

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 7th May, 2026

*Question No. 1 **Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice Received on 6/03/2026 at 11:12 AM) QID: 44324

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and malpractices surfaced in the Pakistan Environment Protection Agency during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of the employees found involved in the said cases and details of action taken against them?*

Mr. Musadik Masood Malik: (a) In the last 5 years, there have been 4 complaints against only one officer i.e. Ms. Farzana Altaf Shah, Director General, Pak-EPA. These are by:

1. Islamabad Association of Environmental Consultants (**Annex-I**)
2. Zubair Feeds (Pvt.) Ltd. (**Annex-II**)
3. Pioneer Foods (Pvt.) Ltd. (**Annex-III**)
4. Pakistan Poultry Association (**Annex-IV**)

(b) Following the allegations, Ms. Farzana Altaf Shah, ex-Director General Pak-EPA, was suspended and Inquiry proceedings were held against her in the year 2025. It is pertinent to mention here that following the inquiry, she was exonerated, however, she applied for early retirement. She retired from Government Service w.e.f. 27-02-2026, her retirement notification is placed at **Annex-V**.

(Annex-I)

August 2, 2024

The Secretary
Ministry of Climate Change & EC,
LGRD Building, G-5/2,
Islamabad

Subject: COMPLAINT AGAINST DG PAK-EPA REGARDING UNETHICAL PRACTICES IN
EIA DIRECTORATE

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the environmental consultants working in Islamabad to bring to your attention the serious and unethical practices being perpetrated by the Director General (DG) of the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directorate. These practices are not only damaging the integrity of the EIA process but are also hindering the professional growth and opportunities of qualified environmental consultants in the region.

It has come to our notice that the DG Pak-EPA has developed a monopoly within the EIA Directorate, favoring a selected group of environmental consultants for unethical business development. Most of these consultants operate under the banner of an "Environmental Academy" established within the premises of Pak-EPA. This so-called academy appears to be a mechanism for accommodating individuals favored by the DG, many of whom are associated with Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

The Director (EIA/Monitoring), under the directions of DG Pak-EPA, has been calling project proponents under the pretext of "Scoping of the Project" prior to the submission of project reports. During these sessions, project proponents are strongly recommended to hire environmental consultants favored by the DG Pak-EPA. Alarming, project proponents are being threatened with disapproval of their projects if they do not comply with these recommendations.

Furthermore, when project proponents independently choose environmental consultants based on merit, the DG Pak-EPA and Director (EIA/Monitoring) resort to unprofessional behavior. These sessions, disguised as "Scoping of the Project," often turn into opportunities to degrade and insult the proponent's chosen consultants, pressuring the proponents to opt for the DG's preferred consultants. This discriminatory practice severely undermines the capabilities and efforts of qualified environmental consultants, including those of us who have dedicated our careers to environmental sciences and engineering.

Despite supposedly streamlining the process for obtaining Environmental Approvals for the public, the Director General of Pak-EPA has decided to burden everyone with an additional, pointless feature called the "Pre-public Hearing." Now, proponents and their environmental

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consultants are forced to present their case before the DG Pak-EPA in the Committee Room of Pak-EPA. After that, they have to go through the whole charade again during the Public Hearing as per IEE/EIA Regulations, 2000. Because the DG Pak-EPA does not attend public hearings to chair as required by law, she demands this presentation in her office, creating yet another burden on the public.

The actions of the DG Pak-EPA, including her favoritism in consultant recommendations, unwarranted criticism and threats towards independent consultants, misuse of the "Environmental Academy" to accommodate her preferred individuals for private consultancies, and the questionable appointment of the Director (EIA/Monitoring), appear to be driven by personal and possibly external interests. These practices undermine the integrity and transparency of the EIS process, causing significant distress and professional setbacks for many of us in the environmental consulting field.

In light of these serious issues, we urgently request you to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into these matters. It is imperative to break the monopoly established by the DG Pak-EPA and restore merit-based practices within the Pak-EPA. We believe that your intervention will help ensure justice and uphold the principles of transparency and fairness in environmental assessments.

We look forward to your prompt action in addressing these concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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 March 6, 2025

CC:
 The Chairman, PM Inspection Commission
 ✓ The Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination

Subject: **Complaint Against DG Pak-EPA for Non-Processing of Our Application for Import of Genetically Modified Soybean Meal**

Dear Sir,

M/s Zubair Feeds (Pvt) Limited is a well-reputed poultry feed manufacturer in Pakistan, contributing significantly to the poultry industry by ensuring a consistent supply of high-quality feed.

It is respectfully submitted that soybean meal is a critical ingredient in poultry feed production, and any impediment to its import has serious repercussions for the industry as well as national food security.

In compliance with the revised regulations approved by the National Biosafety Committee (NBC), Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination, and subsequently ratified by the Federal Cabinet, we initially submitted an application for the import of genetically modified soybean meal through a Public-Sector Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) of the University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (UVAS), vide letter No. Regr/G/2944, dated 16.08.2023. However, the application remained unprocessed for over a year without any valid reason.

Subsequently, we were informed that since the Federal Cabinet had approved the new rules after the submission of our initial application, we were required to submit a fresh application to ensure compliance. In accordance with these instructions, we submitted a fresh application dossier through the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) of the Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB), University of the Punjab, vide letter Ref. CEMB/DO/122, dated 23.09.2024.



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The IBC members have thoroughly responded to every query raised by the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) and have personally visited the Pak-EPA office on multiple occasions to request the expeditious processing of our application. Despite fulfilling all procedural and regulatory requirements, our application remains unprocessed and is being deliberately delayed by the Director General of Pak-EPA, seemingly due to malafide intent.

It is pertinent to highlight that several meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) have been convened, wherein applications from approximately 60 companies for the import of genetically modified soybean seed have been approved, and licenses have been issued to them. However, our application, which pertains to soybean meal, remains unjustifiably pending with the office of the DG Pak-EPA. This clear and unjustified discrimination is causing significant financial losses to our company and disrupting the poultry feed supply chain, thereby negatively impacting the industry.

In light of the above, it is earnestly requested that immediate intervention be made to address this matter and that strict action be taken against the DG Pak-EPA for this unwarranted and unjustified delay. We further request that directions be issued for the expeditious processing of our application in accordance with the approved rules and regulations.

We trust that this matter will receive your urgent attention, and we look forward to your swift and decisive action in ensuring fairness and transparency in the processing of applications.

Sincerely,


Company Secretary
Zubair Feeds (Pvt) Ltd
Cell: 0300 6675859



Pioneer Foods Pvt. Ltd.

December 31, 2024

To
The Secretary,
Ministry of Climate Change and
Environmental Coordination,
Islamabad

Subject: Delay in Issuance of Import Permit for Soybean Grain

Respected Sir / Madam,

We are a company primarily engaged in processing with associated businesses in poultry feed manufacturing and poultry farming (Breeder, Broiler, and Layer) across the Province of Sindh.

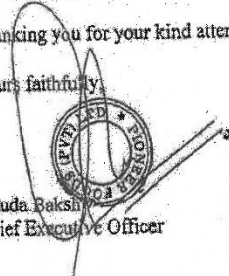
In accordance with the new policy and procedures for the import of GMO Soybean Grain, we submitted an application for an import permit on December 19, 2024, ensuring all formalities were completed and dispatched to the respected Director General Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Copies of the application are attached for your reference and record purposes. Regrettably, we have not received any response to our application to date.

The requested import permit is essential for the import of Soybean in the nominated vessel MV AGRI OCEAN, which is already at the load port, with loading imminent. Despite the majority of consignees on the same vessel having received their import permits, we are still awaiting ours. It is particularly concerning that many consignees have been issued import permits twice. This unwarranted delay, without any provided reasoning, is significantly hampering our operations.

We earnestly request your esteemed office to urgently investigate this matter and elucidate why our application is being withheld while other consignees have been promptly issued the necessary import permits.

Thanking you for your kind attention and prompt response.

Yours faithfully,


Khuda Baksh
Chief Executive Officer

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Ref. No. P34/CE/83

The Honourable Secretary,
Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination,
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A Great Matter of Concern

Dear Sir,

It is a great matter of concern as to why licenses for soybean meal imports are not being issued – needs to be investigated.


Since October 2022, the issue of GMO soybean meal imports has been a critical concern. This matter was duly resolved by the National Biosafety Committee (NBC) in March 2023 and subsequently approved by the Federal Cabinet in January 2024. Despite these clear approvals, Pak-EPA continues to create unnecessary hurdles, delaying the issuance of licenses required for the import of GMO Soybean Meal. This unjustified delay has resulted in an estimated annual loss of approximately \$800 million to the poultry sector.

