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SENATE SECRETARIAT

"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Friday, the 21st August, 2026

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

[Questions No. 5, 6, 8, 12 and 10]
were deferred on 7th May, 2026 (361st Session)

(Def.)* 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.

(Def.)* 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: The Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications is pleased to submit that broadband connectivity through satellite is a key component of Pakistan's digital strategy, enabling reliable high-speed internet in remote and underserved areas, while supporting telecom backhaul, improving network resilience, and advancing digital inclusion.

Satellite communications in Pakistan are governed under the National Space Policy, under which the Pakistan Space Activities Regulatory Board (PSARB) is mandated to develop the regulatory framework for satellite systems, while the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) is responsible for licensing telecommunication services. In this regard, a comprehensive regulatory regime is currently in advanced stages of finalization. The draft Satellite Communications Regulations, including provisions for NGSO/LEO systems, have been prepared by PSARB and are undergoing final consultations, while PTA has developed the Fixed Satellite Services (FSS) licensing framework, which is at an advanced stage and expected to be presented before the Federal Cabinet shortly.

The proposed regulatory framework aligns with international best practices and provides a transparent, technology-neutral, and investment-friendly environment for both GSO and LEO/NGSO operators, while ensuring compliance with national spectrum management and security requirements. The FSS licensing framework will enable satellite broadband, backhaul, bandwidth provision, and corporate data services, thereby supporting a comprehensive satellite-enabled connectivity ecosystem.

It is further submitted that several leading global satellite operators, including SpaceX (Starlink), OneWeb, Shanghai Spacecom

Satellite Technology, and Sateliot, have shown interest in entering the Pakistani market. Starlink has already registered with SECP, while other operators have been advised to initiate SECP registration prior to PSARB registration. PSARB is actively engaged with the Frequency Allocation Board (FAB) and PTA to ensure alignment of spectrum allocation and licensing processes.

(Def.)* 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

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- **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 directive 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.

Annexure-A

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

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 acquistion of the assets, other directly attributable costs, including site dismantling & restoration costs. It also includes costs of softwares that is embeded 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.

Annexure-B

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	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

(Def.)* Question No. 12 **Senator Jan Muhammad:
(Notice Received on 18/03/2026 at 10:42 AM) QID: 44057

Will the Minister Incharge of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of foreign direct investment (FDI) received in Pakistan since the establishment of the SIFC, along with details of foreign and local companies whose investment proposals were processed by SIFC, indicating the amount of

investment actually materialised from each and the amount still under negotiation or at the MoU / LoI stage; and

(b) whether any of the negotiated or approved investments have been delayed or cancelled during this period and, if so, the reasons therefor?

Minister Incharge of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC): (a) The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) was established on 20th June 2023 as a whole-of-government facilitation platform to improve investor confidence, resolve inter-agency bottlenecks and fast-track investment proposals. Since its establishment, Pakistan has received approximately US$ 6.24 billion net FDI from FY24 to July-April FY26, while gross FDI inflows during the same period stood at approximately US$ 10.41 billion, as per State Bank of Pakistan data.

Period	Net FDI	Gross FDI Inflow
FY-24	US$ 2.347 bn	US$ 3.166 bn
FY-25	US$ 2.477 bn	US$ 4.268 bn
FY-Apr FY26	US$ 1.410 bn	US$ 2.978 bn
Total	**US$ 6.235 bn**	**US$ 10.412 bn**

SIFC has processed and facilitated investment proposals across priority sectors including mines & minerals, energy, agriculture, IT & telecom, infrastructure, industry, financial services and privatization-linked opportunities. These include both foreign investors and local sponsors/partners. However, company-wise disclosure of proposals at MoU, Letter of Intent, negotiation, due diligence, financing closure or regulatory approval stage involves commercially sensitive information, investor confidentiality, and ongoing inter-governmental / private-sector negotiations.

Actual materialized FDI is reflected in SBP’s statistics attached at **Annex-I**, whereas proposals under negotiation or MoU/Lol stage remain contingent upon completion of due diligence, regulatory approvals, financial close, land/utility arrangements and corporate investment decisions. The achievements of SIFC are attached at **Annex-II**.

(b) While a number of investment proposals facilitated through SIFC have progressed successfully toward implementation, certain projects and negotiations have experienced delays, restructuring, deferment or. in limited cases, non-materialization. Such developments are not uncommon in large-scale domestic and foreign investment processes and generally arise due to commercial, regulatory. technical or global market considerations rather than any policy reversal by the Government.

The principal factors contributing to delays or deferment include changes in global economic and financial conditions, fluctuations in commodity and energy markets, financing and financial close requirements, land acquisition and utility connectivity issues, evolving business viability assessments by investors, and compliance with applicable regulatory and legal frameworks. In some cases, investors opted to re-evaluate timelines or investment scale in light of international market conditions and geopolitical developments.

It is pertinent to mention that SIFC continues to actively engage with relevant Federal and Provincial stakeholders to resolve bottlenecks, facilitate approvals, improve coordination, and provide an enabling investment environment aimed at maximizing conversion of proposals into actualized investments.

Annex-I

TOTAL INVESTMENTS OF SCHEDULED BANKS (STOCK)* (Rupees in Millions)

[illegible]	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Trend
2002	328,881	362,842	399,657	390,813	432,510	471,020	536,300	559,542	601,577	601,044	605,832	625,201	
2003	638,583	663,316	688,138	691,313	694,598	723,626	764,572	781,718	804,115	771,080	727,910	745,291	
2004	732,008	743,778	757,615	770,030	773,361	712,215	780,821	776,509	771,107	675,617	644,368	626,046	
2005	602,519	646,996	652,473	670,990	658,202	716,119	772,187	748,250	766,550	730,330	697,669	730,067	
2006	755,725	759,919	793,157	827,850	821,399	794,584	830,799	799,285	790,057	790,558	824,966	775,546	
2007	794,483	872,426	929,454	1,022,787	1,048,978	1,115,913	1,167,897	1,197,115	1,245,411	1,243,254	1,213,543	1,210,920	
2008	1,201,526	1,163,455	1,107,028	1,060,154	975,761	1,007,529	1,060,396	1,030,846	930,875	921,043	929,016	980,984	
2009	1,030,607	1,094,731	1,148,225	1,264,779	1,290,857	1,348,807	1,375,253	1,383,107	1,506,609	1,556,201	1,600,646	1,644,635	
2010	1,673,380	1,674,354	1,704,831	1,705,274	1,736,724	1,804,345	1,863,034	1,796,333	1,820,063	1,869,661	1,890,000	2,101,635	
2011	2,124,669	2,125,841	2,202,311	2,125,160	2,341,433	2,547,524	2,592,727	2,657,339	2,763,999	2,711,029	2,961,869	2,970,283	
2012	3,046,756	3,037,332	3,088,998	3,055,307	3,134,079	3,171,006	3,347,336	3,389,697	3,658,326	3,756,487	3,784,589	3,888,987	
2013	3,990,115	3,908,786	4,024,491	3,892,688	3,941,648	4,128,917	3,836,590	3,708,056	3,873,366	3,776,080	4,035,484	4,069,798	
2014	4,217,223	4,442,752	4,503,098	4,466,656	4,221,013	4,360,507	4,406,077	4,375,348	4,468,963	4,492,817	4,832,103	5,108,228	
2015	5,422,406	5,585,830	5,704,377	5,752,481	5,595,050	5,812,496	6,076,622	6,293,028	6,447,553	6,509,464	6,626,016	6,725,648	
2016	6,819,172	7,019,511	7,163,554	6,822,193	7,128,572	7,542,990	7,067,603	7,114,162	7,373,881	7,191,451	7,053,150	7,233,328	
2017	7,373,846	7,467,211	7,669,863	7,794,310	7,849,355	8,166,143	7,988,807	8,144,838	8,337,973	8,341,985	8,475,162	8,541,521	
2018	7,637,035	8,126,896	6,853,021	7,784,402	6,732,834	8,178,723	7,785,159	6,893,481	6,676,682	5,525,271	5,459,196	7,583,240	
2019	5,223,417	7,497,871	5,750,987	6,230,162	7,299,989	7,624,217	8,730,779	8,018,921	9,269,086	7,917,547	7,885,876	8,801,134	
2020**	8,366,193	8,725,394	9,296,980	9,793,575	10,382,024	10,681,288	10,808,949	10,868,896	11,090,130	10,942,095	11,070,690	11,552,046	
2021	11,420,536	11,611,627	12,553,167	12,417,726	13,067,511	13,742,100	14,101,886	13,901,747	14,096,375	13,796,221	13,556,306	14,123,867	
2022	14,424,277	14,541,497	15,012,223	15,210,496	15,556,082	17,419,398	17,608,498	18,182,771	17,483,776	18,285,357	18,482,503	17,901,610	
2023	19,293,125	18,992,655	19,215,683	19,694,989	20,143,926	20,895,614	21,467,558	22,016,318	22,621,718	23,232,046	24,586,610	25,279,842	
2024	25,603,376	25,448,955	26,270,289	27,281,509	28,923,088	30,171,045	30,431,173	31,032,768	30,699,178	28,938,324	29,026,269	29,129,206	
2025	30,022,772	31,213,435	32,384,042	33,203,950	34,626,380	36,571,362	36,191,119	36,302,550	35,815,781	36,547,085	36,731,941	37,909,720	
2026	38,838,851	39,156,200	39,126,586										

