

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly to be held on

Thursday, the 12th May, 2016

1. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**
(Deferred during 30th Session)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) is being made a permanent part of electricity tariff; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the percentage of increase expected in the electricity bill of the consumer as a result thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a):

1. As per the definition provided in the GIDC Act 2015, “cess means the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess levied and chargeable from gas consumers, other than the domestic sector consumers over and above the sale price.
2. As far as the determination of the sale price is concerned the competent authority for the purpose is Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) and it has included the category wise rates of cess in the gas price.
3. GIDC being part of gas price, is passed on to the consumers as part of the fuel price and is also reflected in the fuel cost component of gas based IPPs determined by NEPRA.

(b) Regarding the percentage of increase expected in the electricity bill of consumers as a result of GIDC, it is stated that:

- i. The cost of generation is calculated after taking into account the production of electricity from all fuel sources *i.e.* oil, gas, hydro etc.
- ii. The production of electricity from gas sources is roughly about one third of the total generation.
- iii. NEPRA determines the rates of electricity for projects falling under the Power Policy 2002. As far as projects falling under the Power Policy 1994 are concerned it is stated that their rates are determined by the CPPA-G as per the Power Purchase Agreements.

15. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**
(*Deferred during 31st Session*)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the prescribed criteria for appointment of members of Boards of Directors of Public Sector Enterprises of the Division; and*
- (b) *whether the present members of the said boards fulfill the said criteria?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Two PSE's are working under administrative control of Cabinet Division:—

PTDC The Corporate Governance Rules 2013 notified by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan regarding criteria for appointment of Directors of Public Sector enterprises is enclosed (**Annex-I**).

PCP No criteria for appointment of members of the Board of Directors of PCP has been prescribed. The members of the Board of Directors of PCP are appointed on *ex-officio* basis.

- (b) The existing members of PTDC Board of Directors fulfill the criteria.

The Board of Directors of PCP comprises of *ex-officio* members who are civil servants (**Annex-II**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

61. ***Dr. Fozia Hameed:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the trees planted by the Capital Development Authority in Islamabad causing pollen allergy;*
- (b) whether any inquiry has been conducted therefor; if so, the action taken against the responsables therefor;*
- (c) the species of plants planned to be planted in Islamabad under the tree plantation drive alongwith affects thereof on livings things including human being; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to plant human health friendly trees in Islamabad?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division: (a) CDA plants trees for healthy living environment for sinking carbon dioxide, for providing aesthetic, shade, decreasing the heat effect and cooling the urban environment. All the trees and plants produce pollen for their reproduction. However, some people are allergic to pollens of the trees and plants. In Islamabad Paper mulberry tree produce abundant pollen and is considered the main source of pollen allergy. CDA do not plant Paper mulberry and other invasive trees species in Islamabad.

(b) Paper mulberry trees were introduced in Islamabad in early seventies to improve the green cover of Islamabad. At that time most of the area was totally barren and efforts were made to enhance the greenery of Islamabad. At that time it was also not known that it will cause pollen allergy in the city. However, in 1992, it was identified as the major culprit in pollen allergy in Islamabad. No inquiry has been conducted on this ground.

(c) CDA is planting indigenous environment friendly trees in tree plantation drives. The most common indigenous and environmental friendly trees which are being planted are Amaltas, Kachnar, Celtis, Chir Pine, Arjan, Siris etc. It will have beneficial effects in improving city aesthetic and landscape, conserve biodiversity, reduce the impact of urbanization and climate change.

(d) CDA is planting indigenous environment friendly trees. The most common indigenous and environmental friendly trees which are being planted are Amaltas, Kachnar, Celtis, Chir Pine, Arjan, Siris etc.

62. ***Dr. Fozia Hameed:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Liver Transplantation Centre at PIMS, Islamabad is not functional at present;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that life saving drugs are not being supplied by the said Centre for patients of hepatitis;*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that adequate/state of the art equipments, clinical tests, dialysis and other required facilities are not available at the said Centre;*
- (d) *if the answers to part (a), (b) and (c) above are in the affirmative, the reasons thereof; and*
- (e) *the steps being taken by the Government to make the said Centre functional and facilitates for proper treatment of patients effected from various types of liver diseases?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division: (a) Yes, the facility of Liver Transplantation was started at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences after the directives of the Prime Minister of Pakistan in November 2010. It was later named as Center for Organ Transplant on December 21, 2012.

Since, December 2013, Organ Transplant Program is non functional and is currently on hold due to lack of trained Liver Transplant Surgeon, Hepatologist, Anesthetist and Intensive Care Specialist posts being vacant despite multiple advertisements for their appointments.

(b) Hepatitis B&C medicines were available at the start of the Centre for Liver Diseases as the medicines were provided by former Ministry of Health before devaluation as a one tire consignment. The said medicines are in dire need but it is not purchased since then by PIMS.

Life saving and essentially required medicines as per hospital formulary are being given to patients, including hepatitis “C” patients.

(c) All the equipment, state of art ICU and other necessary equipment are available. There is facility of dialysis and all related test are available. PCR (qualitative and quantitative) is not available at PIMS, specially for the viral load determination in Hepatitis B&C patients.

(d) Liver Transplant Surgeon, Hepatologist, and Intensive care specialist are not available so Liver transplant is not possible without the said staff.

(e) The different vacant posts BPS-17 & above of Liver Transplant were sent to FPSC for recruitment *vide* PIMS letter No.1-1/2013 Admin-PIMS dated 23 & 25 August, 2015.

The FPSC has informed that *the PIMS was in the purview of the FPSC being an attached department of CA&DD. The posts of BPS-16 and above were being filled by the commission. The recruitment rules were being framed, but after promulgation of SZABMU Ordinance it is not under the purview of FPSC.*

The PIMS has decided to fill the said vacant post on contract basis and posts have been advertized in National Press on 10-12-2015. According to existing recruitment policy the vacant posts BPS-06 and above will be filled after Screening Test by registered Testing Agency which will be hired by CA&DD.

