

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 14th March, 2018

36. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**
(Deferred during 50th Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state the location where the Munda Mohmand Dam is being constructed at present?

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): The Project is proposed to be constructed across Swat River at a distance of about 48 km from Peshawar and 5 km upstream of existing Munda Headworks in Mohmand Agency, FATA.

63. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

*(a) the name of proposed site for the construction of Akhori Dam;
and*

(b) whether construction work of said Dam has been started?

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): (a) Akhori Dam site (600 MW and 6.0 MAF) is proposed to be constructed on a small tributary of Haro River, near Akhori Village across Nandna Kas, in Attock District of Punjab.

(b) Construction of Akhori Dam, Project has not been started, yet. The Project status is as follows:

- Feasibility study of Akhori Dam Project was completed in January 2006.
- PC-II for Detailed Engineering Design and Tender Documents of the Project amounting to Rs. 818.00 Million submitted to Ministry of Water & Power on June 23, 2006 for approval.
- Detailed Engineering Design and Construction of the Project is pending on the want of consensus among provinces.

67. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *as to when the plan for constructing the Chiniot Dam on the River Chenab was made; and*
- (b) *as to why the said Dam has not been constructed till date?*

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): (a) PC-II for Feasibility study was submitted to Ministry of Water & Power on January 23, 2014 and the project was approved by CDWP in its meeting held on March 04, 2015 at a cost of Rs. 146.330 million.

Feasibility study was started in February 2016 after the release of funds and under finalization stage.

(b) Chiniot Dam Project is currently in the study phase. The project implementation will be started after the approval of PC-I and allocation / release of funds.

78. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state the names of departments that are directly and indirectly responsible for implementation upon the water policy?

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): According to the proposed implementation mechanism given in the draft NWP, a Policy implementation Steering Committee shall steer the implementation of the policy through heads of following ministries and departments:

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- 1 Ministry of Water Resources
 - 2 Ministry of National Food Security & Research
 - 3 Office of Chief Engineering Adviser/ Chairman Federal Flood Commission
 - 4 Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA)
 - 5 National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
 - 6 Indus River System Authority (IRSA)
 - 7 Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR)
 - 8 Higher Education Commission (HEC)
 - 9 Pakistan Agriculture Research Council (PARC)
 - 10 Office of Pakistan Commissioner for Indus Waters (PCIW)
 - 11 Planning Commission represented by Member (Infrastructure)
 - 12 Pakistan Meteorologist Department (PMD)
 - 13 Irrigation, Agriculture and Public Health Engineering (PHE) Departments of all the four provinces
 - 14 PWD, Government of Gilgit-Baltistan
 - 15 FATA represented by its Secretary (Admin, Coord. & infrastructure)
 - 16 AJ&K represented by its Secretary, (irrigation & Small Dams).
 - 17 D. G. Engineers, Pak Army (Member)
 - 18 Ministry of Climate Change represented by D.G (Environment)
 - 19 Four representatives from Private Sector & Civil Society (Member)
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As regards constitution of the Policy implementation Committee, it is stated that Pakistan's National Water Policy (NWP) was considered in the 34th meeting of CCI held on November 24, 2017. The CCI considered the

draft NWP and referred it to a committee headed by the Deputy Chairman Planning Commission. The decision of the CCI regarding NWP in the said meeting is reproduced as under:

“The CCI approved the proposal of Minister for Interior that a committee headed by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission and comprising Minister for Power Division, Federal Secretaries of Water Resources, Planning, Development and Reform, Power Division and Chief Secretaries of all the Provinces, be constituted, for further examination of the Policy”.

Once the NWP gets approved, the Implementation Steering Committee will start performing its functions.

85. ***Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of those projects on which work is in progress for preserving water of rivers, streams and nullahs at present; and*
- (b) *the time by which they will be completed alongwith the reasons of delay in these projects?*

Reply not received.

104. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

Will the Minister for National Health services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the employees of the Federal Government alongwith its organizations who are entitled for medical treatment abroad at present?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): The Government has approved the policy/ guidelines regarding medical treatment abroad. This policy/ guidelines will be applicable to members of parliament, Federal Government

Servant and Employees of Public Sector Corporations/ Autonomous bodies under the control of Federal Government.