*Source: Weekly Statement of Position which covers domestic operations of scheduled banks

** Data from July 2020 onwards is for month end as per Monthly Statement of Position which covers domestic operations of scheduled banks

http://www.sbp.org.pk/ecodata/investments.pdf

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Annex-II

ACHIEVEMENTS OF SIFC

Overview:

Since, establishment of SIFC on 19th June, 2023, approximately USD 2.3 Billion of FDI inflows have been recorded by the State Bank of Pakistan for the period i.e. July, 2023 to June, 2024. Accordingly, FDI inflows witnessed a notable resurgence during the aforesaid period rising by 44.2% compared to $1.6 billion in 2022-23. The growth was driven by vigorous investments in various sectors especially in oil and gas exploration ($351.1 million), power sector ($649.7 million), hydel projects ($428.1 million) and thermal initiatives ($126.0 million). The financial business sector also saw significant inflows ($624.9 million), reflecting confidence in Pakistan's banking and financial infrastructure. Additionally, sectors like electronics ($36.8 million) and tobacco ($84.3 million) contributed to diversification, underscoring broader investor interest in both traditional and emerging industries. Geographically, China remained Pakistan's largest FDI partner, followed by UK, USA, HK, Switzerland, UAE, Italy and so on.

PROJECTS

SIFC has rigorously worked with relevant Ministries and stakeholders to identify, execute new and blocked **investment projects** in the fields of Agriculture, Minerals, IT & Telecommunication, Energy (Petroleum & Power), Industry, Tourism, Privatization, Health, Human Resource Development, Trade & Connectivity for pitching the same to investors. Moreover, the following key projects are in process:

- Initiation of commercial operations of 150 MW solar plants in Sukkur
- Signing of 8 PCAs & Exploration Licenses for new exploration blocks
- Heavy Electric Complex – Successful completion of Rs. 1.4 billion transactions in Jan 2024
- Cleared road-map for divestment of PIA & Privatization of First Women Bank, DISCOs
- In-principle approval of Solar Captive Power Project - FIEDMC
- E-Rozgar Programme – to establish 10,000 E-Rozgar centers to boast IT Exports
- Pakistan Startup Fund – to provide equity free capital to assist startups in closing VC rounds

IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS

Some very positive developments in collaboration with friendly countries have taken place under SIFC which are worth mentioning. These include:

- Joint Venture Agreement for PMDC and Miracle Saltworks Collective Inc (USA) for Pink Salt Value addition signed.
- Signing of 7 multi-billion-dollar MOUs with UAE in the areas of food & agriculture, mining, energy, banking & finance, waste water treatment, logistics & port operations
- Signing of 7 Framework Agreements with Kuwait for three water sector projects (i) Ghazi Barotha Hydroelectric project; (ii) minerals development of Chaghi (iii) Islamabad/Rawalpindi Water Supply, besides Mangrove Preservation Project, Technology Zone Development, Food Security Project, and establishment of a Mining Fund
- TAPI Project all agreements - HGA, GTA, and PSR finalized to be signed by March 2024

POLICY INTERVENTIONS

- Launch of Land Information Management System – Plan to access 10 million farmers
- Approval of new **VISA** Policy including immediate issuance of 6-month VISA in 24 hours
- Anti-Theft Power Campaigns has led to recovery of PKR 85.7 billion (31 Jan)
- Plan for enhancing Electric Vehicles Eco-system
- Approval of National Framework for Telecom Infrastructure sharing
- Enhancement of export proceeds retention limit from 35% to 50% for IT companies
- Formulation of National Space Policy and rules – approved by Cabinet
- Formulation of STZA board – lack was hindering registration of 124 companies' in STZs.
- Approval for Uniform Right of Way (ROW) charges, paving way for Telecom Sector
- Appointment of Investment Ombudsmen – Rules approved – appointment in final stages.
- Establishment of National Seed Development & Regulatory Authority.
- Cannabis Control & Regulatory Authority (CCRA)
- Empowering IRSA (Amendment in IRSA Act)
- Aqua Culture Policy (Export of inland catch)
- Brownfield Refinery Upgradation Policy
- RLNG Supply to New Domestic Consumers
- Regulatory Framework for Battery Storage
- WACOG Implementation, increasing gas prices to curtail circular debt

Bilateral Engagement with Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Pak-KSA Business Forum was held in Islamabad from 9-11 October 2024. KSA delegation was led by H.E. Khalid Al-Falih, Minister for Investment, KSA. The forum witnessed participation of 130 delegates (71 delegates from 52 Private sector companies and 59 delegates from 21 government entities) specializing in ICT, mining, energy, real estate, construction, agriculture and HR.

From Pakistan, 134 private sector companies engaged in B2B meetings with their Saudi counterparts to explore potential JV opportunities. This forum not only facilitated discussions on projects of mutual interest but also culminated in the signing of 34 B2B MoUs between Pakistani and Saudi companies, collectively valued at USD 2.8 billion. With the concerted efforts of SIFC, lead ministries and private entities, 10 MoUs have been successfully transformed into agreements and endeavors are underway to expedite the conversion of remaining MoUs.

In November 2024, 2nd Pak-KSA Joint Task Force (JTF) meeting was held in Saudi Arabia which provided a platform to engage with Saudi authorities and discuss bilateral investment and economic partnerships. In G2G domain, 11 projects spanning the mining, power, communication and IT sectors are currently under deliberation. Periodic progress reports are shared with counterparts to ensure timely achievement of project milestones. Moreover, legacy issues are also being resolved.