63. ***Ms. Munaza Hassan:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Railway Track from Quetta to Zaidan is in a dilapidated condition within the territorial jurisdiction of Pakistan; if so, the time by which the same will be repaired; and*
- (b) *the total number of passenger/freight trains operating on the said route at present?*

Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique): (a) The condition of track infrastructure on Quetta — Taftan Section (638 Km), within territorial

jurisdiction of Pakistan is not satisfactory due to old, deteriorated and life expired track components. In fact this track would require to be completely rebuilt with new bridges in place of causeways. In this context, a feasibility study for up-gradation of the section is being launched and will be completed in the next financial year.

(b) At an average, 2.4 freight trains per month are being operated on the said route at present in April 2016, eight freight trains were operated and the traffic is likely to pick up due to renewed efforts of the management, besides a departmental train is also being run every month for disbursement of salaries and distribution of ration etc.

64. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of flights of PIA departed to Jeddah and arrived in Islamabad from Jeddah during the year 2014-15 till date;*
- (b) *the total capacity of passengers in said flights alongwith the number of passengers loaded in each of the said flights alongwith the details thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that mostly the less number of passengers loaded in said flights; if so, the loss suffered to national exchequer therefrom; and*
- (d) *the action taken against the persons involved therein?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) The total number of flights of PIA departed to Jeddah and arrived in Islamabad from Jeddah during the year 2014-2015 till date:—

Year of Operation	Islamabad-Jeddah	Jeddah-Islamabad
2014	230	220
2015	245	249

(b) The total capacity of passengers in said flights alongwith the number of passengers loaded is as under:—

ISB-JED/YEAR 2014			JED-ISB/YEAR 2014		
Flights	Capacity	Passenger load-actual	Flights	Capacity	Passenger load-actual
230	85642	67721	220	81589	68390
ISB-JED/YEAR 2015			JED-ISB/YEAR 2015		
Flights	Capacity	Passenger load-actual	Flights	Capacity	Passenger load-actual
245	86664	71768	249	86908	67921

* Detail of passengers loaded in said flights is Annexed.

(c) & (d) Infact, flights on ISB-JED-ISB sector during period 2014/2015 operated with healthy seat factor above 78%, hence, no persons were involved. Detail break up of consolidated seat factor of entire operation is hereunder:—

ISB-JED/YEAR 2014		JED-ISB/YEAR 2014		ISB-JED/YEAR 2015		JED-ISB/YEAR 2015	
Flights	Passenger load-actual %	Flights	Passenger load-actual %	Flights	Passenger load-actual %	Flights	Passenger load-actual %
230	79.07	220	83.82	245	82.81	249	78.15

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

65. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total assets of the Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) owned by the Government at present along with the province-wise details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to handover said assets of the PTDC to the Provincial Governments?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) PTDC is running 35 Motels, 1 Hotel and 4 restaurants all over Pakistan in addition to ongoing projects and open land as follows:

1. Punjab: 4 Motels, 01 Restaurant, 01 Hotel
2. Khyber PK: 16 Motels, 01 Restaurant
3. Balochistan: 04 Motels,
4. Sindh: 01 Motel
5. Gilgit Baltistan: 10 Motels
6. Islamabad: 02 Restaurants
7. Under construction / ongoing projects: 06
8. Land at different locations: 08

The detail of the total assets of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) province wise is Annex-I.

(b) Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) was incorporated on March 30th, 1970 under the repealed Companies Act 1913 (Now the Companies Ordinance, 1984) as a Public Corporation Limited by shares.

In pursuance to 18th Constitutional Amendment and Cabinet Division's notification No.4-9/2011-Min-I dated 05-04-2011, the subject of tourism was transferred to the provinces, whereas, PTDC along-with its subsidiaries, was placed under Ministry of IPC.

On instructions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 26th February 2014, a meeting was held on 17th March, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Secretary to

the Prime Minister. The meeting concluded that there was enough legal space for PTDC to continue to operate as a corporate entity through a resolution by its Board of Directors.

Subsequently PTDC was placed under the Cabinet Division *vide* its memorandum No. 4-7/2014-Min-I dated 22nd July, 2014.

PTDC's Board of Directors was reconstituted and in its 79th meeting held on 23-09-2014, the Board reversed the resolutions / decisions relating to devolution of PTDC and handing over the assets of PTDC to the provinces taken in its 75th, 76th, 77th and 78th meetings. The board recommended the Cabinet Division to review / withdraw its Notification No.4-5/2011-Min dated 05-04-2011 with regard to decisions about PTDC.

The matter of the transfer of PTDC assets to the provinces is also sub-judice at Intra Court Appeal at Islamabad High Court and the matter is pending with Cabinet Committee on Restructuring (CCOR).

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

66. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for not eradicating the wild mulberry trees in Islamabad by the Capital Development Authority (CDA);*
- (b) whether it is a fact that said trees are main cause of pollen allergy in Islamabad; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that it is impossible for the CDA to eradicate said trees?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division: (a) CDA is gradually uprooting the male Paper Mulberry trees from the residential areas of the Islamabad so that the green cover of the Islamabad may not vanish abruptly. CDA is re-planting indigenous environment friendly trees.

(b) As the male paper mulberry trees produce abundant pollens so they are considered as main culprit of pollen allergy in Islamabad. Female paper mulberry trees cause no pollen allergy.

(c) CDA can uproot all the paper mulberry trees in one go through bulldozing or auctioning of trees but CDA is gradually uprooting the male Paper Mulberry trees from the residential areas of the Islamabad so that the green cover of the Islamabad may not vanish abruptly. Moreover, environmental NGOs *e.g.* JUCN, WWF are of the view that nowhere in the world trees cutting is used as tool to control pollen allergy. They suggest precautionary and medical measures.

67. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the steps taken by the present Government to increase the speed of trains in the country?

Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique): The speeds of trains will be increased upto 160 Km/Hr on Karachi —Lahore — Peshawar section and upto 120 KM/Hr on Taxila — Havelian section of Main Line-1 (ML-1), under China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC), for which a PC-I has been prepared and submitted to Ministry of Railways, Islamabad for onward submission to the Planning Commission, Islamabad.