Copy of the policy/ guidelines regarding medical treatment abroad is enclosed **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

126. ***Ms. Mussarrat Ahmadzeb:**
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that China will get 91% share of income generated from Gwadar Port; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that an agreement has been made in above respect with China under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Maritime Affairs (Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo): (a) The Concession holder “China Overseas Ports Holding Company Limited” (COPHCL) and its three subsidiaries/ operating companies will pay following percentages from their **gross revenues** to Gwadar Port Authority during the concession period:

Terminal Operating Company: 9%

Marine Service Company: 9%

Free Zone Company: 15%

(b) Concession Agreement has not been made in above respect with China under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

During 2006-07, after International Competitive Bidding (ICB), Port of Singapore Authority International (PSA) was selected as Port Operator with the approval of Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Federal Cabinet to operate Gwadar Port and its Free Zone for 40 years on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.

Since May 2013, M/S China Overseas Port Holding Company Limited (COPHCL) has taken over concession rights from the previous operator “M/s PSA Gwadar International Pte Ltd.”.

55. ***Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan could not automate the country-wide network of its stores into one Unified Computing System; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to automate the network of Utility Stores in one Unified Computing System; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a) Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan (Pvt.) Limited (USC) was in process of procuring an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to automate all core operations and allied functions including Supply Chain Management, Procurement Management, Warehouse Management, Financial Management, Human Resource Management, Payrolls and Sales (POS for stores). As per PPRA rules a Request For Proposal (RFP) was published in the press after the approval from USC Board of Directors in May 2016 for automation of USC Network. Following three companies submitted their proposals for the automation of USC Network.

Sr. No.	Company
1.	Systems Limited in Joint Venture with Techaccess (Pvt.) Limited
2.	InfoTech Private Limited
3.	Inbox Business Technologies (Pvt.) Limited

Digital Research Labs (Private) Limited (DRL) an IT Company, who had not participated in the tender, filed a complaint in Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), that the qualification criteria in RFP suits companies offering only internationally accredited software products. CCP ordered that USC may re-advertise the tender after changing the RFP selection criteria as per the CCP guidelines.

(b) Yes, proposal for automation of USC is under consideration and USC is now working with PITB (Punjab Information Technology Board) for the automation of USC network.

56. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Ministry to make draw process transparent for Hajj-2018?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony always emphasizes on maintaining fairness and transparency in the draw process. Just like previous years, for Hajj - 2018 draw has been conducted through third party *i.e.* Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), which is one of the most credible institutions in the country.

57. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be pleased to state the performance made by the Ministry during the last one year?

Minister for Maritime Affairs (Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo): Performance of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs during last one year has remained good. It is based on the performance of organizations under the Ministry, Karachi Port Trust (K PT). Port Qasim Authority (PQA). Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) and Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) which remained profitable. Details are given below:

KARACHI PORT TRUST

Operational Performance			Figures in Million Tons	
Period	No. of Ships	Total Cargo Volume	Imports	Exports
2016-17	1,921	52.493	42.638	9.856

Financial Performance			Rupees in Million		
Period	Revenue	Expenditure	Profit before Tax	Provision for Income Tax	Net Profit for the year after Tax
2016-17	18,868.51	14,360.51	4,508.00	1,352.40	3,155.60

PORT QASIM AUTHORITY

Operational Performance			Figures in Million Tons	
Period	No. of Ships	Total Cargo Volume	Imports	Exports
2016-17	1,406	33.358	30.995	6.363

Financial Performance			Rupees in Million		
Period	Revenue	Expenditure	Profit before Tax	Provision for Income Tax	Net Profit for the year after Tax
2016-17	14,161	-9,192	4969	-1,540	3,428

GWADAR PORT AUTHORITY

Gwadar Port became operational in 2008 but it has yet to earn profit. China Overseas Port Holding Company is operating Gwadar Port under the Concession Agreement. Commercial operations are likely to commence in 2nd quarter of 2018.

PAKISTAN NATIONAL SHIPPING CORPORATION

Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) is a national flag carrier comprises 9 vessels (04 Aframax tankers and 05 bulk carrier) with a total deadweight (DWT) capacity of 681,806 metric tons and contributes significantly to Pakistan's Imports and Exports volumes; on the other hand operate worldwide earning foreign exchange for the Government exchequer.

