. Allana	20
7	Mr. Khalil A. Siddiqui	3
8	Mr. Mukesh Kumar Khatri	25
9	Mr. Muhammad Zia Qureshi	10
10	W&A Law Associates	34
11	Mr. Fayyaz Ali Metio	2
12	Mr. Manzar Bashir Memon	18
13	Mr. Khalid Mahmood Siddiqui	4
14	Mr. Ameer Naushervan Adil	6
15	Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Khan	3
16	Mr. Imdadullah Shaikh	2
17	Br. Blosch Ahmed Junejo	4
18	Humaira Shafiq	1
19	Nasir Ahmed Kingrachi	4
20	Barrister Dr.Humma Sodher	1
21	Mr. Sharafuddin Mangi	1
22	Dr. Shahab Imam	-
23	Shah Muhammad Matilo	2
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Hyderabad		
Sr. No.	SLIC Advocate	No. of cases
1	Mr. Ghulam Ashar Mirbahar	5
2	Mumtaz Alam Laghari Advocate	13
3	Mr. Dileep J. Mulani	8
4	Syed Sardar Hussain Shah	3
5	Mr. Noor Ahmed Alam	2
6	Mr. Zafar Vighio	3
7	Ishrat Ali Lohar	6
8	Mr. Rizaat Ali Sehar	3
9	Mr. Shakir Nawaz Shar	2
10	Noor ul Haq Qureshi	3
11	Arshad Pathan	4
12	Imdad Ali	7
13	Mustaza Ahmed	2
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Lahore		
Sr. No.	SLIC Advocate	No. of cases
1	Sheikh Amjad Ali	12
2	Adeela Sattar	28
3	Ali Raza Naseer Qureshi	24
4	Barrister Asadullah Chatta	22
5	Barrister Gohar Mustafa Qureshi	15
6	Barrister Hamayun Faiz Rasool	28
7	Barrister Hasan Nawaz Chatta	20
8	Barrister Maryam Omar	22
9	Ashiq Hussain Hanjra	10
10	Barrister Sohail Ashiq Shujra	15
11	Ibrar Ahmed	15
12	Rana Waqas Latif	35
13	Shahid Minhas	3
14	Syed Bilal Haider	18
15	Sheikh Shehzad Ahmed	12
16	Zafar & Zafar Law Associates	10
17	Miss Rabia Butt	19
18	Muhammad Ali Binyameen	30
19	Munhammad Shafique Latif	17
20	Sh. Sajid Mehmood	14
21	Umar Farooq	4
22	Zarak Zaman Khan Adv	12
23	Mirza Javed Mukhtar	15
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Peshawar		
Sr. No.	SLIC Advocate	No. of cases
1	Mr. M. Asif Yousafzai	1
2	Mr. Ikram Khan	3
3	Mr. Ibrahim Noor	5
4	Mr. Saif ur Rehman Advocate	5
5	Mr. Waseem ud Din Advocate	12
6	Mr. Yasir Saleem	2
7	Mr. Zartaj Anwar	6
8	Mr. Saeed Bhutta Advocate	2
9	Mr. Habibullah Advocate	5
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Multan		
Sr. No.	SLIC Advocate	No. of cases
1	Syed Riaz Ahmed Zaidi	4
2	Mr. Asif Mehmood Qureshi	6
3	Asif Mehmood Qureshi	3
4	Choudhry Afzal Saqib	6
5	Choudhry Moazam Ali	9
6	Choudhry Riaz Ahmed	13
7	Hammad Raza	5
8	Javed Mumtaz Chishti	2
10	Malik Arab Hassan Asif	6
13	Malik Muhammad Tariq Rajwana	25
14	Mian Muhammad Anwar	5
15	Miss. Farheen Zahid	2
16	Muhammad Abdullah Khan	6
17	Muhammad Hanif Chughtai	15
18	Nadeem Iqbal Bhatti	5
19	Qazi Mansoor Ahmed	7
20	Raja Israr Hussain	12
21	Rana Muhammad Afzal Noon	3
22	Rana Taimoor Akber	2
23	Shakir Muhammad Malik	5
24	Sohail Ashiq Shuja (Barrister)	15
25	Syed Hassan Raza Bokhari	7
26	Syed Munawar Tirmazi	7
27	Yaqoob Ali Choudhry	3
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Islamabad		
Sr. No.	SLIC Advocate	No. of cases
1	Abdul Raheem Bahtti	2
2	Asim Nawaz Khan	5
3	Aziz Ur Rehman	1
4	Barrister Ahmed Bashir	4
5	Hafiz Bakhtiar Ahmed	3
6	Ibrahim Satti	3
7	M. Munir Paracha	15
8	Mr. Arshad Zaman Kayani	1
9	Muhammad Ali Lashari	1
10	Noman Munir Paracha	4
11	Sardar Karamdad Khan	1
12	Syed Ishtiaq Haider	3
13	Syed M Raza Rizvi	4
14	Malik Jawad Khalid	10
15	Mirza Anwarul Haq	10
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CASES	NATURE OF CASES	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES
Criminal Cases	Pertaining to embezzlement and fraud committed by employee(s) of the Corporation.	4
Civil Cases	<u>MARKETING CASES:</u> Pertaining to Field Force/Insurance Agents, Area Managers regarding their demotion, promotion on the basis of business performance.	76
	<u>HR & A CASES (HUMAN RESOURCE & ADMINISTRATION):</u> Pertaining to employment such as promotion, demotion, increment(s), transfer/posting and other punishment(s) as per State Life Employees (Service) Regulations, 1973.	311 (including 4 criminal cases)
	<u>PHS CLAIM CASES (POLICYHOLDER SERVICES):</u> Pertaining to Insurance Claims such as death claim/maturity claims.	219
	<u>RED CASES (REAL ESTATE DIVISION):</u> Pertaining to rent matters such as ejection of tenants, eviction on the basis of default etc.	121
	<u>OTHER CIVIL NATURE CASES:</u> Pertaining to Health & Accidental Insurance, Bancassurance, Group & Pension & Medical.	197

*(Def.) 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.