In addition feasibility studies are being conducted for rehabilitation of Attock City — Kotri (ML-2) and Rohri —Sibi Quetta — Taftan (ML-3), sections catering for higher speeds of 160/120 KMH, keeping in view the geographical constraints. Besides focus has been laid on removal of temporary engineering speed restrictions (ERs), as a result of which such restrictions were removed over a length of 215 Km during last three years. This would help to improve average speed of trains.

68. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date on which the Pakistan Airways was established; and*
- (b) *whether it has started flight operations?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) The Pakistan Airways has been registered in Security Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) under the Companies Ordinance 1984 in February, 2016. However, the same has not yet been established as it is in infancy stage.

(b) No flight operation has yet started.

69. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

(a) *the date on which the Liver Transplantation Centre was set up in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad;*

(b) *the total number of patients whose livers have been transplanted in the PIMS alongwith the successful ratio thereof; and*

(c) *whether it is a fact that the said facility is still available in the said hospital at present?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division: (a) The Liver Transplant Center was setup in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad in November 2010.

(b) Only one Liver Transplant was carried out by a U.K team in May 02, 2012, The recipient could not make full recovery, died on fifth post operative day.

(c) Yes, the said facility is available in PIMS, But since December 2013, Organ Transplant Program is non functional and is currently on hold due to lack of trained liver transplant Surgeon, Hepatologist, Anesthetist and Intensive care Specialist post being vacant despite multiple advertisements for their appointments.

70. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) *the total number of locomotives repaired and purchased during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15; and*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that the financial and working conditions of Pakistan Railways are being improved gradually; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique): (a) The position is as under:—

Description	2013-14	2014-15	Total
Total Locomotives repaired	101	100	201
Total Locomotives purchased	23	40	63

- (b) ➤ Financial health of Pakistan Railways has significantly improved as evident from the data given below:—

(Rs. in Billion)

Sr.#	Financial Years	Budget Target	Actual Revenue	Increase / Decrease
1.	2012-13	20.000	18.078	- 1.922
2.	2013-14	21.600	22.805	+ 1.205
3.	2014-15	28.000	31.927	+ 3.127
4.	2015-16	26.008	29.212	+ 3.204
	(Proportionate Target up to April-2016)*			

- There is considerable improvement in working conditions of Pakistan Railways, details are as under:

- The punctuality of mail express trains has remarkably been increased from 25% to 85%.
- There are tremendous efforts in passenger facilitation. The rakes of Pak Business Express, Korakarm Express, Karachi Express and Hazara Express have been refurbished and upgraded. Whereas the refurbishment of rakes of Pakistan Express and Mehar Express is planned up to June 30, 2016.

* Total target for 2015-16 is Rs. 32.000 billion.

71. *Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the reasons of imbalance between income and expenditure of the Pakistan Railways (PR) during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to balance the difference between income and expenditure of the PR?*

Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique): (a) The income and expenditure during the last two years from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are given in the following table:—

(Rs. in Billion)

Year	Earnings	Expenditure	Deficit	Budgeted Deficit
2013-14	22.804	55.332	-32.528	33.500
2014-15	31.927	59.173	-27.246	37.000

Imbalance between income and expenditure is mainly due to the following main reasons:—

- i. Increase in unavoidable expenditure such as annual increase in Pay and Pension allowed by Federal Government.
- ii. Clearance of old liabilities on account of arrears of pension and commutation to railway employees.
- iii. Less-availability of rolling stock and poor condition of infrastructure are the other factors contributing towards low income.
- iv. Increase in fuel prices and utility unit rates.
- v. Increase in prices of spares of rolling in international Market.
- vi. Increase in General Price index.
- vii. Non-expansion in railway business.

(b) The Government has already adopted two pronged strategy to enhance the revenues and control the expenditure in order to bridge the gap between earning and expenditure. As a result of these steps the revenue has increased from Rs. 18 billion to Rs. 29.212 billion within last three years (upto April, 2016). Following steps are being taken to further enhance the revenue:—

1. Commercial exploitation of land through long term and short term leasing. The initiative of computerization of land will further synergize this effort.
2. Introduction of new freight and passenger trains like Green Line and Parcel Express.
3. Renovation of old rakes to attract passenger and maximizing the yield of existing trains.
4. Addition/repair of locomotives and coaches/freight bogies to augment the capacity of existing trains and run new trains.
5. Long term MOUs with private sector for transportation of coal.
6. Focus on non-traditional sources for generation of additional revenue such as station and train branding.
7. Improving punctuality, passenger facilitation to win back the confidence of customers.
8. Prioritization of resources (locomotives) towards freight sector.
9. Introduction of heavier locomotives of 4000 to 4500 HP and high capacity freight wagons for better yield.
10. Up-gradation and improvement of freight terminals.
11. Commercial exploitation of surplus Railway Land at selected Railway Stations having such potential.
12. Establishment of PRFTC to transport coal for coal tired Power Plants and other destinations.

72. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total amount approved by the present Government for the up-gradation of the Railway track infrastructure from Karachi-Peshawar main railway line alongwith the percentage of amount that approved for Pakistan Railways during the said period;*
- (b) *the province-wise details thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique): (a) The amount allocated by the present government for Pakistan Railways under PSDP portfolio during the last three years is Rs. 111.531 billion. Whereas, amount allocated for the projects of up-gradation/rehabilitation of track infrastructure on Karachi-Peshawar main line is about Rs. 25.615 billion which is 23% of the total investment.

(b) The funds allocation for the PSDP portfolio is not province based, rather project based. These projects spread over various divisions of Pakistan Railways Network. However, the province wise approximate allocation has been worked out and the breakup is given as under:—

S.No	Province wise Breakup of Allocation/Approved (In Billion PKR)			Total (PKR in Billion)
	Sindh	Punjab	KPK	
1	2	3	4	5
Amount	5.876	17.816	1.923	25.615

73. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the province-wise steps taken by the present Government to vacate the land of Pakistan Railways from illegal occupants?

Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique): Following steps have been taken by the Pakistan Railway to retrieve the encroached land:—

- Detailed survey was carried out to identify the railway land under unauthorized occupation.
- In order to retrieve the encroached land, anti-encroachment campaign was initiated and land measuring 987.074 acres has been retrieved from 24th June, 2013 upto 30th April, 2016.
- It is an ongoing campaign which will continue till the elimination of encroachments.
- The campaign is being monitored by the Divisional Superintendents, Railway Headquarter and at the level of Ministry of Railways.
- Meanwhile, a comprehensive policy has been drawn to prevent further encroachments. This policy makes the concerned Pakistan Railway officers/officials and Railway Police officials jointly responsible in case of any new encroachment.
- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and joint Procedure orders have since been issued for strict implementation of this policy. FIRs are being lodged and cases are registered and sent to railway judicial magistrate for expeditious trial.
- During the current campaign 1487 cases were registered and 1614 accused were arrested. The cases are being trialed in the courts and the land under un-authorized occupation of encroachers has been retrieved.
- A project for computerization of Railway land record has been initiated in order to harmonize the Railway land record with the record of all the Provincial Revenue Departments.

The work was awarded to Urban Wing and physically commenced on 1-04-2015 and is likely to be completed by the end of this year. This project, on completion will ensure safeguard of Railway land through a computerized monitoring system and render total transparency in land management and commercialization.

74. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of offices of the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall (PBM) at present along with the province-wise details thereof;*
- (b) *the performance of the said offices during the last five years; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to open new offices of the PBM keeping in the view of poverty in the country; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Presently, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) has the following setup;

- (i) PBM Head Office.
- (ii) Provincial Headquarters *i.e.* Punjab-I&II, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan.
- (iii) Regional Office, ICT, AJK & GB
- (iv) District Offices.

Province/District wise breakup of offices is as under (**Annex-I**):

S. No.	Province	No. of District Offices
1.	Punjab-I	24
2.	Punjab-II	14
3.	Sindh	31
4.	KPK	31
5.	Balochistan	30
6.	ICT, AJK & GB	15
Total:		145

(b) PBM is executing various programs/schemes in line with a vision of social protection for all underserved and destitute counterparts of country. In order to eliminate poverty and improve standard of living of the vulnerable and poor people, the following projects/schemes were undertaken by PBM during the last 5 years (**Annex-II**).

- (i) Individual Financial Assistance (IFA).
- (ii) Pakistan Thalassaemia Centre (PTC).
- (iii) Pakistan Sweet Homes (PSH).
- (iv) Child Support Program (CSP).
- (v) National Centres for Rehabilitation of Child Labour(NCRCL).
- (vi) Women Empowerment Centre (WEC).
- (vii) Pakistan Great Homes (PGH).
- (viii) Civil Society/NGOs Wing (CS/NGOs).
- (ix) International Health Survey.

(c) PBM has already planned to extend its services down to tehsil level and will open more such offices subject to availability of funds.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

75. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Higher Education Commission to establish at least one Campus of the Government University in each District of Balochistan; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training: Yes, Government of Pakistan under vision-2025 through Higher Education Commission (HEC) has planned to establish either a university or sub campus of public sector university in each district across the country in phase-wise.

HEC has planned to establish two (2) universities and twelve (12) sub campuses in Balochistan in phase-I. The detail is as under:

1. University of Sibi, Sibi.
2. University of Gwadar, Gwadar.

3. Sub-campus of Balochistan University of IT & Management Sciences, Qila Saifullaha.
4. Sub-campus of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Jaffarabad.
5. Sub-campus of University of Balochistan, Zhob.
6. Sub-campus of University of Balochistan, Pishin.
7. Sub-campus of University of Balochistan, Dera Murad Jamali, Nasirabad.
8. Sub-campus of Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University, Naushki.
9. Sub-campus of Lasbela Univ. of Agri. Water and Marine Sciences, Uthal, Khuzdar.
10. Sub-campus of Virtual University, Dera Bugti.
11. Sub-campus of Virtual University, Harnai.
12. Sub-campus of Virtual University, Jhal Magsi.
13. Sub-campus of Virtual University, Qila Abdullah.
14. Sub-campus of Virtual University, Ziarat.

After implementation of phase-I, 18 out of 32 districts of Balochistan will have access to higher education. The remaining districts will be considered in next phases.

76. *Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of patients from outside the capital that visit the Government Hospitals daily;*
- (b) *the steps taken by the present Government to assist such patients at the respective hospitals; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct Government Hospitals in the close cities of Islamabad to control the flow of patients?*

**Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development
Division:**

PIMS

- (a) About 1944 patients from outside the capital that visit in PIMS on daily. Workload of 2014- 15 is enclosed at annex-A.
- (b) PIMS Islamabad is catering services for a large number of patients from Islamabad, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, FATA, Gilgit-Biltistan, Kashmir and Punjab.

PIMS is also catering services to Parliamentarians, Government officers and judicial staff.

The services are carried with good number of staff ranking from specialty consultants to Medical officers, Nursing staff, Administrative staff, Security staff, House Keeping staff, kitchen, Laboratories and ancillary staff. PIMS has large number of areas to cater the patient care. It is not only five or six components but a huge service area including RHC Bharakahu.

PIMS is providing free of cost diagnostic facilities *i.e* X-Ray, Laboratory Test, ECG, ETT, EEG and many other tests to Federal Government Servants & their dependent family members, Ambassadors of various countries, Judges and parliamentarians etc. The free of cost diagnostic facilities are also provided to deserving and mustahiq patients. All Clinical Departments provide out patient services, in door admission, emergency services, surgical procedures, patient evaluation, Diagnosis, Management & Treatment to all the patients coming to PIMS.

FGPC

- (a) The total number of patients visited to FGPC in Out Patient's Department from 1st July 2015 to till date are 1179145. Out of these patient 13,700 patients were from outside Islamabad/ Rawalpindi and its suburbs.
- (b) FGPC entertains all patients visiting hospital without any discrimination whether from within or outside Islamabad and provide free of cost

treatment, available diagnostic facility and medicines. But if the Federal Govt. devices some Policy regarding the patients coming from outside Islamabad/Rawalpindi. FGPC will follow accordingly.