During the FY 2016-17, PNSC arranged the shipment for various public sector organizations. Major strategic shipments were transported from USA, China, Russia and South Korea coupled with small shipments from various parts of the world.

PNSC has declared profit after tax of Rs. 2,477 million in fiscal year 2016-17, an increment of 7% as compared to last year's Rs. 2,323 million. This is the highest profit after tax achieved by the Corporation since last 10 years.

58. ***Ms. Sabiha Nazir:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a new Secretariat Building/Block situated on Constitution Avenue, Islamabad is lying vacant at present; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani):

Yes, the New Secretariat Building / Block situated on Constitution Avenue, Islamabad is lying vacant at present due to the reason that a Ministerial Committee is working on the proposal pertaining to the allotment of spaces to the different Ministries, which will be finalized shortly & accordingly the Ministries will occupy the allotted space.

As regard Pak. PWD, the Civil works (both internal & External) in the main building has been completed. All major Electrical works have also been completed. All 14-lifts have been installed at present. Only their testing/ commissioning is in progress. Water & Electricity connection have been provided by the concern department, however Gas connection is in progress which will be completed shortly.

59. ***Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the performance of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council for the year 2017-18; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the medical education?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): (a) The performance and steps taken by Pakistan Medical and Dental Council for the year 2017-18 is as follows:

- * 10 Council Sessions and 9 Executive Committee meetings were successfully convened in 2017.
- * NEB Examination (step I, II, III) were conducted successfully.
- * Development of National Criteria for appointment of teachers in medical and dental institutions of Pakistan (PM&DC Regulations for the Appointment/ Promotion of the Faculty Professional staff/ Examiners/ Principals/ Deans/ Administrative Staff in Undergraduate & Postgraduate Medical & Dental Institutions of Pakistan 2017).
- * Revision of Accreditation proforma for medical / dental colleges initiated.
- * Appointments under section 3 of the PM&DC ordinance 1962 were done for smooth functioning of affairs of Council.
- * Process of developing medical and dental curriculum for medical / dental students in consultation with HEC and other stake holders in accordance with international medical standards intimated.
- * Inspections and formulation of recommendations regarding recognition of Medical & Dental Institutions for training of undergraduate & postgraduate qualifications.
- * Process of formulation of National Policy for Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Professional Development initiated.
- * Reform regarding change of manual work to digitalize/ IT based process initiated.
- * Timely pursuance of all court related matters.
- * Effective coordination between PM&DC and provincial departments (Health care commissions, provincial health departments).

- Strengthening the “Regulatory Role” of PM&DC.
- WFME accreditation process initiated.
- Total No. of registered Medical Students (Medical & Dental) by PM&DC= 1,89,157.
- Total No. of specialists (Medical & Dental) practitioner with post graduate qualification registered by PM&DC=42,168.
- Total No. of registered Medical Colleges =107 (Public=41& Private=66).
- Total No. of registered Dental Colleges =49(Public=14 & Private=35).

(b) Pakistan Medical & Dental Council is a Statutory Regulatory Authority established under Medical & Dental Council Ordinance 1962. It is responsible for regulating the Medical Education by accrediting and registering Medical and Dental Institutions in Pakistan. However, Federal Government extends its support and coordination as and when required by PM&DC. M/o NHS,R&C gives relevant advice related to the Regulatory affairs of PM&DC in consultation to M/o Law & Justice. A comprehensive draft Human Resources for Health (HRH) vision has been drafted for enhancing quality of Medical Education based on International best practices in liaison with the International experts of relevant field.

60. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the average number of infants who die within one month, three months, six months and one year of their birth in Pakistan alongwith the major reasons behind their death?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): It is estimated based on projections of earlier surveys (Pakistan Demographic Health Survey 2012-13) that **in 2016 there were a total of 6.38 million live births** in the country. **Out of which 419,032 infants** (less than 1 year of age) died. This includes **290,393 deaths of neonates** (less than 1 month of age).