Bilateral engagements with UAE and Kuwait

- A number of economic & investment initiative have been undertaken with UAE from the pedestal of SIFC during last two years.
- During the Prime Minister's visit to UAE on 27/11/23, MOUs in the areas of Mining, Banking & Financial Services, Wastewater Treatment, Food & Agriculture, Energy (Hydro and Power Transmission), logistics / communications and Port Operations were signed. Out of these, there is a considerable progress on Projects in the fields of Mining and Banking & Finance Services
- A number of strategic Initiatives with AD Ports / ADQ and DP World ex UAE are underway in the areas of Railways / Logistics, Maritime, SEZs and Airports; which are progressing well. High-level delegations of both the groups have also visited Pakistan during the said period.

- Recent meetings at Premiere level in UAE as well as following-up successful visit by the UAE's Crown Prince is testimony to improved economic cooperation & positive trajectory between the two brotherly countries.

- Sensing importance of Economic Relationship with UAE, the Prime Minister has constituted a special committee under DPM/ FM to prepare Roadmap for extending Economic & Investment cooperation with the UAE. Also, Joint Task Force is also being established at Secretary Level at both sides.
- In order to rigorously pursue these initiatives and transform these MoUs into reality, the Prime Minister has designed Mr. Ahad Cheema Federal Minister for Economic Affairs as the focal Minister for UAE.

- At SIFC, a dedicated UAE Desk is established which is pursuing all above mentioned projects / initiatives. It is worth mentioning that all 5 x MOUs / Agreements signed during the Visit of UAE's Crown Prince were initiated from the pedestal of SIFC.

- **Kuwait:** During the Prime Minister's visit to Kuwait on 29/11/23. Investment Cooperation agreements in the areas of Power, Mining, Ports, Banking and Finance. Waste Management, Food and Agriculture and Logistics were signed. Renewed efforts are being undertaken to engage the Kuwaiti side after the new Government has been in place. Kuwait is interested in importing live animals from Pakistan, the necessary actions in this regard are being taken by the relevant stakeholders at their end.,Prime Minister has designated Mr. Aleem Khan, Federal Minister for Privatization and Investment as focal Minister for Kuwait.

Bilateral Engagements CARs and Russia

- Pak enjoys good bilateral relations with CARs, as per following details: -

- **Azerbaijan.**
  - ✓ Azerbaijan's president visited Pak in Jul 24, and promised to invest $ 2bns in Pak.
  - ✓ The PM of Pak, visited Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan in Feb 25.
  - ✓ 13x MoUs of bilateral interests got singed.
  - ✓ Min of eco of Azerbaijan visited Pak.
  - ✓ During these visit bilateral engagements took place with respective stakeholders.
  - ✓ Maj areas of Collaboration with Azerbaijan are Connectivity, Mines and mineral, Oil & Gas, public services areas and real estate.
  - ✓ Azeri present visit to Pak is expected in May 25.
- **Uzbekistan.**
  - ✓ PM of Pak visited Uzbekistan in Feb 25.

- ✓ Maj areas of collaboration with Uzbekistan are Mines and minerals, Uzbek, Afg and Pak Rly Proj and increase bilateral trade up to $ 2bn.
- ✓ Comprehensive trade roadmap has been prepared to boost bilateral trade b/w both ctys.

- **Kazakhstan**
  - ✓ Bilateral engagements b/w both ctys is a regular feature.
  - ✓ 13th session of Pak- Kazak IGC held in Pak on 28 Apr 24.
  - ✓ 8x MoUs got signed in fd of education, oil and gas, connectivity, trade & twining of cities.

✓ **Tajikistan**

  - ✓ Both govts are in active collaborations with each others.
  - ✓ Recent undergoing proj is CASA -1000 with govt of Tajikistan.

- **Russia**
  - ✓ Russia is also being engaged on multiple fronts of political and govt lvls.
  - ✓ 9th IGC on trade and scientific cooperation held in Moscow in Dec 24.
  - ✓ Dy min of Pet Mr Paul Sorokin visited pak in Feb 25.
  - ✓ 13x MoUs of bilateral interest got signed by both govts.

Bilateral engagements with Qatar

- During the last visit of the Prime Minister in October 2024, Qatari side has shown interest in Mines & Minerals, Livestock and Tourism & hospitality. Formal Invitation has also been extended to Qatar Business Association (QBA) by Minister of Commerce, Pakistan to visit Pakistan. A pitch book is under process for sharing with the Qatari side.

Bilateral engagements with Turkiye

- Turkish companies have undertaken a number of flag-ship projects in the mass transport (Metro Bus), municipal services (solid waste management), infrastructure (motorways, water treatment plants etc), and consultancy (Dasu, Warsak, Mohmand hydropower projects). Turkish companies have demonstrated keen interest in infrastructure development including motorways, toll roads, airport construction and management as well as in health and energy sector (with the financing of Turkish EXIM Bank). Coca-Cola İçecek Pakistan (CCI), Hayat Kimya Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd., Arçelik A.Ş., (Dawlance), Zorlu Energy, Albayrak, and Platform Turizm are some of the major Turkish companies who have established their footprint in Pakistan.

- One of the landmark Turkish investment in electrical home appliances sector was the acquisition of Dawlance Pakistan by Arcelik (KoC Holding) in 2014-16. In the last three years, M/s Hayat Kimya has also established their manufacturing facility in FMCG/hygiene products in one of the SEZs in Faisalabad.

- SIFC has facilitated the Turkish Companies operating in Pakistan and has successfully resolved the issues. To name a few Hayat Kimya, Platform Tousizm and Zorlu.

Bilateral engagements with China

- Following major groups of China have been actively engaged for the progress of the projects as mentioned against each:-
  - ✓ Chinese Xinjiang Batic Group / Iron Brothers - Development of GB SEZ
  - ✓ Shandong Ruyi Group – Establishment of Textile Parks in Punjab and Sind
  - ✓ CAEDA – Establishment of Trade Z with Service Centre in Karachi (Relocation of Chinese Sunset Industries)
  - ✓ Shandong Xinxui Group – Karachi Industrial Park Project (1000 acres) and Establishment of Vocational University in Islamabad

- **Conduct of Roadshows in China**
  - ✓ 6 x Roadshows have been conducted by Pak Embassy in China in 2024 (planned investment of approx USD 600 Mn).
  - ✓ 8 x such Roadshows related to different sectors have been planned in 2025 to attract Chinese investors / increase Chinese outward FDI in Pakistan.

@**(Def.)* Question No. 10 **Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**
(Notice Received on 7/04/2026 at 3:47 PM) QID: 44424

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

(a) *the amount of funds collected by the federal and provincial governments from the auction of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) permits for Markhor and Ibex hunting for the fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25;*

(b) *whether there is any central audit mechanism in place to verify that the 80% share allocated to local communities is actually utilized for conservation and community development, if so, the details thereof; and*

(c) *the amount / percentage of the government's share of these funds specifically allocated for ex-situ conservation (captive breeding centers) and habitat protection for the Astore and Kashmir Markhor subspecies during the last three years?*

@ Transferred from Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

Mr. Musadik Masood Malik: (a) The Federal Government does not collect any revenue from the trophy hunting programme. Under the approved trophy hunting policy, 80% of the revenue generated is allocated to the local communities, while the remaining 20% is retained by the respective Provincial Wildlife Departments.