It may be noted that import of soybean meal is absolutely free of any apprehension of a bio-security risk as it certainly cannot be used for germination of soybeans. In early 2023, a consultative meeting of the Institutional Biosafety Committees (IBCs) across the country unanimously recommended prioritizing the import of approved varieties of GM soybean meal.

Further, the import of meal will consume less foreign exchange as meal will have much lower moisture content, husk, and will have higher protein per ton of import, which will also cost much lower freight cost per unit of protein.

In the interest of conserving precious foreign exchange dearly needed by the country and the fact that import of soybean meal does not impose any bio-security threat, the obstructions in import of soybean meal may kindly be eliminated forthwith.

With kind regards,


Khalil Sattar
Patron-in-Chief

Copy to:
Mr. Abdul Basit, Chairman Pakistan Poultry Association, Islamabad

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**TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE
OF GAZETTE OF PAKISTAN PART-I**

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION
PAKISTAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PLOT NO. 42, STREET NO. 06, H-8/2,
ISLAMABAD

Islamabad, the 06th April, 2026.

NOTIFICATION

F.No.5(89)/2011-Admin. In pursuance of Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination's Notification No.4(6)/2016-Admin-II, dated 27th February, 2026, Ms. Farzana Altaf Shah, Director General, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency has been retired from government service w.e.f. 27-02-2026.


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3. The A.G.P.R, Islamabad.
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***Question No. 2 Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice Received on 6/03/2026 at 11:17 AM) QID: 44326

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:

(a) the main functions and responsibilities of the Pakistan Environment Protection Agency; and

(b) the extent to which the said agency has been succeeded to achieve the desired results as per its mandate?

Mr. Musadik Masood Malik: (a)

Functions of the Federal Agency (Pak-EPA) in accordance with Section 6 of Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997 is provided as under:

1(a). Administer and implement the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations made thereunder.

1(b). Prepare, in coordination with the appropriate Government Agency and in consultation with the concerned sectoral Advisory Committees, national environmental policies for approval by the Council.

1(c). Take all necessary measures for the implementation of the national environmental policies approved by the Council.

1(d). Prepare and publish an annual National Environment Report on the state of the environment.

1(e). Prepare or revise, and establish the National Environment Quality Standards (NEQS) with approval of the Council; Provided that before seeking approval of the Council, the Federal Agency shall publish the proposed National Environmental Quality Standards for public opinion in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

1(f). Ensure enforcement of the National Environmental Quality Standards

1(g). Establish standards for the quality of the ambient air, water and land, by notification in the official Gazette, in consultation with the Provincial Agency concerned.

1(h). Co-ordinate environmental policies and programmes nationally and internationally.

1(i). Establish systems and procedures for surveys, surveillance, monitoring, measurement, examination, investigation, research, inspection and audit to prevent and control pollution, and to estimate the costs of cleaning up pollution and rehabilitating the environment in various sectors.

1(j). Take measures to promote research and the development of science and technology which may contribute to the prevention of pollution, protection of the environment, and sustainable development.

1(k). Certify one or more laboratories as approved laboratories for conducting tests and analysis and one or more research institutes as environmental research institutes for conducting research and investigation, for the purposes of this Act.

1(l). Identify the needs for, and initiate legislation in various sectors of the environment.

1(m). Render advice and assistance in environmental matters, including such information and data available with it as may be required for carrying out the purposes of this Act; Provided that the disclosure of such information shall be subject to the restrictions contained in the proviso to subsection (3) of section 12.

1(n). Assist the local councils, local authorities, Government Agencies and other persons to implement schemes for the proper disposal of wastes so as to ensure compliance with the standards established by it.

1(o). Provide information and guidance to the public on environmental matters.

1(p). Recommend environmental courses, topics, literature and books for incorporation in the curricula and syllabi of educational institutions.

1(q). Promote public education and awareness of environmental issues through mass media and other means, including seminars and workshops.

1(r). Specify safeguards for the prevention of accidents and disasters which may cause pollution, collaborate with the concerned person in the preparation of contingency plans for control of such accidents and disasters, and co-ordinate implementation of such plans.

1(s). Encourage the formation and working of non-governmental organizations, community organizations and village organizations to prevent and control pollution and promote sustainable development.

1(t). Take or cause to be taken all necessary measures for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution and promotion of sustainable development.

1(u). Perform any function which the Council may assign to it.

2(a). Undertake inquiries or investigation into environmental issues, either of its own accord or upon complaint from any person or organization.

2(b). Request any person to furnish any information or data relevant to its functions.

2(c). Initiate with the approval of the Federal Government, requests for foreign assistance in support of the purposes of this Act and enter into arrangements with foreign agencies or organizations for the exchange of material or information and participate in international seminars or meetings.

- 2(d). Recommend to the Federal Government the adoption of financial and fiscal programmes, schemes or measures for achieving environmental objectives and goals and the purposes of this Act.
- 2(e). Establish and maintain laboratories to help in the performance of its functions under this Act and to conduct research in various aspects of the environment and provide or arrange necessary assistance for establishment of similar laboratories in the private sector.
- 2(f). Provide or arrange, in accordance with such procedures as may be prescribed, financial assistance for projects designed to facilitate the discharge of its functions.
- (b) The success of the Pakistan-Environmental Protection Agency in annotated form is provided as under please:

S#	Functions of the Federal Agency (Pak-EPA) in accordance with Section 6 of Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997.	Reply (Extent to which function has been fulfilled to achieve desired results as per its mandate)
1(a)	Administer and implement the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations made thereunder.	Fulfilled.
1(b)	Prepare, in coordination with the appropriate Government Agency and in consultation with the concerned sectoral Advisory Committees, national environmental policies for approval by the Council.	Fulfilled (National Environment Policy 2005, National Drinking Water Policy 2009, National Rangeland Policy 2010, National Sanitation Policy 2012, National Climate Change Policy 2012, National Forest Policy 2016, National Climate Change Policy 2021 (Final updated), National Electric Vehicle Policy 2019, National Hazardous Waste Management Policy 2022, National Adaptation Plan 2023, National Clean Air Policy 2023 etc.).
1(c)	Take all necessary measures for the implementation of the national environmental policies approved by the Council.	Fulfilled.
1(d)	Prepare and publish an annual National Environment Report on the state of the environment.	Fulfilled.
1(e)	Prepare or revise, and establish the National Environment Quality Standards (NEQS) with approval of the Council; Provided that before seeking approval of the Council, the Federal Agency shall	Fulfilled (NEQS for ambient air, drinking water quality, noise 2010; NEQS for motor vehicle exhaust and noise 2009; NEQS for municipal and liquid industrial effluent 2000; NEQS for industrial Gaseous Emissions 2000).

	publish the proposed National Environmental Quality Standards for public opinion in accordance with the prescribed procedure.	
1(f)	Ensure enforcement of the National Environmental Quality Standards	Fulfilled.
1(g)	Establish standards for the quality of the ambient air, water and land, by notification in the official Gazette, in consultation with the Provincial Agency concerned.	Fulfilled (NEQS for ambient air, drinking water quality, noise 2010; NEQS for motor vehicle exhaust and noise 2009; NEQS for municipal and liquid industrial effluent 2000; NEQS for industrial Gaseous Emissions 2000).
1(h)	Co-ordinate environmental policies and programmes nationally and internationally.	Fulfilled (MoCC&EC fulfils the stipulated function) for national policies implantation with coordination of provinces and international protocol and conventions.
1(i)	Establish systems and procedures for surveys, surveillance, monitoring, measurement, examination, investigation, research, inspection and audit to prevent and control pollution, and to estimate the costs of cleaning up pollution and rehabilitating the environment in various sectors.	Fulfilled [Pollution Charge for Industry (Calculation and Collection) Rules 2001; Environmental Samples Rules 2001).
1(j)	Take measures to promote research and the development of science and technology which may contribute to the prevention of pollution, protection of the environment, and sustainable development.	Fulfilled (Pak-EPA advocates/supports pollution-abatement technology developed locally or globally with reference to Industry; municipal and industrial wastewater; industrial, brick kiln, vehicle, incinerators emission control, hospitals waste management, etc.). EPA acts as a science-driven agency prioritizing the promotion of research, development of new technologies, and investigation into environmental issues to prevent pollution. adoption of zigzag technology and bag house filters innovative methods for pollution reduction at ICT level.
1(k)	Certify one or more laboratories as approved laboratories for conducting tests and analysis and one or more research institutes as environmental research institutes for conducting research and investigation, for the purposes of this Act.	Fulfilled (Pak-EPA has certified five laboratories for 2026 vide NEQS (Certification of Environmental Laboratories) Regulations 2000).