The major reasons of deaths for neonates (less than 1 month of age) are as follows:

* Prematurity	40%
* Birth Asphyxia	21%
* Infections	18%

The major reasons of deaths for infants (less than 1 year of age) are as follows:

* Pneumonia	17.7%
* Diarrheal diseases	11.3%
* Neonatal causes (as above)	60.0%

Note: These numbers are based on neonatal and infant mortality rates measured through surveys, therefore information on number of death at 3 months and 6 months is not estimated.

61. ***Ms. Aasiya Nasir:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state:

(a) *the total meetings of the National Commission for Minorities held since June, 2013; and*

(b) *the decisions taken by the said Commission during said period?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) Since June-2013, five (05) meetings of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) have been held on 13-11-2014, 13-01-2015, 07-05-2015, 30-05-2016 and 26-01-2017.

(b) National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has taken number of decisions. Some of the important decisions and action taken is, as under:—

1. Draft Interfaith Harmony Policy has been prepared by the NCM and sent to the Council of Common Interests (CCI) for consideration/approval to be owned by all Provinces. CCI considered this draft on 26-02-2018. decision is awaited.

2. On the direction of the National Commission for Minorities, Provincial Governments and ICT have established “**District Interfaith Harmony Committees**”, comprising members from all religions so that these Committees may take immediate action to address any incident at initial level.
3. On the recommendation of NCM Interfaith Harmony Conferences have been arranged in all Provinces of the country as well as Muzafar Abad, Azad Jammu & Kashmir.
4. On the recommendation of NCM, rates of Minorities Students Scholarship have been doubled.
5. The present NCM considered the cases for grant of NOCs and issued five (05) NOCs for the sale of communal properties of Minorities.
6. The NCM approved for construction of “Pakistan Centre for Interfaith Harmony” in Islamabad, for which the case was taken up with CDA for the allocation of land, but the CDA has refused to allocate the land.
7. On the recommendation of NCM, CDA allotted plot to Hindu Community for construction of Mandir in Sector H-8, Islamabad.
8. On the recommendation of NCM, directions were passed to all Ministries / Divisions / Departments / Provincial Governments to ensure 5% job quota for minorities.
9. On the recommendation of NCM, advertisements were displayed in the renowned newspapers that no property of communal use of minorities can be sell / purchased without NOC of the National Commission for Minorities / Federal Government.
10. NCM vetted the proposed amendments in “Parsi Marriage & Divorce (Amendment) Bill”, 2015 and sent to Law Reforms Committee for further action.
11. A Bill titled National Commission for Interfaith Harmony Bill prepared by the NCM is under process.

62. ***Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.131 replied on 14-12-2017 and to state:

- (a) *the terms and conditions upon which airlines were hired during Hajj-2017;*
- (b) *whether any agreement was made between the Ministry and airlines for not utilizing business and business plus seats for Hujjaj for the said Hajj; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken to make an agreement with airlines in order to utilize full capacity of airplanes in the next Hajj?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) Copies of MoUs containing terms & conditions upon which Airlines were hired during Hajj - 2017 are attached.

(b) **No.** The Hujjaj are airlifted in designated airlines in accordance with the agreement using the full capacity of the Airlines in economy class only.

(c) MoUs with the designated Airlines containing the allotted quota and other terms and conditions will be signed shortly for Hajj-2018.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

63. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps taken by the Ministry for promotion of olive, sun flower, canola and other such crops cultivation on commercial basis in the country since June, 2013?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): 1. Since June, 2013 promote Oilseed crops in the country, MNFS&R through National Agriculture Research System (NARS) is continuously promoting research. The following PSDP/ ALP/ RADP projects were initiated:

- * Promotion of Olive Cultivation On Commercial Scale in Pakistan.
- * Pak China project for crop improvement, introduction of exotic hybrids and development of indigenous hybrid with the assistance of China donors (Canola & Sesame).
- * Indigenous Hybrid Seed Production Technology (IHSPT) of different crop and vegetables including Sunflower & Canola.
- * Commercialization of Soyabean Crop (Glycine max L.) on Pilot Scale in Pakistan.
- * Development and Promotion of Groundnut Short Duration Varieties in Pothowar Cropping System.
- * Development and Evaluation of Indigenous Canola Hybrids in Different Ecological Zones.
- * Development and Evaluation of Indigenous Sunflower Hybrids in Different Ecological Zones.