The revenue generated during the fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

Provinces	Name of Species	Hunting Season	Total Auction Price
Gilgit Baltistan	Markhor, Ibex	2023-2024	309596708 PKR
		2024-2025	310631980 PKR
Sindh	Ibex	2023-2024	6100 USD
		2024-2025	5100 USD
Balochistan	Suleiman Markhor	2023-2024	245,741,650 PKR
	Sindh Ibex		41,559,765 PKR
	Suleiman Markhor	2024-2025	432,175,100 PKR
	Sindh Ibex		40,089,865 PKR
KP	Markhor	2023-2024	657,900 USD
		2024-2025	925000 USD

(b) There is no central audit mechanism at the Federal Government level to verify the utilization of the 80% share allocated to local communities. The disbursement and utilization of these funds are administered by the respective Provincial Wildlife Departments in accordance with the applicable provincial trophy hunting policies and relevant laws.

(c) The Government's share of the funds allocated for ex-situ conservation (captive breeding center) and habitat protection of the Astore and Kashmir Markhor subspecies is administered by the respective Provincial Wildlife Departments in accordance with the applicable provincial trophy hunting policies and relevant legal framework.

*Question No. 20 **Senator Asad Qasim:**
(Notice Received on 24/06/2026 at 12:13 PM) QID: 44300

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

(a) to briefly outline the induction policy for provincial officers into the Federal Government; and

(b) to provide, for the last five years, a year-wise and province-wise breakdown of officers inducted into the Federal Service through the Federal Government's induction policy, along with the sanctioned quota allocated to each province?

Mr. Ahad Khan Cheema: (a) In order to fulfil the demands of PCS/PMS officers and to provide them an avenue for induction in Pakistan Administrative Service, the Civil Service of Pakistan (Composition and Cadre) Rules, 1954 have been amended in consultation with the provinces and induction of PMS/PCS officers is being made in light of rule 7(2) of the Rules ibid through FPSC. The Rule ibid is reproduced hereunder:

"7 (2) The officers of provincial management services or provincial civil services, i.e. executive and secretariat services, of the Provinces, Azad Jammu and Kashmir management group and secretariat group and district management service and office management service of Gilgit-Baltistan, recruited directly in BPS-17 through respective public service commission having minimum of 12 years' service in BPS-17 and above who held a cadre post for a period of 5 years and presently holding post in BPS-19 in the respective service on regular basis shall be eligible for appointment in the Service in BPS19 on recommendations of the Federal Public Service Commission in the prescribed manner:

Provided that the appointments under this sub-rule shall not exceed 30% of the apportioned share of the Service in Federal sub-cadre in BPS-19 and above."

Federal Public Service Commission vide SRO No. 274(I)/2021 dated 23-02-2021 issued the PMS / PCS Induction into Pakistan Administrative Service Rules, 2020.

(b) The requisite information is at **Annex-I**.

Annex-I

2022 BATCH

S. No	Name of Officer	Domicile
1.	Mr. Mansoor Ahmad	Punjab
2.	Mr. Muhammad Tariq Qureshi	Punjab
3.	Mr. Mehr Shahid Zaman	Punjab
4.	Mr. Dadlo Zuhrani	Sindh (Rural)
5.	Mr. Muhammad Amir Ansari	Sindh (Urban)
6.	Mr. Faisal Ahsan Pirzada	Sindh (Urban)
7.	Mr. Rasheed Masood Khan	Balochistan
8.	Mr. Riaz Ahmad	Balochistan
9.	Mr. Abid ullah	KPK
10.	Mr. Najeeb Alam	GB

23 BATCH

S. No.	Name of Officer	Domicile
1.	Mr. Aamir Hussain Ghazi	Punjab
2.	Mr. Sajjad Ahmed	Punjab
3.	Mr. Muhammad Tariq Masood Farooka	Punjab
4.	Mr. Muhammad Jafar Ali Khan	Punjab
5.	Mr. Kashif Muhammad Ali Hashmi	Punjab
6.	Mr. Muhammad Naeem Khan	KPK
7.	Mr. Khalid Iqbal	KPK
8.	Sardar Asad Haroon	KPK
9.	Mr. Khalid Khan	KPK
10.	Mr. Muhammad Shakeel	KPK
11.	Mr. Basharat Ahmad	KPK
12.	Mr. Muhammad Riaz Khan	Ex-FATA
13.	Mr. Esfandyar Baloch	Balochistan
14.	Mr. Atiq Ur Rehman	Balochistan
15.	Mr. Kashif Hussain	AJK

2025 BATCH

S. No.	Name of Officer	Domicile
1.	Mr. Mahmood ul Hassan	Punjab
2.	Mr. Khizar Hayat	Punjab
3.	Mr. Khalid Parvaiz	Punjab
4.	Mr. Touqeer Haider Kazmi	Punjab
5.	Dr. Muhammad Bakhsh Alias Raja	Sindh (R)
6.	Mr. Shahzeb Shaikh	Sindh (U)
7.	Dr. Syed Muhammad Ali	Sindh (U)
8.	Mr. Umar Muhammad Khan	AJ&K

SANCTIONED REGIONAL / PROVINCIAL QUOTA

Province / Region	Provincial / Regional Quota
Punjab	50%
Sindh (U)	8.2%
Sindh (R)	12.3%
KPK	12.5%
Balochistan	8%
FATA	4.25%
GB	1.75%
AJK	3%

*Question No. 21 **Senator Shahadat Awan:**
(Notice Received on 30/06/2026 at 11:23 AM) QID: 44785

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state the area of the Botanical Garden, Islamabad, indicating also the date when the boundary pillars and iron fencing/welding bars around the said area were constructed/installed and the expenditure incurred thereon?

Mr. Musadik Masood Malik: The area of Botanical Garden is 725Acre, the construction of the boundary wall; pillars and grills were started in January-2018 and completed in June-2019. the total expenditure was incurred 103.494 million rupees.

*Question No. 22 **Senator Shahadat Awan:**
(Notice Received on 30/06/2026 at 11:24 AM) QID: 44784

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of iron bars/fencing panels installed in the Botanical Garden, Islamabad between the boundary pillars have been stolen, removed or damaged, if so, the details of security arrangements for the protection of the said government property indicating also the action taken against the person responsible for the said damage and the officials found negligent?

Mr. Musadik Masood Malik: It is submitted that the boundary wall of the National Zoo-Cum-Botanical Garden (NZCBG), Banni Gala, Islamabad, comprising boundary pillars, masonry work and iron grills/fencing panels, was completed on 30 June 2019. Since its completion, various portions of the boundary wall, including iron grills/fencing panels and pillars, have been damaged or washed away at different locations mainly due to heavy monsoon rains, land sliding, natural erosion and unauthorized human/livestock trespassing. In addition, some iron grills/fencing panels were stolen by unknown persons. The matter was immediately reported to the concerned Police Station and FIRs/complaints were lodged accordingly. Two cases are under legal proceedings before the honorable court.

It is also pertinent to mentioned here that 7 complaints were reported and two FIRs were lodged regarding damage/removal of iron grills of ZCBG. Both FIRs are still pending before the Police Station concerned and no final outcome has been reported while the reported complaints were resolved by the Police through mutual understanding, and the grills were re-installed by the Police.

Moreover, a total of 12 civil suits filed during the period from 2005 2018 were clubbed and settled pursuant to the Suo-Moto of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan. However, two court cases are still pending before the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

The land measuring approximately 725 acres was allotted by CDA to ZSP for establishment of the Zoo-Cum-Botanical Garden and was re-demarcated by the Survey of Pakistan. Following encroachments, joint anti-encroachment operations were carried out by the ICT Administration, CDA and ZSP pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in HRC No. 6465/2017, resulting in retrieval of the encroached state land. The retrieved land is presently in the possession of ZSP.