NIRM

- (a) National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine is a 160 bedded, tertiary care hospital in Islamabad, providing free of cost medical treatment and rehabilitative services to disabled patients coming from all over the country. Approximately 5-6,000 patients per month visit our OPD from areas other than Islamabad.
- (b) All patients coming from far flung areas are, provided free of cost medical care, surgery, anesthesia, diet and stay of at least one attendant with the patient.
- (c) NIRM was established to act as a model institution for replication at the provincial, divisional and district levels. It is highly recommended that such institutions may be established elsewhere in the provinces to facilitate patients with disabilities on priority basis.

Annex-A

Sr. #	Department	Total	Grand Total
1.	OPD	1,045,981	1,477,753
2.	EAC	431,772	
3.	No. of Patients came from Islamabad & Rawalpindi	768,431	
4.	No. of patients came from other cities	709,322	

77. ***Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the large number of trees are being eradicated and green belts are also being finished for development projects in Islamabad;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken by the Government to control it; and*
- (c) *the number of new trees planted and new green areas developed in Islamabad during the tenure of the present Government alongwith the total funds allocated for this purpose during the said period?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development

Division: (a) As a consequence only those trees are removed which are coming in the right of way or in the alignment of developmental works.

(b) Efforts are made to save Maximum number of trees and it is ensured that no tree is cut un-necessarily. Moreover, after the completion of developmental work the trees are replaced with ornamental and environmental friendly species.

(c) Each year CDA carries out tree plantation in Spring and Monsoon season. During each planting season 0.300 Million trees -are planted. So far 1.800 Million of saplings have been planted. During this period funds of Rs. 7.200 Million have been allocated for raising / planting of 1.800 million saplings.

78. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Government teachers working on ad-hoc basis in Islamabad at present; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Government has failed to regularize their services; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development

Division: (a) No Teacher is working on adhoc basis in Educational Institutions under the ambit of Federal Directorate of Education Islamabad.

(b) As above.

79. ***Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to improve standards of the Universities and to regulate the fee structure therein?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training:
Government of Pakistan through Higher Education Commission (HEC) has taken the following steps to improve standards of the Universities:

- ✱ Establishment of New Universities/campuses across the country.
- ✱ Enhancement in higher education enrollment.
- ✱ International Linkages.
- ✱ National Research Grant.
- ✱ HEC Outstanding Research Award.
- ✱ University Industry Technology Support Program.
- ✱ Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC).
- ✱ Business Incubation Centers (BICs).
- ✱ HEC-International Labor Organization Collaboration.
- ✱ Digital Library.
- ✱ National Curriculum Review Committee.
- ✱ Roadmap for Business Education in Pakistan.
- ✱ Best University Teacher Award.
- ✱ Promotion of research publication and book writing culture.
- ✱ Professional training program for HEIs teachers.

- Professional training program for HEIs management.
- Interuniversity Sports Championship.
- National Sports Championship.
- Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme.
- Smart Universities.
- Quality Enhancement Cells.
- National Quality Assurance Framework.
- Tenure Track System.
- Faculty Development Program.
- Human Resource Development (Scholarships).

The detail of steps taken by the Higher Education Commission is at **Annex-I**.

Public and Private Universities/Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are corporate entities by the prescribed name and have self-governance status in accordance with the provisions of their Act or Ordinance as the case may be. Private Universities generally have a specific stipulated authority to demand and receive such fees and other charges as they may determine. Moreover, considering that private universities are not eligible for regular public financial support and are required to generate resources by their own for operational and development expenditures, regulating their fees - which is the prime source of income - will be a difficult proposition. The overwhelming focus may preferably be on improving access and quality of the higher education and research in the country while creating opportunities for supporting needy students on merit. The detail is at **Annex-II**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

80. ***Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the residents of Islamabad are badly suffering from pollen allergy;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:

PIMS

- (a) The patient of Bronchial Asthma come on daily basis in Pulmonology OPD, PIMS as well as emergency through out of the year but during the days of increase of pollen in the air the number of these allergy patients increase many fold both in our OPD and also in emergency. The increase in the number of Asthma patients usually is seen during start of March up to Mid of May and also during start of September upto mid of November every year.
- (b) Reduction in number of paper mulberry trees is the key to reducing the pollen count in Islamabad. This is the domain of CDA.

FGPC

- (a) Residents of Islamabad do suffer from pollen allergy during the peak season of Pollen concentration in the atmosphere *i.e.* March & April.
- * However, at FGPC no remarkable increase is noted in the number of Shortness of Breath (SOB) patients treated during the peak season of Pollen allergy as compared to the previous year. The Director Health Services of CDA is the focal body to deal with pollen allergy in the capital and their data can show the overall trend.
- (b) The Federal Government Polyclinic Hospital is providing available diagnostic and curative services to the patients with pollen allergy.

NIRM

NIRM is designed to provide long term rehabilitative services to persons with all kinds of disabilities and as such, we do not treat patients with pollen allergy. All such patients are referred to the relevant departments at PIMS and FGPC.

81. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of students to whom scholarships granted for study abroad during the last five years till date; and*
- (b) *the total number of the students out of them serving in Pakistan after completing their studies abroad?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training: (a) A total of **1,585** *i.e.* one thousand, five hundred and eighty five students were granted Scholarships of PhD for study abroad during last five year till date under the following programmes:

- (i) Overseas PhD Scholarships Phase-1&11.
- (ii) Human Resource Development Initiative-UESTP overseas scholarships.
- (iii) Master leading to PhD overseas scholarship programme under Aghaz-e- Haqooq-e-Balochistan.
- (iv) Faculty Development Programme.

(b) It takes around five years to complete MS leading to PhD. It implies that scholars who were awarded scholarships in 2012 should complete their PhD and are expected to return by the end of 2016.

82. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the performance made by the Capital Development Authority during the last three years?

Reply not received.

83. ***Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to adopt Urdu as an official language?

Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage (Mr. Pervaiz Rashid): with reference of steps for adoption of Urdu the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has given approval for line of action on 6th July, 2015 consisting of ten points (Annexure-A).

On 24th August, 2015 the adoption of Article 251 of the Constitution came under discussion in the meeting held by Federal Cabinet in Islamabad. The Prime Minister established a Federal Cabinet Committee for declaring Urdu as an official language and in connection of its use for other purposes (Annexure-B).