2. The research focus of the projects is development of new varieties, development of new production technologies and development of new agricultural machinery.

64. ***Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to promote organic farming in the country since June, 2013?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): The steps taken by Ministry of National Food Security and Research through PARC on organic farming since 2013 are as under:

- * Obtained membership from International Federation for Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) to propagate Organic Agriculture in Pakistan.

- * Production of organic seasonal vegetables at NARC field for demonstration and training to the stakeholders
- * Production of off-season organic squashes in tunnels at NARC for demonstration and training to the stakeholders
- * Provided services to 500 NGO personnel for promotion of Organic Farming Kitchen gardening in Islamabad, KP and AJ&K.
- * PARC is going to organize “National Conference on Organic Farming, 20th March 2018 at NARC Islamabad” in collaboration with Agriculture Foundation of Pakistan. Total 150 participants including researchers, Producers and National and International NGOs will attend the conference.

65. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of cancer patients in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the said disease?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): (a) It is estimated that about 148,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed every year in Pakistan.

- * The exact number of cancer patients at present in the country is however not known.
- (b) The Ministry has taken various steps including preventive measures as well as treatment of patients.
1. National Cancer registry: Ministry in 2015-16 has identified PHRC as the focal site to collect national data on cancer. Presently data is being collected from 6 sites and data of almost 9000 cases has been received and analyzed.

2. Nomination of a focal person for NCDs (cancer): The Ministry of NHSRC has nominated a focal person on non communicable diseases (NCD) who guides and coordinates with the Provinces on the risk factors, burden and proper diagnosis and treatment of NCDs.
3. The NCD survey was undertaken by PHRC to identify the risk factors. The survey showed tobacco use, obesity, unhealthy diet and sedentary lifestyle as the risk factors in Pakistan.
4. In Pakistan most common cancers like oral and lungs are due to tobacco use (smoked/smokeless). The Ministry has taken different steps to reduce the burden of tobacco use in the country which will eventually help in reducing the burden of Cancers. These includes;
 - a. Establishment of Tobacco Control Cell in the Ministry which is responsible for monitoring and reducing tobacco use through legislation and punishment that is enforced through police and other departments.
 - b. Conducted the Global Youth Tobacco Survey and Global Adult Tobacco Survey to estimate the burden of tobacco use, its risk factors and implementation of EMPOWER in the country.
 - c. The educational institutions, airlines and most public places have been declared smoke free.
 - d. At the Provincial level, Punjab has banned Shisha smoking while use of non smoking tobacco has been banned in Sindh.
 - e. No Tobacco day is celebrated on 31 May with full media coverage.
 - f. Written information on TV and film screens are shown that “tobacco use can kill” during an act of smoking shown in the drama or films.

5. Similarly Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission is working with Pink Ribbon (NGO) on awareness and early screening on breast cancer
6. Awareness program/campaign by media. Media especially TV and news paper is creating awareness on cancer by showing documentaries of patients suffering from the disease and how these cancer producing gutka and pan are un-hygienically produced and sold in Pakistan.

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

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to send all Hujjaj under the Government Hajj Scheme for Hajj-2018?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): No. At the movement there is no such proposal.

67. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state whether water in all the dams is quite sufficient to meet the needs of the country; if not, the reasons thereof?

Reply not received.

68. ***Ms. Shahnaz Saleem Malik:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.24 replied on 12-01-2018 and to state the details of Global Fund distributed among federating units to control AIDs, Tuberculosis and Malaria alongwith the criteria of distribution thereof?

Reply not received.

69. *Shazia Marri:

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council being a regulatory body has taken notice of not implementing Section 17(6) of Medical and Dental Institutions (Recognition, Eligibility Criteria for Enhancement in Annual Admissions and Accreditation Standards) Regulations, 2012 by the private teaching hospitals that requires fifty percent of beds shall operate free for accommodation and consultation, while treatment expenses including laboratory services, medicines and supplies, if any shall be charged from the patients on a non-profit basis; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to ensure the implementation thereof?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): (a) According to Section 17 (6) of Medical and Dental Institutions (Recognition, Eligibility, Criteria for Enhancement in Annual admission and Accreditation Standards) Regulation, 2012;

“In teaching hospital, fifty percents of the beds shall operate free for accommodation and consultation, while treatment expenses including laboratory services, medicines and supplies, if any, shall be charged from the patients on a no profit basis”.