1(l)	Identify the needs for, and initiate legislation in various sectors of the environment.	Fulfilled (Working on e-waste management statutory/regulatory framework is in progress).
1(m)	Render advice and assistance in environmental matters, including such information and data available with it as may be required for carrying out the purposes of this Act; Provided that the disclosure of such information shall be subject to the restrictions contained in the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 12.	Fulfilled, EIA and IEE of projects cases record is available for public and during the public hearing general public is encouraged to furnish their view and comments.
1(n)	Assist the local councils, local authorities, Government Agencies and other persons to implement schemes for the proper disposal of wastes so as to ensure compliance with the standards established by it.	Fulfilled (Pak-EPA coordinates with CDA, ICT administration and other stakeholders in a bid to manage solid waste and municipal/industrial wastewater in environmentally sound manner).
1(o)	Provide information and guidance to the public on environmental matters.	Fulfilled (MoCC&EC/Pak-EPA promotes awareness, in collaboration with stakeholders, among the public about a set of environmental issues utilizing print, electronic and social media).
1(p)	Recommend environmental courses, topics, literature and books for incorporation in the curricula and syllabi of educational institutions.	Fulfilled (Universities in ICT are offering environmental sciences programs; MoCC&EC/Pak-EPA coordinates with stakeholders for raising awareness about environmental matters).
1(q)	Promote public education and awareness of environmental issues through mass media and other means, including seminars and workshops.	Fulfilled (MoCC&EC/Pak-EPA promotes awareness, in collaboration with stakeholders, among the public about a set of environmental issues utilizing print, electronic and social media).
1(r)	Specify safeguards for the prevention of accidents and disasters which may cause pollution, collaborate with the concerned person in the preparation of contingency plans for control of such accidents and disasters; and co-ordinate implementation of such plans.	Fulfilled (MoCC&EC/ Pak-EPA coordinates with CDA, NDMA and ICT administration in respect of disaster management and furnish input wherever required).

1(s)	Encourage the formation and working of non-governmental organizations, community organizations and village organizations to prevent and control pollution and promote sustainable development.	Fulfilled (MoCC&EC/ Pak-EPA supports NGOs and other social welfare organizations and provides assistance wherever required).
1(t)	Take or cause to be taken all necessary measures for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution and promotion of sustainable development.	Fulfilled, ensured compliance of all relevant sections PEP Act 1997 and regulations.
1(u)	Perform any function which the Council may assign to it.	Fulfilled.
2(a)	Undertake inquiries or investigation into environmental issues, either of its own accord or upon complaint from any person or organization.	Fulfilled (Pak-EPA expeditiously processes environmental complaints situated in ICT and resolves them in collaboration with stakeholders; environmental complaints pertaining to provinces are promptly forwarded to the quarters concerned for needful prioritized action pursuant to law; rules and regulations made thereunder).
2(b)	Request any person to furnish any information or data relevant to its functions.	Fulfilled, EPA consulted and engaged all persons/stakeholders for information required on environmental issues.
2(c)	Initiate with the approval of the Federal Government, requests for foreign assistance in support of the purposes of this Act and enter into arrangements with foreign agencies or organizations for the exchange of material or information and participate in international seminars or meetings.	Fulfilled (MoCC&EC/Pak-EPA carries out the stipulated function).
2(d)	Recommend to the Federal Government the adoption of financial and fiscal programmes, schemes or measures for achieving environmental objectives and goals and the purposes of this Act.	Fulfilled (MoCC&EC/Pak-EPA in consultation with stakeholders has developed National Electric Vehicle Policy 2029; policy goals are being met by ICT administration/CDA).
2(e)	Establish and maintain laboratories to help in the performance of its functions under this Act and to conduct research in various aspects of the environment and provide or	Fulfilled (Pak-EPA has certified five laboratories vide NEQS (Certification of Environmental Laboratories) Regulations 2000).

	arrange necessary assistance for establishment of similar laboratories in the private sector.	
2(f)	Provide or arrange, in accordance with such procedures as may be prescribed, financial assistance for projects designed to facilitate the discharge of its functions.	MoCC&EC/Pak-EPA does not provide financial incentives on account of budgetary constraints to the relevant entities; nevertheless, it encourages/guides them to engage donors and investors in private sector for the needful).

***Question No. 3 Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice Received on 9/03/2026 at 10:18 AM) QID: 44327

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state the details of complaints received against the employees of the Pakistan Environment Protection Agency during the last five years and action taken thereon?

Mr. Musadik Masood Malik: In the last 5 years, there have been 4 complaints against only one officer i.e. Ms. Farzana Altaf Shah, Director General, Pak-EPA. These are by:

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PAKISTAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PLOT NO. 42, STREET NO. 06, H-8/2,
ISLAMABAD

Islamabad, the 06th April, 2026.

NOTIFICATION

F.No.5(89)/2011-Admin. In pursuance of Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination's Notification No.4(6)/2016-Admin-II, dated 27th February, 2026, Ms. Farzana Altaf Shah, Director General, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency has been retired from government service w.e.f. 27-02-2026.


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3. The A.G.P.R, Islamabad.
4. Section Officer (D&O), MoCC&EC, Islamabad.
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*Question No. 4 **Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:**
(Notice Received on 9/03/2026 at 11:17 AM) QID: 44331

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the criteria / procedure laid down for the nomination and selection of individuals for state awards announced on March 23 and August 14 every year indicating also the authorities or committees responsible for reviewing and approving such nominations?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Criteria for Conferment of Pakistan Civil Awards:

a. Citizens of Pakistan:

Citizens of Pakistan are eligible for civil awards in the order of '**Shuja'at**' for acts of heroism and conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger and for gallantry in saving or attempting to save life. The citizens of Pakistan are also eligible in the order of '**Imtiaz**' for attaining academic distinction in the fields of Science, Art, Literature, distinction in the fields of Sports and Nursing, or for rendering dedicated services with selfless devotion in Human Rights and Public Service and the "President's Award for Pride of Performance" in recognition of notable achievements in the fields of Art, Science, Literattur, Sports or Nursing.

b. Foreign Nationals:

Foreign Nationals may be given civil awards in any Order i.e. **Pakistan, Shuja'at, Imtiaz, Quaid-i-Azam and Khidmat**, including the '**President's Award for Pride of Performance**', in recognition of distinguished services to Pakistan in any field.

c. Posthumous Awards:

The President may also confer these awards posthumously and the monetary benefits, if any, attached to the decoration, shall be paid to the Next of kin.

Procedure for Nomination and Selection of Individuals for Pakistan Civil Awards:

Nominations for conferment of Pakistan Civil Awards are invited by the Cabinet Division every year in the month of December from the specified nominating agencies as per policy and guidelines for Pakistan Civil Awards, with a cut-off date of 15th April. These nominations are initially scrutinized by the Cabinet Division for completion of codal formalities as per criteria, and subsequently, placed before four separate Awards Sub-Committees i.e. (i). “Science, Engineering & Education”, (ii) Arts & Literature, (iii) Social/Welfare Work/Charity & Philanthropy and (iv) Gallantry, for consideration and review of the proposals received from the nominating agencies. Each Sub-committee is chaired by a Minister. The recommendations of Sub-committees are finally scrutinized by the Main Awards Committee, chaired by a Minister appointed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan. The recommendations finalized by the Main Awards Committee are submitted to the Prime Minister in shape of a Summary for consideration and for his advice to the President, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, for approval.

On receipt of the approval from the President, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Cabinet Division issues a “Press Release” announcing the names of Awardees on the Independence Day (14th August). The Investiture Ceremonies to confer Civil Awards takes place on the following Pakistan Day (23rd March) at Aiwan-i-Sadr/Governor Houses and Pakistan Missions Abroad.

***Question No. 5 Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:**
(Notice Received on 10/03/2026 at 11:29 AM) QID: 43805

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

- (a) when was the current President/CEO of Telecom Foundation appointed, his term of contract and his salary package; and*
- (b) when were the salaries of all employees of Telecom Foundation last revised?*

Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja: (a) The current President & CEO was appointed on 19th July 2019, and his contract tem will expire on 18th

July 2028. His current salary package includes the provision of a 1800cc car with driver and 500 liters of petrol per month. He presently draws a net monthly salary of Rs. 1,006,790/-. In addition, he is entitled to two gross salaries per annum as medical allowance, a mobile phone ceiling of Rs. 5,000/-and reimbursement of residential landline expenses at actuals.