The first meeting of the Federal Cabinet Committee for adoption of Urdu held on 14th September, 2015, second 16th November, 2015, third 22nd December, 2015 and fourth on 23rd February, 2016. The Federal Cabinet Committee for adoption of Urdu in its third meeting held on 22nd December, 2015. The mid and long term course of action implementation was approved in its final shape unanimously. On 5th February, 2016 the mid and long term steps were dispatched to Prime Minister Office for final approval (Annexure-C).

The implementation has been started on ten points of course of action approved by the Prime Minister. The details of which can be seen in the annexed document (Annexure-D).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

84. ***Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the performance made by the Pakistan Environment of Protection Agency during the last three years?

Minister for Climate Change: Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency has taken following major actions / steps during the last three years:—

- * Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (PEPA'97) draft Amendment Bill 2015 has been prepared.

- * Prohibition of Non-Degradable Plastic Products (Manufacturing, Sales and Usage (Amendment) Regulation 2015 notified.
- * Prohibition of Non-Degradable Plastic Products (Manufacturing, Sales and Usage (Amendment) Regulation 2013 notified.
- * Compounding of Offences and payment of Administrative Penalty Rules, 2015 notified.
- * Motor Vehicle Regulations 2016 Under Section 15 and Hazardous Waste & Hazardous Substance Rules, 2016 drafted.
- * Registration of criteria and procedure for Environmental Consultants, drafted.
- * Review of Initial Environment Examination (IEE)/Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulation drafted and sent to Ministry of Law for vetting.
- * Clean Environment Fund established under section 42 of the companies' Ordinance 1984 for the protection, conservation and rehabilitation of environment in the federal capital.
- * Geometric Centre Project under PSDP was started *w.e.f.* 01st July, 2013 with capital cost of Rs. 48.885 million. The project is for Environmental Monitoring and mapping services. It will generate data for producing State of Environment report as mandated under PEPA'97.
- * Pak EPA is currently working on the revival of CLEAN laboratory and Environmental Monitoring System which was established with the assistance of JICA.
- * Meetings of Biosafety committees in February & April 2016 were held to approve GM varieties of cotton and corn.

85. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to withdraw the facility of free/concessional air tickets being provided to the employees of the Pakistan International Airlines at present in order to reduce its financial deficit ?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: There is no such proposal under consideration to withdraw the facility of free/concessional air tickets to PIA

employees. The PIA employees are provided with limited free of cost and concessional tickets subject to availability of space on the aircraft. Since the employees and their dependents are accepted for travel at last moment before departure against unutilized/empty seats only, hence, the national airlines revenues are not affected.

86. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Railways Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the persons entitled to travel free or travel at concessional rate by trains in the country at present alongwith other facilities being provided to those persons separately;*
- (b) the financial burden faced by the Pakistan Railways therefrom during the last year till date; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to withdraw those facilities; if so, when it will be implemented ?*

Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique): (a):

- (i) Railways Officers/Officials are entitled to travel free on Privilege passes in limited number issued in each year.
- (ii) Persons /Personnel entitled to travel on Concessional rates are the following:
 - (a) Student /Foreign Students @ 50%
 - (b) Blind & disabled @ 50%, blind student @ 65% and accompanying attendant with blind @ 50%
 - (c) Sports athlete @ 40%
 - (d) Journalists @ 80% and 50% to spouse of Journalists.
 - (e) Senior Citizen @ 25% in AC/Class and 50% in economy class

- (f) Tourists @ 25%
- (g) Members of Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport (CILT), Pakistan Chapter
- (h) Scouts & girl guides @ 50%

The persons entitled to travel free or on concessional rates are provided the facility of advance reservation at all Reservation / Booking Offices of Pakistan Railways.

(b) The financial burden faced by Pakistan Railways during the period from 1st July, 2015 to 28th April, 2016 is worked out as Rs. 152.914 million.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present to withdraw these concessions.

87. ***Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that aircrafts with PIA are more than 20 years old;*
- (b) *whether it is also fact that accidents are increasing thereby; if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and*
- (c) *the details of maintenance procedure being adopted in this regard at present ?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) In PIAC fleet, only 04 in-service/operational A310 aircraft are more than 20 years old. However, presently with the recent induction of A320 and ATR 72 aircraft, the average fleet age has reduced to 10.5 years. The same will further reduce after the permanent retirement of A310 aircraft from service expectedly in 2016 and 2017.

(b) It is apprised that last accident in the history of PIA took place on 10th July, 2006 in which a Fokker aircraft crashed at Multan due to Engine failure. Since then no accident occurred in PIA.

(c) PIA Engineering & Maintenance follows maintenance procedures which are in full compliance as laid down in Pakistan CAA Air Navigation Order 145 regarding Maintenance Organization.

88. ***Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Higher Education Commission has launched a scheme under the Prime Minister's package to waive off the fee for M.A./MS/M.Phil and Ph.D students belonging to less developed areas;*
- (b) *if so, the details of students who have availed the said facility and living in less developed areas of southern Punjab or the details of those students studying in the Universities of the said areas during the last two years?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training: (a) Yes, Government of Pakistan through Higher Education Commission (HEC), has launched a scheme titled "**Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement scheme for less developed areas**" to reimburse fee for the students of Masters, MS/M.Phil., and Ph.D. belonging to less developed areas. The scheme is now gradually switching to waiver mode from the current financial year *i.e.* FY-2015-16. The areas are included Rural Sindh, Southern Punjab, Gilgit-Baltistan, entire Balochistan, FATA, and, AJK.

(b) A total of 1,194 students have availed the fee waiver facility, and living in less developed areas of southern Punjab to date. A total of Rs.47.84 million paid to the universities of southern Punjab during the current F. Y. 2015-16 to date.

Rs. (in Million)

Year	Students	Total Amount
2015-16	1194	47.84
Total:	1194	47.84

The details is attached at **Annex-I**.

However, the more cases of fee waiver of the southern Punjab's universities are under process.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

89. ***Ms. Amra Khan:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Ph.D Qualified Clinical Psychologists in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the total number of Clinical Psychologists to whom Ph.D scholarships given during the year 2014-15?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training: (a) A total of seventy seven (77) Ph.D. qualified Clinical Psychologists are in the country at present.