The PM&DC has taken notice and circulated the above regulations to all recognized private medical/ dental colleges for strict compliance *vide* PM&DC letters dated 12th April, 2013 (**Annex-A**), Reminder-I dated 13th November, 2013 (**Annex-B**), Reminder II dated 20th May, 2014 (**Annex-C**), PM&DC letter dated 19th May, 2016 (**Annex-D**), PM&DC letter dated 29th December, 2017 (**Annex-E**), and Reminder dated 03rd January, 2018 (**Annex-F**).

(b) The PM&DC has taken steps to ensure the implementation of Section 17 (6) as mentioned in above reply of part (a) of question.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

70. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is assisting the Polio Programme at the provincial level;*
- (b) if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, the prescribed procedure for the appointment of persons for the said Programme?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): (a) Yes, the Polio eradication has been declared as national public health emergency in the country since 2011 and a National Emergency Action Plan (NEAP) is accordingly being implemented across Pakistan under the direct oversight of National Task Force headed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan and having on board all provincial Chief Ministers, Governor KP and Prime Minister of AJK. Whereas the Polio eradication activities are implemented by provinces and areas under the guidance of the Provincial Task Force led by Chief Secretaries. the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination (NHSR&C) assists the provinces in following ways:

- i. Real time coordination through its National Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) among stakeholders; including federal and provincial support departments/agencies as well as the international partners.
 - ii. Technical assistance through implementing partners of WHO and UNICEF
 - iii. Resource generation. The overall cost of the current National Polio Emergency PC-1 (from 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2018) is USD 337.9 million comprising of loans acquired from Islamic Development Bank (USD100 million) and JICA (USD 57 million) while the rest is contributed by different donors as grant-in-aid. As per PC-1 approved by the ECNEC, the interest on the loan will be paid by Bill Melinda & Gates Foundation (BMGF) whereas the provinces will pay back the principal amount only.
- (b) The programme does not appoint its own staff but utilizes the already available manpower in the Government system as follows:

- i. The EOCs at the provincial level are led by respective Coordinators appointed by the provincial Governments.
- ii. The programme implementation at district level is also overseen by Deputy Commissioners and at Union Council level by the UC Medical Officers — all appointed by respective Governments.
- iii. To provide the required technical support to the provinces, the partner agencies (WHO and UNICEF) recruit technical staff at provincial and district level as well as in the select high risk Union Councils pursuing their own competitive recruitment processes.

71. ***Syed Waseem Hussain:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct a Federal Government Hospital in Thar and Hyderabad, Sindh; if so, when it will be established?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): There is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry to construct a Federal Government Hospital in Thar and Hyderabad, Sindh.

72. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state whether any survey has been conducted during the tenure of the present Government to find locations in the country where more new dams can be constructed?

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): During the tenure of present government, Federal Government has conducted/completed surveys, planning and design of Kurram Tangi Dam Project, Mohmand Dam Project, Chiniot Dam Project & Shyok Dam Project.

In order to find locations for construction of new dams, comprehensive planning studies already exists since 1964 wherein country wide assessment was made through WAPDA to identify potential sites to develop the water resources

including construction of dams. Afterwards in late 90s and early 2000, WAPDA through Montreal Engineering Company Canada and Gtz company of Germany conducted studies for identification of potential storage dams and hydropower sites in all four provinces and AJK & Gilgit-Baltistan. On the basis of these studies, detailed engineering designs were carried out for Bunji HPP, Diamer Basha Dam and Dasu HPP.

The Current plans of the Government *inter-alia* include construction of Diamer Basha, Mohmand, Kurram Tangi and Chiniot dams in next ten years.

73. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to control corruption in the Ministry and affiliated departments during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the action taken against the employees of the Ministry who were involved in corruption cases during the said period?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): (a) Federal Government has settled rules / procedure for disposal of official Business under the Rules of Business, 1973. This Ministry has ensured to follow the government instructions, to deal with corruption. Implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) has yielded good results as can be judged from the fact that during the last five (05) years External Auditor has not framed any audit para against the Ministry.