(b) This is to inform that the salaries of Telecom Foundation employees were revised in October, 2022, after a lapse of seven years since the last revision in 2015 During the period 2015 to 2022, the Government revised the Basic Pay Scales three time effectively from July 2015, July 2017 and July 2022, respectively.

***Question No. 6 Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:**
(Notice Received on 10/03/2026 at 11:30 AM) QID: 43308

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state the present status of Broadband connectivity proposed to be provided through satellites?

Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja: As per existing PTA's regulatory regime, satellite services through Geo Stationary Orbit (GSO) Satellites are being offered by CVAS / LL / LDI Licensees, as per the scope and regulatory requirements of the respective License. Presently, Satellite services are primarily used for providing bandwidth transportation services for backhaul connectivity or very limited data connectivity requirements of users, as cost of bandwidth from GEO satellites is too high. Hence, approximately 5043 x satellite customers are being served by different PTA licensees.

In recent past new technology of provision of internet services through Low Earth Orbit (LEO) emerged. International Satellite Companies like Starlink, Amazon Kuiper, One Web etc. has started offering high speed internet services in various countries direct to consumers. To cater for future satellite services, Government of Pakistan has introduced National Space Policy on 23rd Jan 2024 and Space Activities Rules on 2nd Feb 2024. It is mandatory requirement for each Satellite Operator to **Register with the Pakistan Space Activities Regulatory Board (PSARB)** before being eligible to provide Satellite bandwidth from GSO / LEO Satellites in future. PSARB is currently finalizing the regulations to register the satellite operators.

In parallel, PTA has also formulated a Fixed Satellite Services license to provide satellite services direct to consumers, in line with International best practices. This will facilitate for Nationwide Satellite provision by Licensee, which currently can be provided through combination of different Licenses i.e. CVAS, LL and LDI.

PTA will start granting new licenses to applicants after registration of Satellite operators with PSARB.

***Question No. 7 Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:**
(Notice Received on 10/03/2026 at 11:38 AM) QID: 44339

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state

- (a) whether it is a fact that approximately US 2 billion dollars have been per year, received by the Government of Pakistan during the last five years for Climate Change-related initiatives, if so, details thereof along with the names of the donor agencies / countries and a year-wise break-up thereof;*
- (b) the utilization of the said funds, including allocations made for mitigation, adaptation, resilience-building, flood recovery, reforestation, renewable energy, and capacity building initiatives with project wise and province wise breakup; and*
- (c) the criteria and mechanisms adopted by the Government for the allocation, monitoring, and evaluation of these foreign grants and financial assistance received for climate change-related initiatives?*

Mr. Musadik Masood Malik: (a), (b) & (c) The details of the funds received by the Government of Pakistan during the last five years may be obtained from the Economic Affairs Division and Ministry of Finance. However, the details of projects under GEF and GCF being processed in CF Wing at **Annex-I**.

Annex-I**GCF Projects**

S.No	Project Title	Total Budget (\$ M)	GCF Financing (\$ M)	Location	Duration	Expected Outcomes
1	Scaling up of Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) Risk Reduction in Northern Pakistan (UNDP).	37.5	36.9	Gilgit Baltistan, KPK	2017-2025	The project finished in December 2025. 250 engineering structures including dams, ponds, spill ways, tree plantation and drainage were built to reduce risk, benefitting 29.2 M people.
2	Transforming the Indus Basin with Climate Resilient Agriculture and Climate Smart Water Management. (FAO)	47.7	34.9	Punjab and Sindh	2020-2026	This project will develop the country's capacity to use the information it needs to adapt to the impacts of climate change on agriculture and water management by putting in place state-of-the art technology, benefitting 17.3 M people.
3	Green BRT Karachi (ADB)	583.5	49	Karachi	2020-2025 (The restructuring proposal has been submitted by ADB to MoCC&EC which is under review. The dates of the project will be changed once the restructuring proposal is approved by the Pakistan GCF Board in up-coming meeting)	The project aims to establish a 30 kilometre, fully segregated bus rapid transit (BRT) system operated with the "world's first" biomethane hybrid bus fleet. Tons of emissions avoided: 2.6 M.
4	Pakistan Distributed Solar Project (JS Bank)	54	10	Pakistan	2023-2033	The project will provide tailored financing solutions for distributed solar PV products to help bridge the financing gap for these investments in Pakistan. Tons of emissions avoided: 848.7 K
5	Recharge Pakistan: Building Pakistan's resilience to climate change through ecosystem-based adaptation for integrated flood risk management. (WWF)	72.8	66	Balochistan, Sindh and KPK	2024-2031	The primary objective of the Recharge Pakistan initiative is to transform the country's approach to flood and water resource management in local watershed sites in the Indus-Basin River system, benefitting 7.7 M people.
6	Community Resilience Partnership Regional Program. (ADB)	750 (Pakistan's share is 107.1)	120 (Pakistan's share is aprx. 24)	Sindh	2024-2033	By focusing attention on vulnerable communities, CRPP will foster a stronger sense of ownership over local adaptation endeavors to ultimately increase the collective benefits derived

						from these efforts, benefitting 7.7 M people.
7	Acumen Climate Action Pakistan Fund (Acumen Fund)	90	28	Pakistan	2024- 2034	The Project's goal is to improve the climate resilience of vulnerable farmers and their livelihoods by providing access to climate adaptation solutions for smallholder farmers, benefitting 13.1 M people.
8	Integrated Climate Risk Management for Strengthened Resilience to Climate Change in Buner and Shangla Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan. (WFP)	10	8.78	KPK	2024-2028	The project will enhance flood early warning and anticipatory action by strengthening the value chain and dissemination of climate information services and early-warning systems, benefitting 1.6 M people.
9	Resilient Water Infrastructure Facility (RWI) (IFC)	1300 (108.33 Pakistan's share)	258 (Pakistan's share is aprx. 21.62)	Pakistan	25 years	The Facility will overcome the challenges with two main components: a public-private partnership structuring component that will fund project preparation, structuring, and transaction advisory activities for national and subnational beneficiaries and a concessional finance component that provides eligible projects with concessional co-investments.
10	Climaventures- Harnessing the Domestic Private Sector Ecosystem for Climate Action in Pakistan (NRSP)	50	25	Pakistan	12 years	The initiative aims to create a climate action venture studio environment, offering space for climate discourse, a consortium of stakeholders, pre-seed grant financing, later-stage debt financing, mentorship for women, PWDs, and transgender entrepreneurs, and gender-responsive technical assistance.
11	Glacier to Farm (G2F) Regional programme (ADB)	3500 (80 Pakistan's share approximately)	250 (Pakistan: 27.7)	Pakistan	7 years	To enhance the resilience of communities, food systems and social infrastructure in Central and West Asia countries Impact is to increased Climate-Resilience and Adaptive Capacity of Communities, Food Systems and Social Infrastructure in Central and West Asia
Total		6458.5 (Pakistan's share 295.43)	866.78 (331.7)			

GEF Projects

S.No	Project Title	Total Budget (\$ M)	GEF Financing (\$ M)	Location	Duration	Expected Outcomes
1	Combating Climate Change through the Promotion and Application of Sustainable Biomass Energy Technologies in Pakistan. (UNDP)	28	3.9	Punjab, KPK, Sindh, Baluchistan	2024-2029	The project will increase utilization of indigenous renewable energy resources for meeting the electricity and other energy requirements of the country
2	Accelerating Low Carbon Circular Economy through Clean Tech Innovation towards Sustainable Development in Pakistan. (UNIDO)	11.8	1.7	Islamabad	2024-2028	The project will promote the transition towards low-carbon and circular economy by facilitating investments in clean technologies integrating renewable energy, energy efficiencies, and waste management within the context of material, energy and resources sustainability and circularity.
3	Combating Land Degradation through Integrated and Sustainable Range and Livestock Management to Promote Resilient Livelihoods in Northern Punjab. (FAO)	15.2	2.5	Attock, Chakwal, Jehlum: Punjab	2024-2028	The project will bring the fundamental change of land degradation processes in grassland and scrub forest ecosystems in northern Punjab province, Pakistan, are prevented, mitigated and reversed, thereby conserving the ecosystem services of these arid landscapes, increasing carbon sequestration and climate resilience, strengthening local economies / livelihoods based on livestock and forest resources, and enhancing food security
4	Bananas in Pakistan's Bioeconomy: Transforming Waste into Textile (FAO)	20.22	3.2	Sindh	4 years	The project's focus on Sustainable Agricultural Practices will improve the banana value chain's sustainability and will furthermore ensure that the valorization of banana waste is green by design, promoting circularity and the full use of natural resources.
Total		77.22	11.3			

***Question No. 8 Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:**

(Notice Received on 11/03/2026 at 10:36 AM) QID: 43491

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

- (a) *the overall capex of the telecom operators in the country during the last three years with particular reference to improve their infrastructure and ensure quality of service;*
- (b) *the details and outcome of surveys of quality of service of telecom companies / operators during the said period; and*
- (c) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to ensure quality of service by those companies / operators?*

Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja: (a) Capex of all telecom operators for the last three years is attached as **Annex A and B**.