***(Def.) 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 Aurangzeb:

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.

(Def.)* 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 ii. Venue Charges (11 centers) = 2.40 iii. IT Operations = 1.50
85 reappearing candidates @ Rs. 2500/- per candidate	0.212	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. 1 Senator Jan Muhammad:**
(Notice Received on 9/03/2026 at 11:38 AM) QID: 43401

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of authorized border trade gateways and markets established between Pakistan and Iran indicating also the number of those currently operational out of the same;*
- (b) *the details of items permitted to be traded at such markets, indicating also the major challenges hindering cross border trade with Iran;*
- (c) *the volume and value of formal trade conducted through the said gateways and markets during the last fiscal year indicating also the steps taken or being taken by the Government to promote cross border trade with Iran?*

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan:

- a) As per FBR, there are twelve (12) Customs notified Border Crossing Points (trade gateways) (**Annex-I**)for bilateral trade between Pakistan and Iran. Among them, six (06) are currently operational.The details of the Joint Border Sustenance Markets at Pak-Iran border are given below:

Sr. #	Joint BorderSustenanceMarket	Current Status
1.	Mand-Pishin (Kech District),	Operational
2.	Chegdi-Kohak (Panjgur District)	Non-operational
3.	Gabd-Rimdan (Gwadar District)	Non-operational

- b) The lists of tradeable items at Pak-Iran Joint Border Sustenance Markets are at (Annex-II).

The major challenges hindering cross border trade with Iran are as follows:

- i. Absence of banking channel between Pakistan and Iran;
- ii. Imposition of seasonal ban on Pakistan's major export items to Iran;
- iii. Non-tariff barriers by Iran i.e., road tax, attestation fee, load tax, etc.

- c) The detail of bilateral trade in the FY 2024-25 through the operational BCPs is as follows:

Border Crossing Point	Import		Export	
	Total No. of GDs / Consignments cleared	Total Assessed Value (in mn. Rs.)	Total No. of GDs / Consignments cleared	Total Assessed Value (in mn. Rs.)
Barazcha Border Terminal, Taftan	2,034	6,535	-	-
NLC Border Terminal Taftan	42,081	170,957	4,722	10,785
Customs	112	248	-	-

Station Dalbandin				
Customs Station Rideeq/Mand	3,243	11,372.65		
Border Point 250	36,505	129,137.36	1167	353
Customs Station Chedgi / Panjgoor	1,505	6,787.33	-	-
NLC Dry Port, Quetta*	3967	33420	5256	70,991
Railway Dry Port, Quetta*	818	458	-	-
Total	90,265	358,915	11145	82,129

Source: FBR

Steps Being Taken for Promoting Trade with Iran:

- Exemption from Electronic Import Form (EIF) for imports of Iranian origin goods
- Reactivation of Mand-Pishin Joint Border Market
- Finalization of draft text of Pak-Iran FTA
- Organization of Pak-Iran Business Forum (3rd August, 2025)

Annex-I**LIST OF CUSTOMS NOTIFIED BCPS ACROSS PAK-IRAN BORDER**

Sr. No	Border Point
1.	Suntsar
2.	Gabd
3.	Qila Ladhast
4.	Dalbandin
5.	Nok Kundi
6.	Taftan
7.	Jiwani
8.	Anam Bostan
9.	Rideeg District Mand
10.	Chidgi in District Panjgoor
11.	Border Point 250 (Adjacent to Gabd and Kalato)
12.	Border Point-139 Katagar (Adjacent to Mushk̄hel)

Annex-II

Amended list of importable items from Pakistan

Row no	Code tariff	Description
1	2,012,010	--- Hind quarter
2	2,012,020	--- Strip loin
3	2,012,030	--- Fore quarter cuts
4	2,012,090	--- Other
5	2,013,010	--- Hind quarter
6	2,013,020	--- Strip loin
7	2,013,030	--- Fore quarter cuts
8	2,013,090	--- Other
9	2,022,010	--- Hind quarter
10	2,022,020	--- Strip loin
11	2,022,030	--- Fore quarter cuts
12	2,022,090	--- Other
13	2,023,010	--- Hind quarter
14	2,023,020	--- Strip loin
15	2,023,030	--- Fore quarter cuts
16	2,023,090	--- Other
17	3,021,100	-- Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus aguabonita</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus gilae</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus apache</i> and <i>Oncorhynchus chrysogaster</i>)
18	4,090,000	Natural honey.
19	6,022,010	--- Date palm tissue culture seedling with maximum 5 cm diameter and 80 cm height in pots
20	6,022,020	--- Other Date palm seedlings (offshoot date palm)
21	6,022,090	--- Other
22	7,011,000	- Seed
23	7,019,000	- Other
24	7,020,010	--- Tomato
25	7,020,020	--- Green house tomato
26	7,020,030	--- Cherry tomato
27	7,031,010	--- Onion
28	7,031,020	--- Shallot
29	7,032,000	- Garlic
30	7,061,000	- Carrots and turnips
31	7,069,000	- Other
32	7,070,000	Cucumbers and gherkins, fresh or chilled.
33	7,093,000	- Aubergines (egg-plants)
34	7,096,000	- Fruits of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> or of the genus <i>Pimenta</i>
35	7,099,900	-- Other
36	7,101,000	- Potatoes
37	7,102,100	-- Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>)
38	7,103,000	- Spinach, New Zealand spinach and orache spinach (garden spinach)