As regards security arrangements, there is presently no sanctioned Watch & Ward staff for the approximately 14-kilometre-long boundary wall of ZCBG. ZSP had submitted PC-IV after completion of the boundary wall, requesting creation of 15 Security Guard posts and 02 Area Supervisor posts for effective protection and surveillance of the Government land and boundary wall. However, the proposal could not be approved. In the absence of dedicated security staff, ZSP has been deputing its available clerical and Class-IV/field staff for watch and ward duties, in addition to their regular assignments.

An assessment of the damaged/missing boundary grills, pillars and portions of the base wall was also carried out by the Ministry of Climate

Change & Environmental Coordination. The assessment attributed the damage mainly to heavy rains, rainwater flow, land sliding, natural erosion, unauthorized trespassing and theft. Damaged pillars recovered from different locations have been collected and are being repaired /reinstalled, subject to availability of resources.

No official has so far been established as negligent in the matter. The available staff have been performing watch and ward duties within the limited human resources available to the Department. Legal action was promptly initiated in cases of theft by unknown persons.

It is further submitted that Rs. 800 million has been allocated under the Up-scaling Green Pakistan Programme for development of the National Botanical Garden. A consultant has prepared the Master Plan, detailed designs/drawings, Management Plan, Business Plan and PC-I for Phase-I, which is under process for endorsement by the Planning Division. Tender documents have also been finalized. Upon approval of the PC-I and creation of the requisite posts, dedicated Watch & Ward staff will be hired for effective surveillance and security of the boundary wall of ZCBG.

Copies of relevant FIRs, details of ZSP staff deputed for watch and ward duties, assessment report and photographs of damaged/missing grills and boundary structures are enclosed for reference, if needed.

1. Brief on reply of Starred Question No.8 at **Annex-I**.

2. Damaged Assessment Report at **Annex-II**.

3. Pictures of iron grills at **Annex-III**.

4. Submitted PUC-IV at **Annex-IV**.

5. Office orders of Class-IV employees deputed for Watch & Ward of ZCBG at **Annex-V**.

6. FIR’s complaints regarding stolen iron grills at **Annex-VI**.

(Annexures have been placed in Library and on the Table of the mover/concerned member).

*Question No. 23 **Senator Shahadat Awan:**
(Notice Received on 1/07/2026 at 10:31 AM) QID: 44651

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the employment quota for disabled persons in the each Ministry also indicating the number of posts earmarked for such persons with Ministry wise break-up along with the period since when such posts are lying vacant?

Mr. Ahad Khan Cheema: The Federal Government has reserved a **2% employment quota** for Persons with Disabilities (Annex-I). The **ICT Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2020,** promulgated on **23-09-2020**, provides that the prescribed quota shall be maintained on the **overall sanctioned strength of an organization,** rather than against each Basic Pay Scale (BPS). In pursuance of the provisions of the Act and the directions of the Prime Minister, the Establishment Division issued uniform instructions to all Ministries/Divisions on **18-06-2021 (Annex-II).**

The current working strength of employees with disabilities, along with the total sanctioned strength of Ministries/Divisions, their attached departments, and autonomous bodies/corporations under their administrative control, is placed at **Annex-III & Annex-IV**, respectively.

Furthermore, letter has been issued to all Ministries/ Divisions on 21-07-2026 requesting them to furnish updated information regarding vacant posts falling under the prescribed 2% employment quota for Person with Disabilities. **Annex-V**.

(Annexures have been placed in Library and on the Table of the mover/concerned member).

*Question No. 25 **Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice Received on 3/07/2026 at 9:51 AM) QID: 44818

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

(a) the details of payments being made to the players of Pakistan cricket team as monthly salary, match fees, bonuses, rewards etc.; and

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the said payments, if so, its details?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Factoring in the privacy & security of its individuals, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has classified the requisite particulars within the category of **sensitive personal** and **confidential** information which can be shared through in camera briefing if so desired.

(b) Since the PCB is autonomous body governed through its board, the emoluments of the individuals are decided by the PCB itself sans concurrence by the government. PCB has expressed its commitment of being mindful of its obligation to ensure transparency and accountability.

*Question No. 26 **Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice Received on 3/07/2026 at 9:51 AM) QID: 44819

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

(a) *the salient reasons for poor performance of Pakistan cricket team in the T-20 world cup 2026; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to improve performance of Pakistan cricket team in future?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) According to Pakistan Cricket Board (**PCB**) following key factors contributed to below par performance:-

(a) **Harsh Weather Conditions**: England's cold and windy climate was in stark contrast to Pakistan's playing environment, adaptability and performance; affecting

(b) **Mindset & Intent Transition**: The team is still in the process of evolving its approach to meet modern T20 demands. While efforts were made, execution fell short in this tournament;

(c) **Batting Limitations**: Failure to bat the full 20 overs and inconsistent middle-order contributions led to fragile totals;

(d) **Boundary & Death Overs Struggles**: Difficulty in rotating strike and accelerating in the final overs reduced scoring potential;

(e) **Execution against Stronger Opposition**: Sustaining pressure against top teams remained a challenge.

(b) Since the PCB is autonomous body governed through its board, its operational strategy is decided by the PCB itself sans government's intervention. According to PCB, salient features of its initiatives for encouragement and support of Women's Cricket are as follows:

Dedicated Budget Allocation: PCB is annually investing a substantial budget for the promotion and development of women's cricket at both domestic and international levels.

High-Performance Centre: The Karachi High-Performance Centre has been allocated exclusively for women's cricket, providing vital Infrastructure for domestic events and matches.

Functional Academies: Five academies are fully operational across the country, offering year-round coaching and training under professional coaches, thereby nurturing young talent.

Competitive Domestic Events: Domestic structures have been redesigned to be more competitive, preparing players effectively for international challenges.

International Exposure: PCB has arranged 3-4 international tours annually, which have significantly improved team performance and enhanced international rankings.

Focus on U-19/Emerging Players: Special emphasis is placed on U-19 and Emerging players, with 2-3 International tours organized annually to provide exposure and prepare them for future International events.

Contracts & Match Fees: Central and domestic contracts, along with match fees, are being provided to ensure players are self-sufficient and motivated.

*Question No. 29 **Senator Kamran Murtaza:**
(Notice Received on 6/07/2026 at 4:13 PM) QID: 44834

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no office of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) in Tehsil Darband, District Mansehra and poor and marginalized segments of the population are required to travel to the distant Tehsil Oghi or the main office at District Mansehra to resolve their issues, if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) the time by which a BISP office will be established in the said Tehsil Darband?

Syed Imran Ahmad Shah: (a) BISP has established its Regional, Divisional, and Tehsil Offices at all provincial headquarters to provide services at the grassroots level, in accordance with the SOPs for the establishment of BISP offices. The directives have been noted for compliance and the process for establishing a BISP office at Darband, District Mansehra, will be initiated in accordance with BISP policy.

(b) Upon approval by the Management, according to BISP policy, the following key steps are required for the establishment of a new office:

i. Obtaining administrative approval from BISP Management.

ii. Selection and hiring of suitable premises for the office.

iii. Recruitment of staff to meet operational requirements.

iv. Procurement of furniture, fixtures, and IT equipment to ensure full functionality of the office.

Among the above steps, steps i and ii have been prioritized by BISP. However, the recruitment of staff and procurement of office equipment may be delayed due to the prevailing ban under austerity measures.

*Question No. 30 **Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice Received on 9/07/2026 at 10:41 AM) QID: 44858

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

(a) the number of beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) in Kohistan;

(b) the number of offices of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) in various areas of Kohistan; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to register more eligible persons under the said programme from those areas, if so, when?