(b) A total of 379 surveys have been conducted during the last 3 years, including 243 quarterly planned the details are provided below;

Quality of Service Surveys (Last 3 Years)					
Quarter	Cities	Roads	Railway Tracks	Complaint Based	Outcome/ Actions Taken
Q4-2025	20			5	4x SCNs being issued to CMOs.
Q3-2025	17	2	-	6	1x Warning letter, compliance received.
Q2-2025	19	-	1	5	Warning letter to all CMOs against 3 x cities, compliance received.
Q1-2025	19	9	1	8	Satisfactory results
Q4-2024	17		-	7	Warning letter to all CMOs against 4 x cities, compliance received.
Q3-2024	18		-	19	SCN to Telenor, and warning letters to remaining CMOs against 4 x cities, compliance received.
Q2-2024	23		-	26	Satisfactory results
Q1-2024	16		-	13	Satisfactory results
Q4-2023	20		-	5	Satisfactory results
Q3-2023	24		-	14	Warning letter to all CMOs against 4 x cities, compliance received.
Q2-2023	19		-	10	Satisfactory results

Q1-2023	18		-	18	Satisfactory results
Total	230	11	2	136	-

c) Steps taken by the government to ensure quality of service include enforcement of license obligations, QoS surveys, penalties for non-compliance, network expansion, implementation of advance technologies, infrastructure sharing, national roaming, and use of crowdsource as summarized below;

- Over the past five years, 39 Show Cause Notices were issued, resulting in penalties totaling 68.9 million PKR.

Warning Letters	SCNs Issued	Penalty (Million)	Recovery (Million)	Sub-Judice (Litigation)
18	39	68.9	13.6	11

*32.05 Million as BG in IHC

Measures being taken by PTA for improvement of service quality and connectivity nationwide include:

- **Spectrum Auction:** Spectrum availability expanded by 480 MHz (over 200% of previous resources), positioning Pakistan among leading countries.
- **QoS:** Auction outcomes will improve service quality, with 4G speeds rising from 4 Mbps to nearly 20 Mbps and initial 5G reaching up to 50 Mbps.
- **Rollout:** 5G coverage expanding progressively from capitals to additional cities.
- **Yearly Network Expansion:** Rollout obligations of 1,000 sites annually, with 20% at new locations to close coverage gaps.
- **Infrastructure Expansion:** Over 12,000 sites installed/upgraded in the last five years.
- **Technology Upgrades:** Transition from 2G to 4G, introduction of VoLTE/VoWiFi, Massive MIMO, and 3G phase-out.
- **Universal Service Fund (USF):** Provision of connectivity to unserved and underserved areas through USF-funded projects.
- **National Roaming Initiatives:** Coverage expansion along highways and rural areas under consideration.
- **Fiberization:** Fiber-to-site ratio to rise from 20% to 35%, strengthening capacity and service quality. Future auctions and licensing for AJ&K and GB will carry similar rollout obligations, ensuring nationwide symmetry.
- **Infrastructure Sharing & MVNO Framework:** Approved frameworks to reduce costs, enhance competition, and improve QoS.
- **Crowdsourced QoS and QoE:** PTA has adopted Opensignal for independent, crowd-sourced QoS and QoE analytics, complementing regulatory oversight with global best practices.
- **OSS KPI (System Parameters):** PTA also analyzes OSS KPIs of all CMOs quarterly to gauge the overall performance meet benchmarks with no major issues, except lower network availability due to prolonged load shedding.
- **Complaint Management System (CMS):** PTA operates a Complaint Management System (CMS) for consumer grievances, accessible via website, toll-free number (0800-55055), mobile app, and fax.

In conclusion, PTA is always diligently working to comply with the directives of the Senate Standing Committee by adopting a multifaceted approach to enhance telephone and internet services nationwide. While progress is being made, challenges such as security concerns, inflation, power outages, theft, and network closures may affect the pace of projects. PTA remains committed to continuous monitoring and targeted interventions, with active support from CMOs, and POCs may be nominated for identification and timely rectification of specific issues.

**Pakistan Telecommunication Authority
Cellular Mobile Operators CAPEX - Network Equipment - Rs. (In Billions)**

China Mobile Pakistan Limited (CMPak)						
Year	Opening for the Year (A)	Addition (B)	Disposal (C)	Net Addition D = (B+C)	Closing Balance E = (A+D)	
2022	281.05	31.85	(2.93)	28.91	309.96	
2023	309.96	31.05	(2.98)	28.07	338.03	
2024	338.03	34.56	(4.27)	30.29	368.32	

Pakistan Mobile Communication Limited - Jazz						
Year	Opening for the Year (A)	Addition (B)	Disposal (C)	Net Addition D = (B+C)	Closing Balance E = (A+D)	
2022	274.88	37.57	(4.93)	32.64	307.51	
2023	307.51	31.44	(0.35)	31.09	338.60	
2024	338.60	32.23	(0.51)	31.72	370.33	

Pak Telecom Mobile Limited - Ufone						
Year	Opening for the Year (A)	Addition (B)	Disposal (C)	Net Addition D = (B+C)	Closing Balance E = (A+D)	
2022	211.81	28.83	(1.18)	27.65	239.45	
2023	239.45	15.68	(1.81)	13.86	253.32	
2024	253.32	21.88	(1.12)	20.76	274.08	

Telenor Pakistan Pvt. Limited						
Year	Opening for the Year (A)	Addition (B)	Disposal (C)	Net Addition D = (B+C)	Closing Balance E = (A+D)	
2022	168.20	10.68	(1.21)	9.47	177.67	
2023	177.67	5.84	(0.93)	4.90	182.58	

2024	182.58	8.53	(0.29)	8.24	190.82
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NOTES:

1. Network Equipment represents the total equipment (i.e. Fiber, Towers, Servers, Anitnas, Dishes, BTS, other IT Equipments, etc.) required by CMOs to run its Network. Network equipment comprises of costs incurred on acquisition of the assets, other directly attributable costs, including site dismantling & restoration costs. It also includes costs of softwares that is embedded or integral part of the realted equipment is capetolized as part of that asset.
2. In the above, table **Column B** represents annual addition in Assets and **Column C** represents Annual Disposals/**Write-off** from Assets.
3. Depreciation is charged on stright line basis, based on usefull life having useful life of 3 - 20 years.

**Pakistan Telecommunication Authority
Cellular Mobile Operators CAPEX - Intangibles - Rs. (In Billions)**

China Mobile Pakistan Limited (CMPak)						
Year	Opening for the Year (A)	Addition (B)	Disposal (C)	Net Addition D = (B+C)	Closing Balance E = (A+D)	
2022	145.15	3.26	0.00	3.26	148.41	
2023	148.41	1.02	0.00	1.02	149.43	
2024	149.43	1.02	(1.26)	(0.24)	149.19	

Pakistan Mobile Communication Limited - Jazz						
Year	Opening for the Year (A)	Addition (B)	Disposal (C)	Net Addition D = (B+C)	Closing Balance E = (A+D)	
2022	155.54	96.53	(11.94)	84.58	240.13	
2023	240.13	1.41	0.00	1.41	241.54	
2024	241.54	3.30	(0.64)	2.66	244.20	

Pak Telecom Mobile Limited - Ufone						
Year	Opening for the Year (A)	Addition (B)	Disposal (C)	Net Addition D = (B+C)	Closing Balance E = (A+D)	
2022	91.23	0.28	0.00	0.28	91.52	
2023	91.52	1.81	0.00	1.81	93.33	
2024	93.33	0.58	(0.01)	0.57	93.90	

Telenor Pakistan Pvt. Limited						
Year	Opening for the Year (A)	Addition (B)	Disposal (C)	Net Addition D = (B+C)	Closing Balance E = (A+D)	
2022	91.23	0.28	0.00	0.28	91.52	
2023	91.52	1.81	0.00	1.81	93.33	
2024	93.33	0.58	(0.01)	0.57	93.90	

2022	116.61	34.47	0.00	34.47	151.08
2023	151.08	1.18	0.00	1.18	152.26
2024	152.26	0.62	0.00	0.62	152.88

***Question No. 9 Senator Jan Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 11/03/2026 at 10:52 AM) QID: 44353

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be please to state:

- (a) *whether Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal made any change in the procurement procedure for procuring ration packages for Ramzan, 2025 from the earlier procedure adopted by it for procurement of such packages in previous years, if so, the details thereof indicating also the details of the earlier procedure, approval mechanism, tendering /quotation process and the changes made in the same: and*
- (b) *whether any departmental inquiry has been initiated or audit objects raised regarding irregularities, if any, in the procurement or distribution of the said ration packages or regarding change in procurement procedure from the previous years, if so, the details thereof?*

Syed Imran Ahmed Shah: (a) This is to state that, neither any procurements made nor any procurement procedure changed by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal regarding ration packages for the Ramzan 2025.