Amended list of importable items from Pakistan

39	8,031,000	- Plantains
40	8,039,000	- Other
41	8,041,010	--- Estameran
42	8,041,020	--- Kabkab
43	8,045,020	--- Mangoes
44	8,052,100	-- Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas)
45	8,061,000	- Fresh
46	8,071,100	-- Watermelons
47	8,071,900	-- Other
48	8,091,000	- Apricots
49	8,092,900	-- Other
50	8,093,000	- Peaches, including nectarines
51	8,101,000	- Strawberries
52	8,109,010	--- Pomegrate
53	8,109,090	--- Other
54	8,133,000	- Apples
55	9,021,000	- Green tea (not fermented) in immediate packings of a content not exceeding 3 kg
56	9,022,010	--- All kinds of tea
57	9,022,090	--- Other
58	9,030,010	--- Ready package for retail in five hundred grams and less than it
59	9,030,020	--- In ground form and non-retail packings
60	9,030,090	--- Other
61	9,042,110	--- Ready package for retail in five hundred grams and less than it
62	9,042,190	--- Other
63	9,042,210	--- Ready package for retail in five hundred grams and less than it
64	9,042,290	--- Other
65	9,051,010	--- Ready package for retail in five hundred grams and less than it
66	9,051,090	--- Other
67	9,052,010	--- Ready package for retail in five hundred grams and less than it
68	9,052,090	--- Other
69	10,061,010	--- Seed rice
70	10,061,090	--- Other
71	10,062,000	- Husked (brown) rice
72	10,064,000	- Broken rice
73	10,063,010	--- Semi milled Rice
74	10,063,020	--- Wholly milled Rice Whether or not polished or glazed
75	11,010,000	Wheat or meslin flour.
76	12,074,090	--- Other
77	12,079,900	-- Other
78	15,162,020	--- Oil of CBE, CBR

Amended list of importable items from Pakistan

79	19,022,000	- stuffed pasta , whether or cooked or otherwise prepared
80	20,071,010	--- Puree and concentrate of tropical fruits (pineapples, bananas, mangoes, guavas, passion fruits, lichens and tamarind)
81	20,071,090	--- Other
82	20,081,910	--- Sesame
83	20,081,990	--- Other
84	21,069,090	--- Other
85	23,099,011	---- carp prepared feed
86	23,099,012	---- Trout prepared feed
87	23,099,013	---- shrimp prepared feed
88	23,099,014	---- shrimp Larvae prepared feed
89	23,099,019	---- prepared feed for other fisheries
90	23,099,020	--- Food for other cultured aquatic life
91	23,099,031	---- Benzaplex 7
92	23,099,039	---- other Additives for livestock and poultry
93	23,099,040	--- Finished Feed / other
94	23,099,050	--- Poultry Feed Concentrate
95	23,099,090	--- Others
96	25,010,010	--- Ordinary salt (including table and denatured salt)
97	25,010,090	--- Other
98	34,060,000	Candles, tapers and the like.
99	36,050,000	Matches, other than pyrotechnic articles of heading 36.04.
100	39,264,000	- Statuettes and other ornamental articles
101	53,101,000	- Unbleached
102	56,074,100	-- Binder or baler twine
103	56,072,100	-- Binder or baler twine
104	56,074,100	-- Binder or baler twine
105	56,090,000	Articles of yarn, strip or the like of heading 54.04 or 54.05, twine, cordage, rope or cables, not elsewhere specified or included.
106	56,075,090	--- Other
107	58,021,000	- Terry towelling and similar woven terry fabrics, of cotton
108	58,022,000	- Terry towelling and similar woven terry fabrics, of other textile materials
109	58,023,000	- Tufted textile fabrics

Amended list of importable items from Pakistan

110	58,043,000	-Hand-made lace
111	58,050,000	Hand-woven tapestries of the type Gobelins, Flanders, Aubusson, Beauvais and the like, and needle-worked tapestries (for example, petit point, cross stitch), whether or not made up.
112	58,064,000	- Fabrics consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive (bolducs)
113	59,011,000	- Textile fabrics coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for the outer covers of books or the like
114	61,119,000	- Of other textile materials
115	62,031,990	--- Other
116	62,042,200	-- Of cotton
117	62,042,900	-- Of other textile materials
118	62,043,900	-- Of other textile materials
119	62,129,000	- Other
120	63,051,000	- Of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading 53.03
121	63,052,000	- Of cotton
122	69,111,000	- Tableware and kitchenware
123	69,119,000	- Other
124	70,133,300	-- of lead crystal
125	73,181,690	--- Other nuts
126	82,119,100	-- table knives having fixed blades
127	82,119,210	--- crafts
128	92,119,290	-- other

Part-VIII

Imports of specific Goods allowed at Joint Border Sustenance Markets

In order to ensure smooth functioning and operationalization of Border Markets in specific border areas, the imports under this part shall be subject to following conditions, namely. -

- (i) Border markets will be functional for two days each week and total allowance per day for the visitor will be \$100.
- (ii) The Customs Value of imported goods will be displayed for ascertaining the admissible quantities of imported goods.
- (iii) The visitor will purchase goods from any category up to US \$50 on concessional rate of leviable duty/taxes as mentioned in column (4) of the Table.
- (iv) In case, a visitor chooses to purchase goods of value more than \$50 from a specific category, it will be considered as commercial quantity being liable to duty/taxes on statutory rates.
- (v) The Customs staff posted at the border market will make an entry via electronic system for the goods purchased by the visitor on the prescribed format as notified by the Board.
- (vi) A system generated receipt will be issued to the visitor bearing his Name & CNIC No. by the Custom Officer in respect of goods purchased along with payable Customs Duty