(b) A total of three (3) Clinical Psychologists were awarded scholarships for Ph. D. during the year 2014-15, under the project “Indigenous Ph.D Fellowship 5000 Phase-II”

90. ***Syed Waseem Hussain:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Federal Government Hospitals and Dispensaries in Hyderabad at present;*
- (b) *the total number of employees working in the said Hospitals and Dispensaries at present alongwith their names, domiciles and designations; and*
- (c) *whether the Government intends to setup a state of the art hospital in Hyderabad in the near future; if so, the details thereof?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

ISLAMABAD:
The 11th May, 2016

ABDULJABBAR ALI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Thursday, the 12th May, 2016**

15. **Mir Aamir Ali Khan Magsi:**
(Deferred during 31st Session)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether funds have been allocated to metal roads and to lay sewerage lines in Muhammadi Town, Sohan, Islamabad so far; and*
- (b) *the time by which the development works will be started in the said Town?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota day.

30. **Ms. Munaza Hassan:**

Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state whether it is a fact that increase has not been made in the pension of retired employees of the PTV by the Government since 01-01-2012; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage (Mr. Pervaiz Rashid): In this regard it is stated that 22.5% increase in pension of retired PTV employees was made *w.e.f.* 01-07-2013. 15% increase in pension has been allowed *w.e.f.* 01-07-2015. PTV is a public limited Company registered under the Companies Ordinance, 1984. It's Board of Directors, duly nominated by the Federal Government, is the competent authority for all financial/administrative and corporate decisions of the Corporation. The financial terms of PTV's employees

are settled through memorandum of settlement agreed upon between the Management and CBA union keeping in view the financial health/condition of the organization duly approved by PTV Board of Directors. The increases in pay, allowances and pension which are allowed to Government employees are not applicable to PTV Employees.

31. **Ms. Munaza Hassan:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make Technical Education a part of Secondary Education;*
- (b) *whether there is also any proposal under consideration of the Government to include the classes of carpentry, electrical and other technical education in the curriculum of Secondary Education;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *the names/kinds of technical and vocational education courses being conducted in the country at present?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training: (a) Looking at the high number of drop outs after primary and need for vocational education in the country, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training has decided to introduce the concept of VOCATIONAL SECONDRY SCHOOL in the country.

(b) Yes, such courses are part of approved design and scheme for VOCATIONAL SECONDRY SCHOOLS.

(c) A Vocational Secondary School has been opened in ICT under National Education Foundation (NEF) in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Another school is planned for the current year. In next year, twelve more such schools are on the cards. NAVTTC is the implementing partner in this initiative in which less intense formal Curriculum along-with introduction to technology and

vocational courses would be taught in grade 6 to 8, whereas a choice of courses from two-year, G-II level NAVTTC approved vocational / technical courses will be taught in grade 9 and 10th for practical hands on training. Besides, the technical education and vocational training is being conducted in different trades (having duration of 3 months to 4 years) as per list attached in various public and private institutes (being managed by Provincial TEVTA, PVTC, NAVTTC Partner Institutes, Punjab Skill Development Fund and Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Programs).

(d) There are 298 Technical and Vocational Education Courses being conducted in the country at present. List is attached. (**Annex-A**)

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

32. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to plant fruits and olive trees at Daman-e-Koh, Islamabad?

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division: Daman-e-Koh is the natural zone of olive trees and olive trees are naturally growing in abundance at Daman-e-Koh. However, olive trees are planted in the foothill of Daman-e-Koh in blank spaces. Moreover, fruit trees including apples, pears, jaman and Locat have been planted along the 9th Avenue, Kashmir Highway, and Murree road.

33. **Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of the Islamabad Airport Project escalated so far; and

(b) the expected date of completion of the said project?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) & (b)

➤ Original PC-I cost of the Project (2008) - Rs. 36,865 M

- Estimated cost of Project as per Revised PC-I - Rs. 81,171 M
- The expected date of completion of all awarded packages of IIAP Project is 25th Dec., 2016. However operationalization process will take 6-8 months. Timeline depends on the timely delivery of equipments.

34. **Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to raise the status of teachers in the Pakistani society?

Transferred to Federal Education and Professional Training.

35. **Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the individuals who are exempted from acquiring dual nationality under the laws; and*
- (b) *whether those individuals are entitled to acquire another nationality later in their service?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) & (b) The subject of nationality/dual nationality is dealt with by the Ministry of Interior through the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (**Annex-I**). Civil Servant Act and the Rules made thereunder do not place a bar on a Government Servant for obtaining International Passport/ Immigration/acquire nationality of other country. However, in terms of Para 62 of the Rules and Procedures for issue of Passports he has to obtain prior NOC from Government for the purpose (**Annex-II**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

36. **Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

Will the Minister for Capital, Administration and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that funds have been allocated to

install street sign boards in Sector I-14, Islamabad; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister In-charge of the Capital, Administration and Development Division:

Roads.

Funds amounting to Rs. 39.007(M) have been allocated for following work on account of Construction/Maintenance to be (executed in sector 1-14.

1. Construction of remaining VRs in 1-14 Islamabad. Rs. 20.00(M)
2. Rehabilitation of approach road from GT road to Hajj Complex in 1-14/3. Rs. 9.507(M)
3. Rehabilitation of MRI/2, 2/3 in 1-14/3, Islamabad. Rs.9.500(M)

Cost estimate have already been prepared and work will be executed in this year subject to issuance of expenditure sanction by finance wing CDA.

Street Lights.

Fund for installation of street lights in sector 1-14 have not been allocated. However, an estimated provision of Rs. 261.445 Million has been made in the revised PC-I for the scheme. Once scheme is approved & funds are allocated, Street Lights shall be installed after due tendering process/ codal formalities.

37. Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the roads near Islamabad Railway Station and Dry Port are in a dilapidated condition at present;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken by the Government to repair the said roads?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division: (a) Service Road South of sector H-9 near Islamabad Railway Station is in good condition. However, Service Road North of sector 1-9 & I-10 near

Dry port is in dilapidated condition. Although, routine maintenance work is carried out through departmental labour, however, no major repair work could be carried out during last few years.