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal launched PBM Ramzan Drive for the month of Ramzan 2025 in which instead of ration packages, cooked meals were distributed among the needy people from different distribution points. Distribution points include PBM Shelter Homes, PBM Sweet Homes, Khana Sab Key Liye (KSKI.) food vehicles, PBM Schools and PBM Centres, PBM Provincial, Regional & District Offices, bus terminals and madrassahs/mosques etc.. In the PBM Ramzan Drive 2025 from 1st to 27th Ramzan-ul-Mubarak, total (2,297,305) meals were distributed from (471) distribution points. Ramzan Drive was launched under the slogans "Friends of Pakistan" wherein private donors, trusts and welfare organizations joined hands with Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal and sponsored (fully or partially) the meals as per approved policies for PBM Shelter Homes and Khana Sab Key Liye programs. The distribution was made by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal staff from different platforms as mentioned above. The summary of meal distribution along with donors/sponsors for each region is attached as **(Annex-A)**.

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Ramzan Drive 2025 was launched from the platform of PBM Shelter Homes and KSKL. PBM Shelter Homes and Khana Sab Key Liye are food & shelter programs, are started in 2020 and 2021 respectively. The objective of PBM Shelter Homes is to provide food & temporary shelter (night stay) to the needy people while KSKL food

vehicles serve the meal to needy people, particularly to the labor class near their workplaces. The policies for these programs are approved by the Bait-ul-Mal Board. As per policies, these programs can be operated under public private partnership model, and MoUs can be signed with different individuals and organizations for provision of food and other services to ensure sustainability. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is already exploring every avenue of public private partnership to PBM Shelter Homes, PBM Sweet Homes and KSKL program. Since inception of these programs, number of donors, trusts, welfare organizations are sponsoring meals (fully or partially) for these programs, which is served to the needy people by PBM. On the same pattern, PBM Ramzan Drive-2025 was launched under Public Private Partnership model.

- (b) (a) This is to state that no departmental inquiry has been initiated in this regard. Rather, an agenda item was placed before the Bait-ul-Mal Board in its 79th meeting and the Board referred the said agenda to Board Sub-Committee on Finance. The committee deliberated and viewed that PBM Ramzan Drive 2025 was a welfare activity and was performed by PBM in the holy month of Ramzan 2025. The expenditures were incurred within the prescribed allocated budget of PBM Shelter Homes and KSKL. Therefore, Sub-Committee recommended and endorsed the agenda. Accordingly Bait-ul-Mal Board in its 81st meeting endorsed the PBM Ramzan Drive-2025. No departmental inquiry has been initiated/not required on the matter.
- (b) It is further stated that the Auditors of the Auditor General of Pakistan (Social Safety Nets) conducted audit of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Regional/Provincial offices for the financial year 2024-25, including KP, Sindh and Balochistan (Quetta) and praised the following audit observations regarding distribution of ration bags:

Para No. 6 of Audit & Inspection Report (KP):

“Award of contract to M/s Alkhidmat Foundation without calling open tender amounting to Rs.22.071 million.”

Para No. 10 of Audit & Inspection Report (Quetta):

“Award of contract for supply of ration bags for Ramadan without calling open tender amounting to Rs.17.169 million.”

- Replies to the audit observations have been furnished to the audit authorities for consideration.

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal
Ministry of Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety

Report on PBM Ramzan Drive - 2025

Province / Region	Actual meals served	No. of distribution points
Punjab - I	628673	112
South Punjab	568887	72
ICT	327202	20
Sindh	465108	187
Balochistan	92200	19
GB	88435	28
KP	126800	33
Total	2,297,305 2.297 M	471

Province	Donors Details
Punjab - I	Allah Walay Trust (Lahore, Fsd, Chiniot, Kasur) (Meals 418150), Ali Akbar Abbas (Bhakkar, Hafizabad, Nankana Sahib, Sargodha, Sialkot) (Meals 58180), Sundas Foundation (Gujrat) (Meals 8100), Friends Welfare Foundation (G.wala) (Meals 21600), Anjuman Madrasa Arabia (Khushab) (Meals 8100), Ameen Feeds (Mianwali) (Meals 8100), Al-Asmat Foundation (M.B Din) (Meals 10800), Green Valley Dev. Org. (Narowal) (Meals 8100), Okara Patient Welfare Org. (Okara) (Meals 22000)
South Punjab	Al-Mustafa Welfare Society, Lahore
ICT	Allah Walay Trust
Sindh	Al-Mustafa (Kchi, Hyd, Suk, Jamshoro) (Meals 296528), SRPO (TMK, TAY, Umer kot) (Meals 38200), ISPRD (MPK, Dadu, Kambar) (Meals 16200), NDP (Shaheed Benazir Abad) (Meals 10800), LCF (Khairpur) (Meals 18900)
Balochistan	Al-Mustafa Karachi (Meals 65200) Eventic Quetta (meals 27000)
GB	Partners = Allah Walay Trust
KP	Partners = Al-Khidmat Peshawar (Meal 128400)

LESSONS LEARNT

Punjab-I

- i. Difficulty in distinguishing between deserving & non-deserving beneficiaries while serving in open areas.
- ii. Traffic problems faced in populated areas while serving from KSKL vehicles e.g. in Lahore & Faisalabad.
- iii. Shortage of staff (cooking staff) is observed.
- iv. Difficulty in provision of ration / dry items at the cooking points
- v. Late launching of program led to shortfalls in planning.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

- i. Late launching of program led to no planning for cooking arrangements in time. Meal arrangements were the main problem in the Drive.
- ii. The program is highly appreciated by the general public.

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- i. Lack of community awareness lead to over – crowding.
- ii. Due to road infrastructure & vehicle limitations, there was delay in logistics.
- iii. Staff involvement at the down level (district level) disseminated PBM image as federal government welfare organization.

South Punjab

- i. Overall, very positive feedback from the general public.
- ii. PBM Ramzan Drive amply conveyed PBM message and built PBM image.

Gilgit Baltistan

- i. Difficulty in finding the donors/partners in districts.
- ii. Limited provision of food by donors in some districts.
- iii. Difficulty in delivery of food in districts.
- iv. Late launching of program.
- v. Overall feedback from general public was good.

ICT

Balochistan

- i. During the drive, some of the donors & NGOs also approached for partnership on higher share which led to significant increase in distribution of meal from the projected quantity.
- ii. Overall positive impact, as expressed by the general public, particularly BINUQ hospital administration.

SUGGESTIONS

Punjab-I

- i. In future, distribution may be made in controlled / in-house areas.
- ii. In Future, KSKL vehicles may only be used for food delivery.
- iii. In case of in-house cooking, Cook may be hired on daily wages at District Office, at least (10) days before such Drive.
- iv. Ramzan Drive may be planned (2) months in advance to complete preparation and tendering process & coordination with partners/donors.
- v. Public opinion is towards distribution of dry ration or financial assistance instead of cooked meal. In this way, dry ration hampers may be distributed to eligible applicants / families through District Offices.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

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Sindh

- i. Before such Drive, awareness campaign may be launched for general public.
- ii. Routes may be identified in advance and vehicles may be arranged with local administration.
- iii. Early planning for partners, logistics and communication is essential.
- iv. Collaboration with donors, NGOs, civil society and district administration is required.

Commitment from Police and District Administration may be ensured in future.
Offline reporting system for areas with limited connectivity.