(b) No officer / official of the Ministry has been found involved in financial corruption during said tenure.

74. ***Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of Bananas and Cotton in the country; and*

(b) *the year-wise details of production of Bananas and Cotton during the last five years?*

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): (a) 1. Steps taken by Ministry of National Food Security & Research, PARC to increase production of Banana are as under:

- * Introduction of new exotic varieties (*i.e.* Pisang, Brazilian and William-8818) by PARC in the country.
- * Production of virus free tissue cultured banana plants (350,000) and distribution to 93 banana growers.
- * Trainings and Farmer days on promotion and production of virus free plants through tissue culture technology.

2. The subject of promotion of cotton crop falls in the domain of Ministry of Commerce & Textile.

(b) **Year-wise Banana Production in 000 tonnes**

Year	Production (,000 Tonnes)
2011-12	97
2012-13	116
2013-14	119
2014-15	118
2015-16	135
2016-17	134

(Source: “*Pakistan Economic Survey 2016-17*”)

75. ***Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state:

(a) *whether competitive biddings were invited to hire airlines for Hajj-2017; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that seats were booked on higher/exaggerating rates as compared to routine/market rates; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Ministry to hire airlines through competitive biddings and reserve seats in airlines for Hujjaj on lesser/routine rates?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) **No.** As per Air Services Agreement (ASA) between Pakistan and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) four (04) designated airlines *i.e.* Saudi Airline, Pakistan International Airline (PIA), Shaheen Air and Airblue were hired to airlift Hujjaj during Hajj Operation 2017.

(b) **No.** As per MOUs with the airlines Hujjaj were accommodated in the economy class and the airfare was much below than the market rates.

(c) As above.

76. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of ports in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether the Government intends to set up new ports in the country; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the locations thereof?*

Minister for Maritime Affairs (Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo): (a) Presently, Pakistan has three sea ports namely Karachi Port, Muhammad Bin Qasim Port, Karachi and Gwadar Port, Gwadar.

(b) Government intends to carry out study for potential sites for new ports in the country. The study will identify the sites and further details.

77. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that car dealers in the country are not delivering cars within prescribed period as envisaged in the auto policy;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that said dealers demand extra amount for delivery of cars early;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, whether the Government has taken notice thereon; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a) Yes, it is a fact that OEMs are not delivering some variants of cars within the prescribed period of two months.

(b) The OEMs and their authorized dealers do not charge ‘on’ money directly. It is the investor who makes an extra profit, because customers are not willing to wait for their turn for the vehicle of their choice with the desired specifications.

(c) The Government of Pakistan has taken the following measures to handle the menace of ‘on’ money and late delivery.

- MoI&P/EDB has announced Automotive Development Policy (2016-21). According to which price and delivery schedule, not exceeding two months, has been mandated at the time of booking. Any delay over two months results in a discount @ KIBOR+2 percent prevailing on the date of final delivery/settlement from the final payment, which is measure to discourage any delay in the delivery time beyond sixty days.
- Under the ADP-2016-21, the auto assemblers are required to reimburse KIBOR+2% to the customers on late deliveries beyond 60 days.
- The Ministry is engaging all the relevant stakeholders including manufacturers/OEMs, FBR, dealers, banks/SBP and end users to address the issue on the ground with Federal-Provincial coordination and cooperation from sale/purchase to registration of the vehicle.

78. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the estimated volume of flood water in the country which flows into the Sea every year; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to store the said water and use the same during the dry season; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): (a) The annual average volume of water which flow into the sea below Kotri Barrage is about 29.02 Million Acre Feet (MAF) for the Post Tarbela (1976 onward) Period. The detailed data is enclosed as **Annex-I**.