Table

S. No.	Description	PCT Code	Customs Duty (%)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Category-I			
1	Seed (potatoes)	0701.1000	5
2	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled.	0702.0000	5
3	Onions and shallots	0703.1000	5
4	Garlic	0703.2000	5
5	Other	0704.9000	5
6	Carrots and turnips	0706.1000	5
7	Cucumbers and gherkins fresh or chilled	0707.0000	5
8	Peas (pisum sativum)	0708.1000	5
9	Beans (vigna spp., phaseolus spp.)	0708.2000	5
10	Other leguminous vegetables	0708.9000	5
11	Peas (Pisum sativum)	0713.1000	5
12	Grams (dry/whole)	0713.2010	5
13	Other	0713.2090	5
14	Beans of the species Vigna mungo (L.) Hepper or Vigna radiata (L.) Wilczek	0713.3100	5
15	Small red (Adzuki) beans (Phaseolus or Vigna angularis)	0713.3200	5
16	Kidney beans including white beans	0713.3300	5
17	Bambara – vigna subleranea or vaahdzeia subterrea	0713.3400	5
18	Cow peas (Vigna unguiculata)	0713.3500	5
19	Other	0713.3990	5
20	Lentils (dry whole)	0713.4010	5
21	Broad beans (Vicia faba var. Major) and horse beans (Vicia faba var. Equina, Vicia faba var. Minor)	0713.5000	5
22	Pigeon peas (cajanus cajan)	0713.6000	5
23	Other	0713.9090	5
24	Vanilla (Neither crushed nor ground)	0905.1000	5
25	Cinnamon	0906.1100	5

26	Other (cinnamon and cinnamon tree flowers)	0906.1900	5
27	Neither crushed nor ground (Cloves)	0907.1000	5
28	Crushed or ground (Cloves)	0907.2000	5
29	Neither Crushed nor ground (Nutmeg)	0908.1100	5
30	Crushed or ground (Nutmeg)	0908.1200	5
31	Neither crushed nor ground (Maze)	0908.2100	5
32	Crushed or ground (Maze)	0908.2200	5
33	Large (cardamoms)	0908.3110	5
34	Small (cardamoms)	0908.3120	5
35	Crushed or ground (Cardamoms)	0908.3200	5
36	Neither crushed nor ground (Coriander)	0909.2100	5
37	Crushed or ground (Coriander)	0909.2200	5
38	Neither crushed nor ground (Seeds of Cumin)	0909.3100	5
39	Crushed or ground (Seeds of Cumin)	0909.3200	5
40	Neither crushed nor ground (Seeds of Anise, Badian, Caraway, Fennel etc)	0909.6100	5
41	Crushed or ground (Seeds of Anise, Badian, Caraway, Fennel etc)	0909.6200	5
42	Thyme; bay leaves	0910.9910	5
43	Barley (seeds)	1003.1000	5
44	Other (barley)	1003.9000	5
45	Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken	1206.0000	5
46	Locust beans	1212.9200	5
47	Cereal straws and husks	1213.0000	5
48	Animal Fats and Oil and their fractions	1516.1000	5
49	Vegetable Fats and their fractions	1516.2010	5
50	Vegetable Oils and their fractions	1516.2020	5
51	Knives and cutting blades for paper and paper board	8208.9010	5
Category-II			
1	Of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 1 % (Milk and Cream)	0401.1000	10
2	Of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1 % but not exceeding 6 % (Milk and Cream)	0401.2000	10
3	Of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 6 % but not exceeding 10% (Milk and Cream)	0401.4000	10
4	Of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 10 % (Milk and Cream)	0401.5000	10
5	Leeks and other alliaceous vegetables	0703.9000	10
6	Cauliflowers and headed broccoli	0704.1000	10
7	Brussels sprouts	0704.2000	10
8	Cabbage lettuce (head lettuce)	0705.1100	10
9	Other	0705.1900	10
10	Witloof chicory (cichorium intybus var.foliosum)	0705.2100	10
11	Other	0705.2900	10
12	Other	0706.9000	10
13	Fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta	0709.6000	10
14	Figs	0804.2000	10
15	Fresh (grapes)	0806.1000	10
16	Dried (grapes)	0806.2000	10
17	Watermelons	0807.1100	10
18	Other	0807.1900	10
19	Apples	0808.1000	10
20	Green tea	0902.1000	10
21	Other green tea	0902.2000	10
22	Crushed or ground (Ginger)	0910.1200	10
23	Turmeric (curcuma)	0910.3000	10

24	Other	0910.9990	10
25	Lactose (sugar)	1702.1110	10
26	Lactose syrup	1702.1120	10
27	Other	1702.1900	10
28	Caramel	1702.9020	10
29	Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya bean oil.	2304.0000	10
30	Other (animal feed)	2309.9000	10
31	For sewing (thread)	5204.2010	10
32	For embroidery (Thread)	5204.2020	10
33	Spades and shovels	8201.1000	10
34	Other (Tools for masons, watchmakers, miners and hand tools nes)	8205.5900	10
35	For kitchen appliances or for machines used by the food industry	8208.3000	10
36	Other	8208.9090	10
Category-III			
1	Yogurt	0403.2000	20
2	Other (potatoes)	0701.9000	20
3	Sweet corn	0710.4000	20
4	Mixtures of vegetables	0710.9000	20
5	Fresh (dates)	0804.1010	20
6	Dried (dates)	0804.1020	20
7	Apricots	0809.1000	20
8	Sour cherries (Prunus cerasus)	0809.2100	20
9	Other	0809.2900	20
10	Peaches, including nectarines	0809.3000	20
11	Plums and sloes	0809.4000	20
12	Strawberries	0810.1000	20
13	Kiwi fruit	0810.5000	20
14	Neither crushed nor ground (Ginger)	0910.1100	20
15	Other (Durum wheat (excl. Seed for sowing))	1001.1900	20
16	Other (Wheat and meslin (excl. Seed for sowing, and durum wheat))	1001.9900	20
17	Of wheat (flour)	1101.0010	20
18	Of meslin (flour)	1101.0020	20
19	Vermicelli	1902.1920	20
20	Other (packed cake)	1905.9000	20
21	Homogenised preparations	2007.1000	20
22	Citrus fruit	2007.9100	20
23	Other	2007.9900	20
24	Organic surfaceactive products and preparations for washing the skin, in the form of liquid or cream and put up for retail sale, whether or not containing soap	3401.3000	20
25	Preparations put up for retail sale	3402.5000	20
26	Other	3402.9000	20
27	Others (Tableware and kitchenware of porcelain or china)	6911.1090	20
28	Other (Household articles nes & toilet articles of porcelain or china)	6911.9000	20
29	Other (Glassware for table or kitchen purposes (excl. Glass having a linear c)	7013.4900	20
30	Other (Glassware nes (other than that of 70.10 or 70.18))	7013.9900	20
31	Spoons	8215.9910	20
32	Other (Tableware articles not in sets and not plated with precious meta)	8215.9990	20
33	Bicycles and other cycles (including delivery incycles), not motorised.	8712.0000	20
34	Vacuum flasks	9617.0010	20
35	Other	9617.0020	20