Punjab

- i. Planning & preparation for such Drive may be completed (1) month before start.
- ii. Tendering process may be initiated at Head Office (centralized) for timely execution.
- iii. Well reputed NGOs may be engaged under Friends of Pakistan campaign.
- iv. Centralized kitchen may be established at District level for smooth functioning of such drive.
- v. Prior public awareness campaign
- vi. Documentary may be prepared by Head Office and be forwarded to Prov./Reg. Office for presentation in different events.
- vii. Brochures may be printed centralized and be forwarded to Prov./Reg. Offices.
- viii. A conference may be called for Friends of Pakistan for their appreciation and partnership in the PBM Ramzan Drive.

Gilgit Baltistan

- i. Distribution of ration packs will be more effective instead of meal distribution.

ICT

- i. Distribution of dry ration instead of cooked meal is better option and more productive.
- ii. For PIC and coverage at larger level, Parliamentarians and public personalities may be engaged.
- iii. Social media platforms may be utilized for better PIC.
- iv. Such drives should be planned (2) month before launching.

Balochistan

***Question No. 10 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**

(Notice Received on 16/03/2026 at 10:08 AM) QID: 44360

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division with reference to Senate Starred Question No. 7, replied on 24th February 2026, be pleased to state whether the retired civil servants to whom new portfolios were assigned mentioned in part (b) of the reply, have been drawing their pension benefits also along with the new salaries and allowances of their new positions, if so, the details of all pension benefits, salaries, and allowances currently admissible to these civil servants?

Mr. Ahad Khan Cheema: Establishment Division being the administrative controller of civil servants only processed the case of re-employment of officers listed in the reply against Senate Starred Question No. 07, however, further information being asked by the Hon'ble Senator under the Question No. 10 does not fall under the purview of Establishment Division, therefore, the requisite information in the instant question has been requested vide Establishment Division's OM dated 04.05.2026 (**Annex-I**) from CGA and AGPR. Once received, Establishment Division shall be able to respond to the instant Question accordingly, please.

Annex-I

No.F.NO21/1/2022-E-8 (A)

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION

Islamabad, the 04th May, 2026

From

Farhat Mushtaq Malik
SO E-VIII

To

1- Controller General of Accounts, CGA, Islamabad
2- Accountant General, AGPR, Islamabad

SUBJECT: ADMITTED QUESTIONS LIST NO. 1 (GROUP-4) FOR 359TH SENATE SESSION

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that Hon'ble Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri vide self-explanatory Question No. 07 sought information from the Minister incharge of Establishment Division. This Division provided the requisite information to the Senate Secretariat on 24.02.2026, however, Hon'ble Senator vide Question No. 10 has further sought information that whether the retired civil servants to whom new portfolios were assigned as mentioned in earlier reply, have been drawing their pension benefits also along with the new salaries and allowances of their new positions, if so, details of all pension benefits, salaries, and allowances currently admissible to these civil servants?

2. Establishment Division being the administrative controller of civil servants in question only processes the case of employments and re-employments officers. The requisite information being asked under the Question No. 10 does not fall under the purview of Establishment Division, therefore, reply to the Question No. 10 moved by Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri may kindly be provided to this Division at earliest for further necessary action.

3. Matter may kindly be given priority being Senate Business.

Farhat Mushtaq Malik
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ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION

**SENATE STARRED QUESTION NO 7
MOVED BY SENATOR SAMINA MUMTAZ ZEHRI**

Question	Answer in respect of E-Wing			
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		Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.		25-12-2022 to 31-10-2023
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		Member, FPSC	Member,	26-11-2024 to 25-11-2025
		Member, FPSC	Member,	18-01-2021 to 17-01-2024
		Member, FPSC	Member,	01-04-2022 to 31-03-2025
		Member, FPSC	Member,	04-04-2022 to 01-12-2024
		Member, FPSC	Member,	01-04-2022 to 31-03-2025
		Member, FPSC	Member,	15-08-2022 to 14-08-2025
		Additional Member, FPSC	Additional Member,	30-03-2022 to 28-02-2023
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		Member, FPSC	Member,	30-06-2022 to 29-06-2025
		Member, FPSC	Member,	26-12-2022 to 06-09-2024
		Member, FPSC	Member,	26-12-2022 to 25-12-2025

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<p>(C) the name of those statutory bodies, commissions or authorities where these bureaucrats have been assigned re-employments during the said period?</p>	<p>As above</p>
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***Question No. 11 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 16/03/2026 at 2:30 PM) QID: 44365

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is fact that generally there is always difference in the prices of LPG fixed /announced by OGRA and those being charged by the dealers in Islamabad, if so, then please state the details, reasons for taking no action?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: It is apprised that OGRA in pursuance of the Rule 18(3) of LPG Rules 2001 determines and notifies price of LPG and enforces the same with the help of local administration, who have been authorized under section 29 of OGRA Ordinance 2002 to take action against overpricing of LPG.

In addition to above and keeping in view complaints/reports of price hike/overcharging of LPG, Provincial Governments, through their respective Chief Secretaries, time and again are requested to monitor and ensure that the notified LPG prices are being implemented at the LPG Storage & Filling Plants and at the LPG Distributors premises and to initiate action against profiteers under the above-stated LPG Rules, 2001, Petroleum Products (Petroleum levy) Ordinance, 1961, Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act 1977, PPC and any other applicable laws in the best interest of the general public.

***Question No. 13 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 26/03/2026 at 10:29 AM) QID: 44389

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

- (a) the details of the Quality of mobile and internet service in districts of Dir Upper, Lower and other districts of Malakand Division; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for it's improvements and action taken against the responsible companies on their poor quality of service during the last 3 years?*

Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja:

a) Malakand Division comprises nine districts, including Dir Upper and Dir Lower, with a population exceeding one million across 31,000 Sq. kilometer area. A total of 1,953 active BTS sites provide voice and data services. Surveys confirm satisfactory performance in towns, while rural areas face prolonged load shedding hours, OFC cuts, and O&M constraints. Load shedding remains a severe concern, depleting all three backup layers and necessitating DISCO support for express feeders., infrastructure is summarized below:

Malakand Division – Cellular Infrastructure					
District	Jazz	Telenor	Ufone	Zong	District Total
Bajaur	69	36	13	39	157
Chitral (Upper+Lower)	25	103	8	5	141
Lower Dir	100	134	18	128	380
Malakand	22	91	33	57	203
Swat	66	269	64	164	563
Upper Dir	53	77	8	39	177
Shangla	16	91	9	3	119
Buner	10	109	35	59	213
Operator Total	361	910	188	494	1953

11 sites in Bajaur, 5 in Lower Dir, 1 in Malakand, 2 in Swat, 1 in Upper Dir, and 4 in Shangla remain non-operational due to theft, vandalism, and prolonged outages. Restoration is actively coordinated with local notables and key stakeholders to ensure early resolution.

1. Summary of new sites installed in Malakand Division during last 3 years is appended below;

Malakand Division New Sites (Last 3 Years)					
District / CMO	Jazz	Telenor	Ufone	Zong	Grand Total
BAJAUR	8		2	30	40
BUNER	-	28	3	21	52
CHITRAL	4	4	-	-	8

LOWER DIR	17	-	2	40	59
MALAKAND	4	-	4	5	13
SHANGLA	-	13	-	-	13
SWAT	17	7	10	40	74
UPPER DIR	13	-	-	7	20
Grand Total	63	52	21	143	279

2. During the last three years, surveys were conducted across all nine districts of Malakand Division. The identified shortcomings were thoroughly analyzed and conveyed to the respective operators for rectification, which was accordingly performed. Moreover, the unserved and underserved areas identified during these surveys were also referred to the Universal Service Fund (USF) for consideration.

District	Surveys (Last 3 Years)
Upper Dir	Shirngal, Kumrat (2025); Akhagram (2024); Nusrat Khara (2025)
Lower Dir	11 UCs (2024); 8 locations (2025); 3 locations (2026)
Swat	Swat Expressway
Malakand	Malakand Pass (2025)
Upper Chitral	21 locations (2025); Surwaht (2024)
Lower Chitral	Same survey cycle as Upper Chitral
Bajaur	Complaint-based checks (2025)
Shangla	Besham QoS survey (Nov 2025); rollout survey (Jul 2025)
Buner	Daggar & Chagharzi surveys (2024–25)
Lower Dir, Swat & Upper Dir	CMPAK Rollout Verification (2026)
Swat, Lower Dir	Planned QoS Survey Madyan City (Lower Dir) & Mingora (Swat) – 2025
Swat, Upper Dir	Planned QoS Survey Mingora (Swat) & Upper Dir - 2024

b), A total of 379 surveys have been conducted during the last 3 years, including 243 quarterly planned, the details are provided below; In addition, over the past five years, 43 Show Cause Notices were issued, resulting in penalties totaling 68.9 million PKR.