(b) Rehabilitation work of service Road North of Sector 1-9 & 1-10 has been started and is likely to be completed in (02) Two months.

38. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the doors of Quarter Nos.5 and 6, Block No.4-A, Street No.46, Sector G-7/2, Islamabad are in a dilapidated condition since long; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which said doors will be repaired?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division: (a)

- Yes it is a fact that the doors of Quarter Nos. 5 & 6, Block No. 4-A, Street No. 46, Sector G-7/2, Islamabad, are in dilapidated condition.
 - There are 4350 quarters in Sector G-7, out of which 52 Nos. quarters have been taken up for repair / replacement of doors in current financial year keeping in view the funds position.
- (b) ➤ An estimate (Rate Running Contract regarding Replacement of Doors for 40 Nos. Quarters), has been prepared to take up in the 1st release of next financial year.
- The said doors has been included in the estimate and shall be replaced on receipt of 1st quarter release 2016-17

39. **Ms. Aasiya Nasir:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the appointments have been made against the post of Cashier and other posts in the Federal Government T.B Centre, Asghar Mall, Rawalpindi by ignoring merit and through nepotism;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the son of Admin Officer and relatives of MS of said Centre have been appointed against said posts;*
- (c) if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the action taken by the Government against the responsables therefor?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The recruitments have purely been made on merit, adopted all Government procedures and followed the guidelines laid down by the Establishment Division. No favoritism has been shown in the whole process.

(b) No relative of MS was appointed against the said post, however, the son of the Admin Officer was appointed against the post of Cashier exclusively and purely on merit.

(c) Not applicable.

40. **Ms. Sabiha Nazir:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that trains do not stop at Sarai Alamgir Railway Station at present; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the employees have been posted on said Railway station; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to stop trains at said Station?*

- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to restore the stop of any passenger train at above station in the near future?*

Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique): (a) It is a fact that no train is stopping at “Sarai Alamgir” Railway Station, because on the other side of river. Railway station Jhelum is situated at the distance of 3.88 kilometers and at present, the following eight (8) pair of trains are stopping at Jhelum Railway Station.

Train No.	Train Name	Running Between	
1Up-2Dn	Khyber Mall	Karachi	Peshawar
7Up/8Dn	Tezgam	Karachi	Rawalpindi
11Up/12Dn	Hazara Express	Karachi	Haavelian
13Up/14Dn	Awam Express	Karachi	Peshawar
39Up/40Dn	Jaffar Express	Quetta	Rawalpindi
45Up/46Dn	Pakistan Express	Karachi	Rawalpindi
101Up/102Dn	Subak Raftar	Lahore	Rawalpindi
103Up/104Dn	Subak Kharam	Lahore	Rawalpindi

(b) It is fact that operational staff has been posted on said station for train operation.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to stop trains at said station, being commercially unviable, specially when the people are served through stoppage of trains at Jhelum.

(d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to restore the stop of any passenger train at above station in near future.

41. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to give General Stores and Tuck Shops of PIMS to NGO in order to save the patients and their relatives from double prices which are being charged therefrom?

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development

Division: It is informed that there is no any proposal under consideration of the Government to give General Stores and Tuck Shops of PIMS to NGO in order to save the patients and their relatives from double prices.

42. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the roads of Sector I-9 to I-11, Islamabad including I. J. P. Road are in a dilapidated condition for the last many years;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken to repair/construct the said roads?*

Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development

Division: (a) Roads of Sectors 1-9 & I-10 including IJP Road have become shabby and requires rehabilitation. Routine maintenance is carried out on regular basis through departmental labor, however, due to paucity of funds, rehabilitation work couldn't be carried out during the past few years.

(b) Two separate works for rehabilitation of roads of Sectors 1-8, 1-9, 1-10, H-8 & H-9 and IJP Road have been awarded. The contractors have mobilized and work started in I - 9 & I - 10. Rehabilitation of IJP Road shall start within a week period. Completion period for both the works is 06 months.

43. **Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that only 10% quota is being observed to promote a Naib Qasid as LDC since long in the Ministries/ Division;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the said quota; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) As per S.R.O. No. 139(1)/2012, dated 31st January, 2012 (copy enclosed) 10% quota is being observed for promotion to LDC from Employees holding posts BS-06 and below with the qualification Matric with a minimum typing speed of 30 *w.p.m.* through a departmental promotional examination.

(b) At present, there is no proposal under consideration in Establishment Division to increase the said quota.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

44. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has approved Accidental Damage Programme to authorize dealers of the Samsung Mobiles Sets in the country; if so, the terms and conditions thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the authorized dealers and insurance company to whom the contracts of insurance of accidental damages of mobiles sets have been awarded are not catering the consumers under the said Programme and demand extra money for repairing said sets; if so, whether the PTA has taken notice thereupon; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the PTA to make insurance company accountable therefor?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) No

PTA did not approve or regulate any accidental damage program which is a commercial decision and undertaken by each manufacturer/ distributor separately. In case of dispute where consumer is not satisfied by the after sales services provided by the company, they may approach PTA and matter is investigated accordingly for resolution. According to information provided by Samsung Pakistan, Accidental coverage (AC+) is a commercial program implemented by Samsung Pakistan, to facilitate Samsung customers whereby all mobile phones are covered from accidental damage in a one-year time period. This is a purely commercial initiative of a company and is not approved or endorsed by PTA in anyway.

Mobile devices are type approved by the PTA where technical aspects like interference, electromagnetic compatibility, safety and specific absorption rates are evaluated. The quality and standard of device is also assessed along with the software operating system testing is carried out. As part of type approval application, the applicant also submits details for its after sales services/ warranty of product details.

(b) No

The mandate of PTA type approval is to technically evaluate the equipment. As stated in response to question 1, PTA as part of type approval requires applicants to provide after sales services details. In case of a consumers not satisfied with after sales services or facing problems/ exploitation from the company may contact PTA Complaint cell. The complaint is investigated and resolution for the same is provided on priority.

(c) PTA does not intervene in commercial activities of an organization. All consumer complaints received are evaluated with the commercial company advertised policies and in case of violation/ divergence from advertised campaign strict action is taken accordingly.

ISLAMABAD:
The 11th May, 2016.

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.