***Question No. 2 Senator Jan Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 9/03/2026 at 11:39 AM) QID: 43441

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to simplify the process for obtaining by farmers of Balochistan from ZTBL, and enhance outreach, especially in underdeveloped yet agriculturally rich districts of Balochistan, if so the details thereof; and*

- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the allocation of loan amount to farmers in Balochistan by ZTBL, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb:

- (a) Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL) is a key financial institution dedicated to supporting Pakistan's agricultural sector, including the vast agrarian economy of Balochistan. In line with the directives of the Government of Pakistan and the State Bank of Pakistan, ZTBL also provides supervised credit schemes with subsidized markup rates to farmers across the country.

With a network of over 500 branches nationwide, ZTBL ensures accessible agricultural financing for farmers in all districts of the country. The Bank specifically focuses on small and subsistence farmers, offering tailored loan products for crop production, farm mechanization, and rural development.

In Balochistan Province, ZTBL channels a significant portion of its credit to small-scale farmers through its 34 strategically located dedicated branches managed by two regional offices D.M. Jamali and Quetta. To enhance convenience, ZTBL's Mobile Credit Officers (MCO) deliver lending facilities directly at farmers' doorsteps, covering multiple districts under each branch's jurisdiction.

The Bank is providing finance to farming community of the country with emphasis on small farmers through various products/schemes for short, medium & long terms on simple terms and conditions. Short term loans are repayable within one year to synchronize with crop growing cycle, while medium and long term loans are recovered in five years and exceeding five years respectively in half yearly installments, maximum per borrower/party limit of Rs.2.50 million for Production loans and Rs.5.00 million for Development loans. Brief detail of loaning procedure is given below:

Lending Procedure

Following are the lending procedure currently in vogue in ZTBL;

1. Under Agri. Pass Book system

2. Outside Pass Book System

Below is the simple loan approval process of ZTBL

1. Customer Visits the Branch & Applies for Loan.

- Application Submission.
- Required Documents
- Initial Screening

2. Mobile Credit Officer (MCO) Scrutinizes Documents & Checks Eligibility.

- Field Verification
- Eligibility Confirmation

3. MCO Initiates Loan Request in System for Approval.

4. Post-Approval: Charge Creation & Land Record Verification.

- Mortgage/Charge Creation
- Genuineness of record

5. Legal Documentation

- Loan Agreement

6. Loan Disbursement to Borrower's Account

- Approved loan amount is transferred to the farmer's loan account.

The loan process has been streamlined by eliminating unnecessary complexities, making it fully digital from initiation to disbursement. Through this digitization, ZTBL has simplified and enhanced accessibility for loan applicants. The approval and sanctioning stages are now much faster, significantly reducing turnaround time for customers while also enabling the Bank's staff to carry out their responsibilities more efficiently.

In line with the Prime Minister's vision of transforming the agriculture sector, the Government of Pakistan has introduced "**Zarkhez-e – Asaan Digital Zarai Qarza**", a collateral-free agricultural financing facility designed for subsistence and marginalized farmers across the country, including Balochistan which is end to digital scheme.

- **Key Features of the Scheme:**
- Customers can conveniently apply for a loan

from home by accessing the PITB portal on their mobile devices. Once their application is verified, the data is shared with the bank selected by the customer, and the bank then initiates the loan approval process.

- Collateral-free financing through a fully digital, end-to-end process.
- Loan amounts ranging from Rs. 100,000 to Rs. 1,000,000 for landowners and tenants.
- The loan disbursement will be made through a debit card, with 25% provided in cash to meet working capital needs and the remaining 75% disbursed in kind for the purchase of seeds, fertilizers, petrol, and other inputs. This structure ensures the loan is fully utilized for its intended purpose.
- The scheme remains valid for five years since its launch.
- The digitization of the loan process has made applications simpler, faster, and more accessible, significantly reducing processing time and enabling farmers to obtain financing with ease.

(b) **ZTBL's Role in SBP's in enhance outreach specially in undeveloped areas of Balochistan.** In line with the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) directives, the Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL) is actively contributing to financial inclusion efforts to enhance the outreach in all districts of Balochistan province through its participation in the **National Financial Literacy Program (NFLP)** conducted 31 sessions where participation was 1,066 farmers and **Agriculture Financial Literacy Program (AFLP)** conducted 41 sessions where participation was 489 farmers.

As part of these initiatives, ZTBL is conducting **awareness sessions, workshops, and street theater performances** to engage local populations. A key focus of these efforts is **women's financial empowerment**, ensuring they gain access to formal banking channels. Alongside financial literacy campaigns, ZTBL is organized **20 Zarai Baithaks (farmer gatherings)** to educate farmers on modern agricultural techniques, loan products, and risk mitigation strategies. These sessions also provide guidance on specialized banking products tailored for Balochistan's farming communities.