Quality of Service (QoS) Surveys – Last 3 years		
Cities Surveyed	Show Cause Notices (SCNs)	Warning Letters
379	5 (Including Buner)	15

3. Measures being taken by PTA for improvement of service quality and connectivity nationwide include:

- **Spectrum Auction:** Spectrum availability expanded by 480 MHz (over 200% of previous resources), positioning Pakistan among leading countries.
- **QoS:** Auction outcomes will improve service quality, with 4G speeds rising from 4 Mbps to nearly 20 Mbps and initial 5G reaching up to 50 Mbps.
- **Rollout:** 5G coverage expanding progressively from capitals to additional cities.
- **Yearly Network Expansion:** Rollout obligations of 1,000 sites annually, with 20% at new locations to close coverage gaps.
- **Infrastructure Expansion:** Over 12,000 sites installed/upgraded in the last five years.
- **Technology Upgrades:** Transition from 2G to 4G, introduction of VoLTE/VoWiFi, Massive MIMO, and 3G phase-out.
- **Universal Service Fund (USF):** Provision of connectivity to unserved and underserved areas through USF-funded projects.
- **National Roaming Initiatives:** Coverage expansion along highways and rural areas under consideration.
- **Fiberization:** Fiber-to-site ratio to rise from 20% to 35%, strengthening capacity and service quality. Future auctions and licensing for AJ&K and GB will carry similar rollout obligations, ensuring nationwide symmetry.
- **Infrastructure Sharing & MVNO Framework:** Approved frameworks to reduce costs, enhance competition, and improve QoS.
- **Crowdsourced QoS and QoE:** PTA has adopted Open signal for independent, crowd-sourced QoS and QoE analytics, complementing regulatory oversight with global best practices.
- **OSS KPI (System Parameters):** PTA also analyzes OSS KPIs of all CMOs quarterly to gauge the overall performance meet benchmarks with no major issues, except lower network availability due to prolonged load shedding.
- **Complaint Management System (CMS):** PTA operates a Complaint Management System (CMS) for consumer grievances, accessible via website, toll-free number (0800-55055), mobile app, and fax. Details of complaints is placed at **Annex-A**.

In conclusion, PTA continues to work diligently through a multifaceted approach to improve telephone and internet services nationwide. While steady progress is being achieved, challenges such as security constraints, inflation, power outages, theft, and network closures may affect the pace of improvements. PTA remains committed to continuous monitoring and targeted interventions in coordination with CMOs, and nomination of focal persons may further facilitate timely identification and rectification of specific issues.

Operator wise QoS related complaints data received during (Jan 2023 - Dec 2025)				
District	Ufone	Jazz	Telenor	Zong
Bajaur	3	30	16	18
Buner	39	8	117	53
Chitral	12	12	117	3
Lower Dir	15	42	60	52
Malakand	21	17	61	29
Shangla	11	15	62	5
Swat	23	29	112	66
Upper Dir	3	45	87	50
Total Complaints	127	198	632	276

***Question No. 14 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 2/04/2026 at 1:18 PM) QID: 44317

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the details of the audit objections/amount against the Pakistan Cricket Board and the action taken against the higher responsible functionaries on their negligence/ involvement during the last 3 years along with pending Paras and amount therein?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:

Requisite information in respect of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is as follows:

Audit Year	Total Audit Objections		Settled Objections		Pending Objections	
	No. of Paras	Amount (Rs)	# of Paras	Amount	No. of Paras	Amount (Rs)
2024-25	14	6,174,352,602	1	3,003,013,373	13	3,171,339,229
2023-24	4	2,041,553,642	3	2,032,315,542	1	9,238,229
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Total	44	25,964,677,377	7	11,672,225,596	37	14,295,451,781

With reference to the Federal Audit Report FY 2022-23, PCB has reported that in compliance with PAC Sub Committee Directives during its meeting held on 2nd July, 2025, the requisite record pertaining to remaining 23 audit paras was furnished to the office of DG, Federal Audit on 3rd December, 2025.

PCB administration has pledged vigorous efforts for resolving the audit paras through the procedure prescribed.

Annexure-A

PCB/Admin&Coord/CD/2026
29th April 2026

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SUBJECT: Senate Question No. 14 moved by Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan

Further to PCB's reply dated 16th April 2026 and Cabinet Division's letter No. 4-2/2025-PCB-ORG-II dated 22 April 2026 concerning Senate Question No. 14 raised by Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan, wherein submission of details for FY 2022-23 was requested which has now been updated in below table:

Audit Year	Total Audit Objections		Objections Settled		Pending Audit Objections	
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With reference to Federal Audit Report FY 2022-23, it may be noted that in compliance with PAC Sub Committee Directives in its meeting held on 2nd July 2025, the requisite record pertaining to remaining 23 audit paras was furnished to the office of DG Federal Audit on 3rd December 2025. However, despite submission of various requests, the verification results are still awaited. (Copy attached for ready reference)

PCB management is vigorously following up with the office of DG Federal Audit and outcome will be shared upon receipt of verification results.

For and on behalf of PCB,

Aamir Ashfaq
Manager Coordination

cc: Chief Operating Officer, PCB
Chief Financial Officer, PCB

Ref: - PCB/CFA/113
18th March 2026

The Director General, Federal Audit
Directorate General Audit, Federal Government,
Federal Audit Complex,
17-Mauve Area, G-8/1,
Islamabad.

Dear Sir,

**Request for issuance of verification results related to
Federal Audit Report – 2022-23**

It is submitted that in compliance with PAC Sub Committee Directives in its meeting held on 2nd July 2025, the requisite record pertaining to 23 pending audit paras of Federal Audit Report issued by AGP in Audit Year 2022-23 was furnished to Verification Officer on 3rd December 2025.

In such connection, as earlier requested vide our letter Ref. No. PCB/CFA/112 dated 19th February 2026, we shall be extremely grateful if the verification results are shared with this office for our record, reference, information and further necessary action please.

Best regards,



(JAVED MURTAZA)
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Coordinator Federal Affairs, PCB – Please coordinate

ISLAMABAD,
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SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Thursday, the 7th May, 2026**

Question No. 1 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 16/03/2026 at 2:35 PM) QID: 44370

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designations, CNIC number, age, pay and allowances of the officials/ persons accompanying the Cricket Team to the current ICC T 20 World Cup 2026 Tournament; and*
- (b) *the names, designations, pay and allowances of the Members of Selection Board?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) & (b) According to Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), the information sought vide parts (a) and (b) of the subject question including CNIC numbers, age, and detailed pay and allowances of players and officials, fall within the category of sensitive personal and confidential information disclosure of which pertains to the privacy and security of individuals associated with the Board that may cause unnecessary hype and attention.

In view of the foregoing, the PCB has requested that the requisite information can be shared through an in-camera briefing before the Honorable forum, if so desired.

Question No. 2 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:
(Notice Received on 18/03/2026 at 2:21 PM) QID: 44315

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the assets Declaration of the SAPM and Advisors to PM during the last 2 years?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Asset declarations of the following Advisors and Special Assistants to the Prime Minister are available with the Cabinet Division:

Advisers:

- (1) Rana Sana Ullah Khan
- (2) Mr. Muhammad Ali
- (3) Mr. Pervez Khattak

Special Assistants to the Prime Minister:

- (1) Syed Tariq Fatemi
- (2) Ambassador (retd) Muhammad Sadiq
- (3) Mr. Tariq Bajwa
- (4) Mr. Huzaiifa Rehman
- (5) Mr. Mubarak Zeb
- (6) Mr. Talha Burki
- (7) Mr. Fahd Haroon

Question No. 3 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:
(Notice Received on 1/04/2026 at 1:15 PM) QID: 44316

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the details of the copies of the Assets Declarations

of the Grade 20 PAS officers posted in Punjab during the last 4 years?

Mr. Ahad Khan Cheema: “It is submitted that Asset Declarations are required to be submitted under relevant provisions of the Government Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1964. The Personal data of the officers is protected under Section 7(g) of the Right to Information Act, 2017. Currently, the Government Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1964 are under revision for strengthening the Asset Declaration regime and for specifying the modalities for digital filing and public disclosure, giving due regard to the balance between public interest for good governance and an individual’s privacy and security.

As of today, 54 officers of PAS/BS-20 are posted in Punjab for the last four years. Out of them, 18 officers have submitted their complete declaration of assets.”

ISLAMABAD,
the 6th May, 2026

SYED HASNAIN HAIDER,
Secretary.