Syed Imran Ahmad Shah: (a) As of now, 19,710 beneficiaries are receiving financial assistance under the **Benazir Kafaalat Programme** (Unconditional Cash Transfer Programme) in the Kohistan region. The district-wise and tehsil-wise breakup is provided below:

District	Tehsil	Active Beneficiaries
Kolai Palas Kohistan	Battaira	719
Kolai Palas Kohistan	Palas	3,558
Lower Kohistan	Bankad Ranolia	2,727
Lower Kohistan	Pattan	6,984
Upper Kohistan	Dassu	3,290
Upper Kohistan	Harban Bhasha	473
Upper Kohistan	Kandia	1,665
Upper Kohistan	Seo	294
Total		**19,710**

(b) Currently, 4x BISP offices have been established in Kohistan i.e. Pattan & Palas Lower Kohistan & Dassu & Kandia, Upper Kohistan for the facilitation of the beneficiaries.

Moreover, it is apprised that with the implementation of the Dynamic NSER in February 2023, BISP has transformed registration into a continuous and permanent process. Data collection is no longer reliant on periodic nationwide surveys; rather, it is updated on an ongoing basis through 647 Dynamic Registration Centres (DRCS) established at the Tehsil level across the country, including Kohistan, district. The details of DRCs in District Kohistan are as follows:-

District	Tehsil	Adress
Lower Khoistan	Pattan	BISP Office Pattan near Habib Medical Complex
Lower Khoistan	Bankhad Ranolia	Tehsil Chairman Office Near Al Shafa Medical Complex Bankhad
Kolai Palas	Palas	Main Building Tehsil Complex Palas
Kolai Palas	Battaira	Govt. High School Battaira
Upper Khoistan	Kandia	BHU Thuti Bazar
Upper Khoistan	SEO	TMA Hall Komila Bazar
Upper Khoistan	Harban Basha	Old RHC Shatyal Bazar
Upper Khoistan	Dassu	BISP District Office Dassu

(c) Subject to the availability of fiscal space and budgetary allocations, additional eligible households may be enrolled under the Programme. Registration and inclusion are carried out in accordance with the approved eligibility criteria based on the Proxy Means Test (PMT) through the National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER). Eligible households meeting the prescribed criteria will be considered as and when resources become available.

*Question No. 31 **Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand:**
(Notice Received on 17/07/2026 at 9:32 AM) QID: 44942

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

(a) the number of officers who opted for early retirement during the last three years indicating also their names, group of service and reasons for early retirement; and

(b) whether any of the said Officers has been appointed as member FPSC after opting for early retirement, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Ahad Khan Cheema: (a) Total nine (09) officers have opted for early retirement during the last three years. The details are under:

S#	Name of Officer	Group / BPS	Date of Retirement	Reasons
1.	Mr. Waseem Mukhtar Ch.	PAS/BS-22	09-08-2023	Federal Cabinet approved his appointment as Chairman, NEPRA.
2.	Mr. Sohail Afzal	PSP/BS-18	15-02-2024	Due to his domestic problems.
3.	Capt. ® Munir Azam	PAS/BS-22	31-01-2025	Due to his personal issues.
4.	Mr. Waqar Ahmad	PSP/BS-19	27-06-2025	No reasons mentioned.
5.	Dr. Syed Asim Hussain	SG/BS-19	24-02-2026	Due to health issues
6.	Mr. Ghulam Mujtaba Joyo	BS-20	01-04-2026	Personal reasons
7.	Ms. Aisha Humera Ch.	BS-22	01-07-2026	unknown
8.	Lt. (Rtd) Ahmed Mohiyuddin	PSP/BS-19	29-07-2026	Due to personal and unavoidable domestic circumstances
9.	Mr. Muhammad Ahmed Usmani	SG/BS-19	01-01-2027 on LPR	Due to domestic issues and to look after his ailing mother of 90 years age

(b) Ms. Aisha Humera Ch. (SG/BS-22/Retd) was appointed as Member, FPSC, with the approval of President of Pakistan on 24.06.2026.

*Question No. 32 **Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand:**
(Notice Received on 20/07/2026 at 12:48 PM) QID: 44951

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

(a) the details of Members of FPSC appointed during the last two years indicating also their names, service group and place of domicile;

(b) whether consent of the appointee to the said post is also obtained, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the procedure adopted for the said appointments?

Mr. Ahad Khan Cheema: (a) List of Members, FPSC appointed during the last two years is placed at **Annex-I**.

(b) No.

(c) As per Section 3 (3) of FPSC Ordinance, 1977, read with Rule 15-A (I), and Entry No. 15-C of Schedule V-B of Rules of Business, 1973, the appointment of Members of the FPSC requires approval of the President on the advice of the Prime Minister.

Moreover, Section 3 (4) (a) of Ordinance ibid provides that not less than one half of the Members of the Commission are to be retired officers who have held office in the service of Pakistan in basic pay scale 21 or above post (provided that no serving Government servant shall be appointed as Member).

Section 3 (4) (b) (i) & (ii) requires that the Commission is to have at least one Member each from: retired judges of the Superior judiciary; retired officers not below the rank of Major-General or equivalent of the Armed Forces.

Section 3 (4) (b) (iii), at least one member must be a woman and one from the private sector possessing such qualifications and experience as the Federal Government may prescribe by rules.

Annex-I

LIST OF CURRENT COMPOSITION OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, GROUP/SERVICE/BPS

S#	Name	Group/Service/BPS	Domicile/ Province	Date of appointment	Date Joining
MEMBERS					
1.	Mr. Muhammad Syrus Sajjad Qazi	FSP/BS-22/Retd.	Punjab	31.08.2024	11.09.2024
2.	Major General (Retd), Muhammad Kashif Azad, Hilal-e-Imtiaz(Military)	Pak-Army.	---	30.04.2026	04.05.2026
3.	Mr. Mohsin Hassan Butt	PSP/BS-22/Retd.	Punjab	03.06.2025	04.06.2025
4.	Mr. Pervaiz Ahmed Junejo	SG/BS-22/Retd.	Sindh	03.06.2025	04.06.2025
5.	Mrs. Aman Bushra	PAS/BS-22/Retd.	Punjab	03.06.2025	04.06.2025
6.	Mr. Khan Sardar Ali	PSP/BS-22/Retd	Punjab	29.06.2025	11.07.2025
7.	Mr. Akhtar Munir	IG/BS-21/Retd.	KPK	11.09.2025	12.09.2025
8.	Mr. Sahebzada Ahmed Khan	FSP/BS-21/Retd	Sindh	03.11.2025	10.11.2025
9.	Ms. Humera Aisha Chaudhry	SG/BS-22/Retd	Punjab	24.06.2026	01.07.2026
10.	Mr. Zafar Hassan	PAS/BS-22/Retd	KPK	17.07.2026	21.07.2026

*Question No. 33 **Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**
(Notice Received on 21/07/2026 at 12:24 PM) QID: 44971

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

(a) the amount collected from telecom companies under the 1.5% Universal Service Fund (USF) levy and the 1% R&D levy during the fiscal year 2025-26;

(b) the balance available in both the USF and R&D accounts as of June 30, 2026; and

(c) the details of uncompleted or delayed network expansion projects under the USF in the undeserved areas of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and rural Sindh at present indicating also the reasons for the delays in each case?

Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja: (a) The total amount collected from telecom companies on account of the Universal Service Fund (USF) and the Research and Development (R&D) Fund during the fiscal year 2025-26 is as follows:

In Million

Name of Fund	Rate	Amount Collected (FY 2025–26)
Universal Service Fund (USF)	1.5 %	13,696
Research & Development Fund	0.5%	4,584

The operator-wise receipts of the Universal Service Fund (USF) and the Research and Development (R&D) Fund are enclosed as follows:

- **Annex A**: USF Receipts
- **Annex B**: R&D Fund Receipts

(b) The closing balances of the Universal Service Fund (USF) and the Research & Development (R&D) Fund as at 30 **June 2026** are detailed below:

Date	Name of Fund	Balance (In Million)
30.06.2026	Universal Service Fund	36,633
30.06.2026	Research & Development Fund	15,276

(c) placed at (**Annex-C**).

Annex-A

USF Contribution @ 1.5%

Receipts for the 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026

Sr.No	Operator	Amount Rs.
1	4B GENTEL INTERNATIONAL (PVT) LTD	1,800,362
2	7STAR TELECOM (PVT) LIMITED	173,795
3	ADG LDI	1,328,000
4	ASHIQ CABLE	158,769
5	BRAIN TELECOM	4,929,964
6	BIG DATA TECHNOLOGIES (PVT) LIMITED	35,826
7	BLISS COMMUNICATION	70,376
8	BADAR ENTERPRISES CABLE NETWORK	124,643
9	CALL2PHONE	152,351
10	CIRCLENET	852,914
11	CMPAK LDI	94,362,427
12	CMPAK (ZONG)	2,525,840,505
13	CONNECT COMMUNICATIONS	11,914,890
14	CUBEXS WEATHERLY PVT LTD	1,871,448
15	CYBER INTERNET SERVICES	45,547,780
16	CELMORE TECHNOLOGIES	157,727
17	DANCOM	185,510
18	DYNASTY TELECOM	2,041,002
19	E-ACCESS	197,873
20	EBONE NETWORK	1,419,214
21	ENIGMA FIBRE PVT LTD	95,000
22	FAISAL CABLE NETWORK	39,000
23	GEMNET ENTERPRISE SOLUTION	987,114
24	GERRYS INFORMATION TECHONOLOGIES	567,925
25	GLOBAL CONNECT SYNERGY PVT LTD	5,950,582
26	HAZARA COMMUNICATION	39,104
27	HELIUM COMMUNICATIONS (PVT.) LIMITED	770,155
28	HG TELECOMMUNICATION	2,976,081
29	INFOSTRUCTURE PAKISTAN	124,486
30	I.B EMPLOYEES COOPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY	1,217,751
31	IN CABLE INTERNET	19,360
32	LINKDOTNET TELECOM LIMITED	326,333,798
33	LOGI TECH CABLE	65,600
34	LOGON BRODBAAND	535,176
35	LAHORE INTERNET SOLUTIONS	4,192
36	MASTER TELECOMMUNICATION	65,837
37	MULTICITY BROADBAND	111,835
38	MOBILINK-PMCL (JAZZ)	4,449,220,784
39	MULTINET	50,242,622
40	MULTAN CABLE & INTERNET SERVICES	341,847
41	NAYA TEL (PVT) LTD.	87,538,344
42	NETSOL CONNECT (PVT.) LIMITED	92,924
43	NEXLINX NETWORKS	137,275
44	NEW MILLENNIUM NETWORK	81,320
45	ONE NETWORK	94,199
46	ORIENT EXPRESS	2,395,633
47	PAK DATACOM	18,994
48	PTCL	2,342,460,994
49	PTML (UFONE)	1,462,883,371
50	PACE TELECOM	1,184,749

R&D Contribution @ 0.5%

Annex-B

Receipts for the 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026

Sr.No	Operator	Receipts(Credits)
1	4B GENTEL INTERNATIONAL (PVT) LTD	600,121
2	7STAR TELECOM (PVT) LIMITED	57,932
3	ADG LDI	443,000
4	ASHIQ CABLE	52,923
5	BRAIN TELECOM	1,634,343
6	BIG DATA TECHNOLOGIES (PVT) LIMITED	11,944
7	BLISS COMMUNICATION	23,525
8	BADAR ENTERPRISES CABLE NETWORK	41,731
9	CALL2PHONE	50,784
10	CIRCLENET	284,305
11	CMPAK LDI	31,454,142
12	CMPAK (ZONG)	841,946,835
13	CONNECT COMMUNICATIONS	3,971,630
14	CUBEXS WEATHERLY	623,816
15	CYBER INTERNET SERVICES	15,182,592
16	CELMORE TECHNOLOGIES	52,759
17	DANCOM	61,836
18	DYNASTY TELECOM	680,334
19	E-ACCESS	65,958
20	EBONE NETWORK	473,071
21	ENIGMA FIBRE	32,500
22	FAISAL CABLE NETWORK	13,000
23	GEMNET ENTERPRISE SOLUTION	329,037
24	GERRYS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES	192,308
25	GLOBAL CONNECT SYNERGY	1,983.527
26	HAZARA COMMUNICATION	13,035
27	HELIUM COMMUNICATIONS	256,719
28	HG TELECOMMUNICATION	992,027
29	INFOSTRUCTURE PAKISTAN	41,495
30	I.B EMPLOYEES COORPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY	405,917
31	IN CABLE INTERNET	6,453
32	LINKDOTNET TELECOM LIMITED	108,777,933
33	LOGI TECH CABLE	21,900
34	LOGON BROADBAND	178,392
35	LAHORE INTERNET SOLUTIONS	1,397
36	MASTER TELECOMMUNICATION	32,497
37	MULTICITY BROADBAND	37,279
38	MOBILINK-PMCL (JAZZ)	1,483,073,595
39	MULTINET	16,747,540
40	MULTAN CABLE & INTERNET SERVICES	113,949
41	NAYA TEL	29,179,394

42	NETSOL CONNECT	30,975
43	NEXLINX NETWORKS	45,758
44	NEW MILLENNIUM NETWORK	27,108
45	NTC	18,788,211
46	ONE NETWORK	31,399
47	ORIENT EXPRESS	798,544
48	PAK DATACOM	6,331
49	PTCL	780,820,331
50	PTML (UFONE)	487,627,790
51	PACE TELECOM	394,916
52	REDTONE TELECOMMUNICATION PAKISTAN	862,873
53	REDTONE DIGITAL SERVICES	821,228
54	SATCOMM	764,872
55	SPECIAL COMMUNICATION ORGANIZATION	201,759
56	SHARP COMMUNICATIONS (QUBEE)	435,455
57	SMART TELECOM	21,679
58	SUNWALK OPTICAL FIBER	2,815,076
59	SUPPER ENTERPRISES (SES)	544,728
60	SMART LINE TELECOM	4,847
61	SUPERNET	4,579,470
62	TELECARD	3,860,342
63	TELENEX	229,853
64	TELENOR LDI	8,628,889
65	TELENOR PAKISTAN	587,346,165
66	TES MEDIA	2,645,750
67	TRANSWORLD INFRASTRUCTURE	1,633,391
68	TRANSWORLD ENTERPRISE SERVICES	16,986,141
69	TRANS WORLD ASSOCIATES	61,040,438
70	THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS	537,672
71	THE WAH TELECOM	50,175
72	TEZNET	5,378
73	VISION TELECOM	884,628
74	WATEEN TELECOM	58,178,873
75	WEB CONCEPT	107,602
76	WISE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	498,159
77	WIDE BAND COMMUNICATION	142,139
78	WAVECOMM	37,810
79	YLINX PRIVATE	18,341
80	ZETA TECHNOLOGIES	1,553,197
	Total	**4,584,151,768**

Annex-c

c) The details of uncompleted or delayed network expansion projects under the USF in the underserved areas of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and rural Sindh at person including also the reasons for the delay in each case?