The details of total outstanding portfolio including Non-Performing Loans as of 31st March 2026, of

Baluchistan is as under:

Total Borrowers	Total Outstanding Portfolio*
	(In Million)
11,836	Rs. 3,214
Outstanding Principals	Including Non-performing loans

ZTBL's Expansion Plans in Balochistan (2026–27):

o The Bank has deployed 32 Mobile Credit Officers (MCOs) across the province to provide efficient and timely financial services directly at borrowers' doorsteps. In parallel, the Bank is in the process of recruiting additional MCOs, who will be assigned within the next couple of months to further strengthen service delivery.

o Loan disbursement against the SBP's allocated district wise targets is projected to increase from above Rs. 1,802 million in the year 2026 to above Rs. 1,881 million in 2027, reflecting a steady growth trajectory.

o ZTBL is implementing its "New to Bank" initiative, introducing tailored financial products to attract new customers into the formal banking system, thereby enhancing farm productivity and supporting rural uplift.

Through these measures, the Bank is not only increasing loan allocations but also ensuring that farmers in Balochistan benefit from simplified, digitized processes and expanded outreach, contributing to sustainable agricultural development in the province.

***Question No. 4 Senator Jan Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 17/03/2026 at 10:22 AM) QID: 44250

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Federal Government, under the PSDP, had approved a scheme of Construction of 100 Dams in Balochistan Province in 2016-17, if so, how many packages were prepared for implementation of the said scheme, how many packages have been completed, how many are under process and how many are still pending;*

- (b) the amount allocated and released so far under the said scheme with package-wise break up indicating also the names, locations, approved and actual costs as per PC-1 of the dams constructed / completed so far in each package;
- (c) the criteria adopted for the selection of the sites for construction of those dams under the scheme; and
- (d) the number of dams pending to be constructed under that scheme indicating also the time by which the same will be completed?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudry:

(a)	<p>The Government of Pakistan approved the project "Construction of 100 dams in Balochistan" in 2016-17 and is funding the project from PSDP. The project is being implemented through 5 packages (I, II, III, IV & V). Packages I & II have been completed with construction of 18 dams and 24 dams respectively. The Package-III (20 dams) is under implementation, and its 10 dams have been completed so far while 10 dams are under construction. Package-IV (23 dams) is also under implementation while Package- V is in planning stage. Package wise details of Costs, implementation period, and status are summarized as under;</p>	<p>(i) MoPDSI for approval status / allocations from PSDP Books (ii) Executing Agency, GoB, for current status of all packages, pending dams, the amount released so far and expenditures.</p>																																
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6	Sasool Dam	Khuzdar	121.850
7	Arambi Dam	Killa Abdullah	116.525
8	Tor Kan Dam	Killa Saifullah	107.846
9	Uthandaro Dam	Lasbela	170.847
10	Surghund Dam	Loralai	137.361
11	Chiltan Dam	Mastung	134.060
12	Bund Dam	Musakhail	38.322
13	Sur Aab Dam	Panjgur	122.493
14	Bostan Dam	Pishin	121.849
15	Barak Dam	Quetta	60.764
16	Kashi Dam in replacement of Shabook Dam	Khuzdar	127.689
17	Spezandi Dam	Ziarat	76.868
18	Makola Dam in replacement of Behlool Dam	Gawadar	55.000

PACKAGE - II (24 DAMS) Cost: Rs. 4647.430 Million

Expend.: Rs. 4324.979 Million

#	Name of Projects	District	Cost (Million Rs.)
1	Arambo dam	Khuzdar	149.339
2	Nahar Kot dam	Barkhan	335.322
3	Roomro dam	Gawadar	230.837
4	Dhudar dam	Jhal Magsi	92.174
5	Zard Ghulam Jan Dam in replacement of Katki Khaizer dam	Kalat	171.092
6	Shashlok dam	Kalat	70.827
7	Rakhshan Rai & Anari Mirap	Kalat	248.432
8	Thank dam	Kech	74.066
9	Hushtri dam	Khuzdar	188.286
10	Lohi dam	Khuzdar	262.560
11	Makhal dam	Killa Abdullah	54.528
12	Murgha Faqirzai dam	Killa Saifullah	257.491
13	Malgagi dam	Killa Saifullah	267.153
14	Kukar dam	Lasbela	287.608
15	Dargai dam	Loralai	254.933
16	Dulay Kanak dam	Mastung	144.316

Package – II:
Executing agency, GoB reported all the 24 dams under this package completed during 2013-19.

17	Asimabad dam	Mastung	66.319
18	Mirdadzai dam	Musakhel	132.683
19	Kaluwaal dam	Nushki	86.884
20	Nivano dam	Panjgur	188.643
21	Manzarai dam	Pishin	176.933
22	Tang Noshair dam	Quetta	81.579
23	Sharig dam	Sibi	133.824
24	Dabbar dam	Zhob	104.373

**PACKAGE - III (20 DAMS) Cost: Rs. 8867.283 Million
Expend.: Rs. 6653.020 Million**

#	NAME OF SUB-PROJECT	DISTRICT	Cost (Million Rs.)
1	Zawar Kan Gravity Dam	Pishin	278.638
2	(a) Construction of 3 Small / Check Dams in Chaman area	Killa Abdullah	82.435
	(i) Sirki Taleri Dam		
	(ii) Old Chaman Dam		
	(iii) Machka Dam		67.510
3	(a) Sanjadi Dam	Quetta	151.104
	(b) Saran Tangi Dam	Quetta	218.065
4	(a) Sher Jan Kada Dam	Loralai	297.997
	(b) Construction of Khedarzai Dam	Loralai	267.084
5	(a) Construction of 03 Check Dams in Gazoo Area	Kohlu	67.648
	(a) Sardar Gazoo Dam		
	(b) Mitari Dam		
	(c) Kahi Dam	Kohlu	63.599
6	Kila Skan Khan Dam	Pishin	227.467
7	Kadani Dam	Killa Abdullah	565.336
8	Nakhul Dam	Killa Saifullah	283.305
9	(a) Construction of Kuchani Dara Dam in Urak Area	Quetta	316.523
	(b) Construction of small dam in Killi Khanan	Quetta	175.999
10	Khaisar Dam	Nushki	582.998
11	Jandra Dam	Lasbela	142.382
12	Shamshi Dam	Washak	428.090
13	(a) Construction of Sultanabad (Gidar Area)	Surab / Kalat	461.969

Package – III:

MoPD&SI:
CFY PSDP allocation is Rs. 600 million.

Executing Agency GoB:
Physical Progress of the package is 88% while financial progress is 85%.

	(b) Construction of Sohinda Gravity Dam (Zehri Area)	Khuzdar	674.350
14	(a) Construction of Ghunni Dam (Nal Area)	Khuzdar	142.560
	(b) Construction of Khazeny Dam	Kalat	234.362
15	Neelag Dasht Dam	Kech	415.191
16	Sorap Dam	Kech	186.513
17	Soran Dam	Panjgur	154.967
18	Bunap Dam	Kharan	181.317
19	Aarah Dam Jhao	Awaran	755.003
20	Washuk Dam	Washak	686.914

PACKAGE - IV (23 DAMS) Cost: Rs. 13,512.726 Million
Expend.: Rs. 4740.00 Million

#	Name of Dam	District	Cost (Million Rs.)
NORTH ZONE			
1a	Churi Dam	Barkhan	598.305
1b	TuratiUghair	Barkhan	321.617
2	Jahandar Dam	Barkhan	290.768
3	Seer Dam (Tomboo Area)	Kohlu	1117.033
4	4 Check Dams (Gogat Area)	JhalMagsi	323.221
5	Kohar Dam	Loralai	332.570
6a	Nawar Dam	Killa Saifullah	440.548
6b	Dana Abdullahzai Dam	Zhob	105.429
7	Khrashang River Dam (Sanjavi Area)	Ziarat	271.954
8	NathDhak Dam	Musakhel	583.887
9	Tafoi Dam	Nushki	626.747
10	Bholo Dam	Chaghi	548.261
11	BaloChap Dam	Chaghi	543.629
SOUTH ZONE			
12	Miskan Kaur	Kech	213.799
13	Baghdar Dam	Panjgur	113.688
14	Sur Kaur Dam	Gwadar	198.004
15	Karku / Laukh Dam	Khuzdar	913.849
16	Ghumbazi Dam	Sikandar	668.934
17	Bale Gravity Dam	Kalat	688.138
18	Zawa Dam	Kalat	852.673
19	DarminDam(Basima Area)	Washuk	232.968
20	Kullan Dam	Kharan	644.410

Package-IV:

MoPD&SI:

CFY PSDP allocation is Rs. 700 million.

Executing Agency GoB:

Physical Progress of the package is 38% while financial progress is 35%.

21	Kharrari Dam	Lasbela	928.340																			
22	Passi Dam (Kanraj Area)	Lasbela	651.935																			
23	Bahoo Dam	Lasbela	229.831																			
(c)	<p>As conveyed by project authorities, the site selection of dams in all the packages was primarily based upon the equal distribution of resources in north and south zones of Balochistan from the capital. The basic types of dams proposed comprise of modified homogeneous, Gravity Dams and zoned earth embankment dams depending on the availability of water and construction material with varying configuration as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum height varying from 40 ft to 110 ft. (10 m to 35 m); • Top width is kept as 20-30 ft. (6-8 m); • Upstream slopes vary from 2.5 to 3:1 and • Downstream slopes vary from 2.25 to 2.5: 1 • Site specific topographic and geologic conditions • Discharge requirements, • Provision of stepped and baffled sloping apron spillways/ stilling basins, channel spillways and ogee overflow spillways to pass the design discharge. 			Executing Agency, GoB, informed regarding criteria for selection of dam sites.																		
(d)	<p>Number of dams to be constructed under the scheme under various packages and their completion year is summarized as under:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Feature</th> <th>Package-1</th> <th>Package-2</th> <th>Package-3</th> <th>Package-4</th> <th>Package-5</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pending / Under Construction</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>10 Dams</td> <td>23 Dams</td> <td>In Planning Stage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Completion Year</td> <td>2015</td> <td>2019</td> <td>2027</td> <td>2028</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Feature	Package-1	Package-2	Package-3	Package-4	Package-5	Pending / Under Construction	Nil	Nil	10 Dams	23 Dams	In Planning Stage	Completion Year	2015	2019	2027	2028		Completion timelines conveyed by executing agency, GoB.
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***Question No. 5 Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice Received on 17/03/2026 at 10:29 AM) QID: 44205

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

- (a) *the incentives being provided by the Government to the industrial sector; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for revival of sick industrial units and those which have been closed down and the results thereof?*

Minister for Industries and Production: The required information is being collected from the concerned wings and will be submitted in the next Rota Day.

ISLAMABAD,
the 6th April, 2026

SYED HASNAIN HAIDER,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND THEIR REPLY”**For Tuesday, the 7th April, 2026****DEFERRED QUESTIONS***[Questions No. 13]**was deferred on 5th December, 2025 (356th Session)*

(Def.) 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:

- (a) 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*
- (b) 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?*

Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb: (a) Government of Pakistan (GOP) rolled out Prime Minister’s Youth Business and Agriculture Loan Scheme (PMYB&ALS) in January 2023. The scheme provides subsidized financing to youth aged 21-45 years (for IT/ E-Commerce related businesses, the lower age limit is 18 years) for new and existing businesses and agriculture, supported by credit risk coverage from the federal government. In the specific context of Balochistan, the district-wise breakup of financing PMYB&ALS is attached as **Annex-A**.