The list of USF ongoing projects across Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and rural Sindh is listed below along with their current status and challenges faced in each project.

<u>Ongoing USF 3G/4G Projects</u>

S. No	Province	Project Name	Target Districts	Service Provider	Target Mauzas	Target Population	Physical Completion Status	Remarks
1	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Kurram Lot	Kurram	Jazz	40	251,980	75% Completed	Project implementation has been suffering from access & security Issues.
2	Balochistan	Pishin Lot	Pishin, Killa Abdullah, Quetta	Jazz	306	574,545	50% Completed	Project Implementation has suffered from access, security and tribal Issues.
3	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Abbottabad Lot	Abbottabad	Jazz	61	157,473	50% Completed	The project remains on track. However, few sites are currently facing Forest NOCs Issues.
4	Sindh	Badin Lot	Badin	Jazz	144	432,666	50% Completed	On Track
5	Sindh	Umar Kot	Umar Kot	Ufone	142	243,695	25% Completed	On Track
6	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Kohat Lot	Kohat (Incl. Ex FR Kohat)	Ufone	24	41,404	50% Completed	On Track
7	Balochistan	Khuzdar Lot	Khuzdar	Ufone	144	75,637	25% Completed	The project remains on track. However, few sites are currently facing Access & Security Issues.
8	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Mansehra Lot	Mansehra	Zong	145	172,989	Work in Progress	The project remains on track. However, few sites are currently facing Forest NOCs Issues.
9	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Haripur Lot	Haripur	Jazz	104	75,796	Work in Progress	The project remains on track. However, few sites are currently facing Forest NOCs and Land Acquisition Issues.
10	Sindh	Sujawal Lot	Sujawal	Ufone	144	246,759	Work in Progress	On Track
Total Projects = 10					1,254	2,272,944		

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Ongoing USF 3G/4G Projects for National Highways & Motorways

S. No	Province	Project Name	Target Districts	Service Provider	Contracted Road Segments (KM)	Physical Completion Status	Remarks
1	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Lot 9 (N-35 KKH)	Attock, Haripur, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Batagram, Kohistan	Jazz	97.14	75% Completed	Project implementation has suffered from Dam construction activities along the target routes.

Ongoing USF 3G/4G Projects for Tourist Destinations

S. No	Province	Project Name	Target Districts	Service Provider	Contracted Road Segments (KM)	Tourist Destinations	Physical Completion Status	Remarks
1	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	TD-K1 Lot	Mansehra, Abbottabad	Jazz	97.95	23	Work in Progress	Project implementation comprising of single milestone has suffered from Forest NOCs and Site's Acquisitions issues.

Ongoing USF Optic Fiber Cable (OFC) Projects

S. No	Province	Project Name	Target Districts	Service Provider	Contracted OFC Length (KM)	Contracted UCs/Towns/THQs	Physical Completion Status	Remarks
1	Sindh	OFC-UC-SD-LOT30	Sanghar	Dancom	415	54	Work in Progress	On Track
2	Balochistan	OFC-UC-BL-LOT34	Quetta & Ziarat	PTCL	493.67	37	Work in Progress	On Track
3	Balochistan	OFC-SMALL-LOT-BL2	Kech	PTCL	113	5	Work in Progress	On Track
4	Balochistan	OFC-SMALL-LOT-BL3	Panjgur	PTCL	52	9	Work in Progress	On Track
Total Projects = 4					1,074	105		

USAL SERVICE FUND

*Question No. 34 **Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**
(Notice Received on 21/07/2026 at 12:26 PM) QID: 44972

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

(a) the total foreign direct investment (FDI) brought in Pakistan by telecom companies for 5G network expansion during FY 2025-26, also indicating if it met the target, if not, reasons thereof; and

(b) the number of new 5G towers and fiber-to-the-site connections installed across the country so far, with province-wise breakup?

Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja: (a) The Government of Pakistan vide Policy Directive dated 6th January 2026 for Spectrum Auction did not set any target for the telecom companies for bringing in Foreign Direct Investment for 5G rollout.

As per the data provided by mobile operators, the investment made till date in rollout of 5G network and forecasted investment for FY2027 is given below;

Investment in 5G Rollout			
	Jazz	Zong	Ufone
Investment Till June 2026: (USD Million)	59.67	98.9	20*
Investment Forecast FY 2027: (USD Million)	30.33	39.9	**

*estimated.
**Data will be shared after completion of merger activity.

(b) Mobile operators have upgraded a total of eleven hundred and thirty-six (1136) 5G sites across Pakistan.

The province wise count of sites having Fiber Connectivity or FTTS and 5G upgraded Sites is given as below:

Province	Total Fiberized Sites (Count)	Fiberized sites %	5G Upgraded Sites
Punjab	6153	18.9	587
Sindh	2121	18.8	262
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	953	10.1	64
ICT	521	30.4	192
Balochistan	417	10.5	31
Gilgit Baltistan	196	36.3	-
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	138	9.5	-
Total	10499	17.2	1136

ISLAMABAD, SYED HASNAIN HAIDER,
the 20th August, 2026 *Secretary.*

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For Friday, the 21st August, 2026

Question No. 2 **Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri**:
(Notice Received on 21/07/2026 at 12:26 PM) QID: 44964

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

(a) the details of earnings from IT exports during the FY 2025-26, with particular reference to the share of individual freelancers out of the same; and

(b) the details of tax incentives provided by the Government to encourage freelancers and IT firms to bring their foreign earnings back in Pakistani banks?

Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja: (a) ICT export remittances surged 20.6%, reaching US$ 4.6 billion (4,600 million) during FY 2025-26 (Jul-June), compared to US$ 3.8 billion (3,814 million) achieved during the corresponding period last year (FY 2024-25).

Pakistan tech freelancer export remittances inflow, included in ICT exports, surged 49.4%, reaching US$ 1.16 billion (1.164 million) during FY 2025-26 (compared to US$ 779.4 million achieved during the corresponding period last year (FY 2024-25).

(b) Pakistan Software Export Board maintains close contact with the State Bank of Pakistan to ensure maximum facilitation for the IT industry.

On Taxation Front, the Government has ensured relief to the IT sector. Major initiatives are listed as under:

Salient Steps taken in Budget	Impact & Benefit
Extension of 0.25% FTR Regime for FY 2029	Extended through Tax Year 2029. Provides 3 years of policy stability, making Pakistan a globally competitive destination for outsourcing and FDI.
90% Reduction in Advance Tax on Foreign Card Payments (from 5% to 0.5%)	Significantly reduces the cost of tech sector for making overseas payments and procuring services from overseas entities
Restoration of Tax Pass-Through Treatment for VC Funds (Clause 57(2))	Funds distributing 90% of income are tax-exempt at the fund level. This measure helps improve capital availability for startups by increasing investor confidence and help attract foreign investment into the tech sector.
Continuation of Section 65F Technology Tax Credit	The tax credit is in line with the government policy to support growth of tech eco system in Pakistan and boost exports by providing 100% tax credit to startups.
Income Tax Reduction for Salaried Individuals	Increases take-home pay for IT professionals without increasing company payroll costs. Crucial for retaining talent during the AI disruption era.
Super Tax Rationalization	Super Tax abolished for income up to Rs. 500 million. Reduced from 10% to 8% for income above Rs. 500 million (excludes banking, ENP, and fertilizer sectors). Encourages business growth, capital formation, and reinvestment of profits.

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the 20th August, 2026 *Secretary.*

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