- (b) The following are the major recent initiatives:*

- a. **Risk Coverage Scheme for SME Financing**: GOP has rolled out Risk Coverage Scheme for securing banks' fresh exposure against SMEs on portfolio basis (20% risk coverage on fresh financing to the Small Enterprise whereas 10% risk coverage the financing to Medium Enterprise).
- b. **Risk Coverage Scheme for Small Farmers and Underserved Areas**: This scheme focuses on small and marginalized farmers from unserved and underserved areas like Balochistan and others. Under this scheme, banks and Micro Finance Banks (MFBs) are encouraged to lend to mentioned farmers up to the extent of Rs 3 million for production/working capital loans for agricultural purposes. Federal government is providing 10% first loss basis risk coverage to such banks/MFBs in addition to providing incentive of Rs10,000/- to cater new borrowing farmers.
- c. **scheme Zarkheze-Asaan Zarai Qarza**: This provides digital platform, on-boarded with all necessary stakeholders which facilitate banks to provide all necessary information digitally to develop a credit scorecard empowering banks/MFBs to decide about extending agricultural loans to small famers. Collateral free agricultural loans of up to Rs 1 million are provided to small famers through this platform.
- d. **Cost Sharing Scheme for E-bikes and Rickshaws/Loaders**: GOP has announced Cost Sharing Scheme for E-bikes and Rickshaws/ Loaders. The financing under the scheme is available at end user rate of 0%. The maximum loan for two-wheeler is Rs 200,000/- and Rs 880,000/- for three-wheeler with the maximum loan tenor of 2 years for e-bikes and 3 years for Rickshaws/ Loaders. The capital subsidy for bank financed vehicles is up to Rs 50,000/- per two-wheeler and up to Rs 200,000/- per three-wheeler subject to terms of the scheme.
- e. **Line of Credit Fund (LOC) under the World Bank funded Financial Inclusion and Infrastructure Project**: Government of Pakistan established the Line of Credit Fund (LOC) under the World Bank funded Financial Inclusion and Infrastructure Project in 2018. The scheme promotes access to finance of new and existing micro-entrepreneurs, including youth. The

detailed features of the scheme are available on SBP website at: <https://www.sbp.org.pk/acd/2018/C1.htm>. As per information submitted by Microfinance Providers to SBP, a total of PKR822mn has been disbursed to 5,985 micro-borrowers (including youth) since 2018.

f. Women Inclusive Finance Sector Development Program: Women Inclusive Finance Sector Development Program is an Asian Development Bank's Program launched in December 2023. The objective of this program is to reduce gender inequality via boosting women entrepreneurs' access to finance and their representation in the overall economy. The project modality is an SDP, aiming to improve the enabling environment by establishing women-centered legal and regulatory frameworks, enhancing gender-responsive credit delivery and channels, enhancing the entrepreneurship capacity of women, and developing strong institutional capacity both in public institutions as well as increasing representation in the financial sector more broadly.

Further, the data (as of September, 2025) submitted to the SBP by the Participating Financial Institutions shows an aggregate of PKR 50,980,000 disbursed to 253 women (including youth) in Balochistan.

Annexure-A

Balochistan District-Wise Breakup
Prime Minister's Youth Business and Agriculture Loan Scheme (PMYB&ALS)
(since inception of scheme in January 2023 till September 2025)

Name of District	No. of Loans disbursed	Amount of loans disbursed (Rs in million)
Awaran	10	151.78
Barkhan	4	10.37
Chagai	-	-
DeraBugti	2	1.76
Duki	-	-
Gwadar	205	130.26
Harnai	1	0.20
Jafarabad	298	483.91
Jhal Magsi	1	0.36
Kachi	5	5.96

Kalat	1	2.77
Kech	254	256.70
Kharan	26	23.32
Khuzdar	8	3.26
Killa Abdullah	13	12.64
Killa Saifullah	140	35.80
Kohlu	7	10.66
Lasbela	255	101.98
Lehri	-	-
Loralai	51	78.28
Mastung	34	26.10
Musakhel	4	0.80
Nasirabad	94	167.98
Nushki	-	-
Panjgur	2	2.34
Pishin	65	40.41
Quetta	667	743.37
Shaheed Sikandarabad	-	-
Sherani	-	-
Sibi	107	124.19
Sohbatpur	48	60.26
Washuk	5	2.15
Zhob	14	17.54
Ziarat	1	1.50
Total	2,322	2,496.63

Source: PM Youth Office

Balochistan's District-wise financing under World Bank Line of Credit facility

District	Disbursed Amount in (PKR)	Total Loans
Gwadar District	15,572,700	78
Jaffarabad District	298,689,289	1,931
Lasbela District	198,724,854	2,357
Nasirabad District	160,873,328	1,045
Quetta District	85,278,955	304
Sibi District	60,227,130	268
SohbatPur	2,700,000	2
Grand Total	822,066,256	5,985

**Balochistan's District-wise financing under
ADB's Women Inclusive Finance Sector Development Program**

Districts	Disbursed	Outstanding	Count
Hub	4,500,000	1,667,645	85
Jaffarabad	9,320,000	8,384,205	40
Lasbela	5,860,000	4,107,282	40
Nasirabad	6,146,000	5,384,319	21
Quetta	18,184,000	11,567,935	38
Sibbi	6,970,000	5,239,531	29
Grand Total	50,980,000	36,350,918	253

ISLAMABAD,
the 6th April, 2026

SYED HASNAIN HAIDER,
Secretary.