(b) WAPDA has prepared a comprehensive plan to store water during high flow season and utilize the same during lean season. In last eight years, WAPDA has completed Mangla Dam Raising Project, Gomal Zam Dam, Satpara Dam and Darawat Dam Projects to store 2.88, 0.892, 0.053 and 0.089 MAF of water respectively while Diamer Basha Dam, Kurram Tangi Dam and Nai Gaj Dam Projects with storage capacity of 6.4, 0.90 & 0.16 MAF are under implementation and Mohmand (Munda) Dam with storage capacity 0.676 MAF is ready for implementation. WAPDA is also planning Akhori Dam, Shyok Darn, Chiniot Dam, Naulong Dam and Badinzai Dam with storage capacity of 6.0, 5.5, 1.0, 0.2 and 0.15 MAF respectively for regulated water supply as per requirements. The list of projects completed, under implementation, ready for implementation and under planning stage is at **Annex-II**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

79. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) *the location-wise residential projects of the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation which are under construction in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the time by which they will be completed?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) The infrastructure development work in Phase-IV (G-14 / 2 & 3) is in progress. Efforts are being made to take over of BUP, which has not yet been completed.

(b) The award of BUP of G-14/3 has been announced whereas G-14/2 is yet to be announced. Efforts are being made to take over of BUP, which has not yet been completed. The time extension for completion of this project has been approved by June-2018 which shall be extended as required due to above reason.

80. ***Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Hujjaj who will perform Hajj during the Hajj-2018;*
- (b) *the total number of Hajj Tour Operators to whom Hajj quota have not been allotted for said Hajj alongwith the reasons and names thereof; and*
- (c) *the quota allotted/to be allotted to said operators for said Hajj alongwith the detail thereof?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) As per Hajj Policy 2018 approved by Cabinet 179,210 pilgrims will perform Hajj.

(b) No Hajj quota to any Hajj tour operator has been allotted so far, for Hajj 2018.

(c) As above

81. ***Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) *the demand of the Government accommodations in Islamabad at present; and*

- (b) *the total number of those Government employees who have applied for said accommodations since June, 2013?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) The Estate Office is having 17497 Government owned accommodations at Islamabad wheres 22709 employees are on the waiting list for allotment of Government accommodation.

(b) 6807 Federal Government employees has applied for allotment of Government accommodation since June, 2013.

82. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

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

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to control the rising cost of automobiles being assembled/manufactured in Pakistan; and*
- (b) *whether prices of said automobiles are very high as compared the same to global prices?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a). Yes, Federal Government has approved Automotive Development Policy (ADP)-2016-21 through ECC of the Cabinet on March 18, 2016 to control the rising cost of automobiles, create competition by attracting new companies, improve availability of cars and offer vehicles to the public that have quality, safety and environmental features.

(b) It is partially true, that the prices of automobiles are high as compared to the global prices. Prices of Suzuki's Wagon-R and Swift are higher in Pakistan than India and Indonesia due to low volumes. Whereas the price of Toyota Altis produced in Pakistan is less than those prevailing in the regional countries. Prices of Honda City and Civic are also less in Pakistan as compared to prices of these vehicles in Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia (Annex-A).

ANNEX-A

Price Structure Comparison

Car Maker/ Manufacturer	Maker Model Name	Model Variant	Price in Pakistan (Pak Rs.)	Price in India (Pak Rs.)1.74	Price in Malaysia (Pak Rs.)	Price in Thailand (Pak Rs.)	Price in Indonesia (Pak Rs.)
SUZUKI	Wagon-R	VXR	1,074,000	851,801 (vxi+o))	-	-	992,000
		VXL	1,114,000	933,810 (vxi+ AMT (O))	-	-	1,031,487
	Swift	1.3 DLX Navi	1,375,000	900,000	-	-	-
		1.3 DLX	1,327,000	798,000	-	-	-
TOYOTA	Corolla	1.6 Altis	2,199,000	-	-	-	-
		1.8 Altis M/T	2,349,000	2,736,930	-	-	3,502,851
		1.8 Altis CVT	2,224,000	2,631,000	3,233,821	2,996,000	-
		1.8 Altis Grande CVT	2,549,000	3,017,596	3,313,703	3,698,000	3,553,000
		Aspire 1.5 M/T	1,789,000	-	-	1,650,000	2,625,749
Honda	Civic	Aspire 1.5 A/T	1,929,000	-	2,122,731	2,066,000	2,542,000
		1.8 i-VTEC Oriol	2,549,000	-	2,851,913	2,876,000	-
		1.5 VTEC Turbo	2,999,000	-	3,215,450	3,286,731	3,253,646

83. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

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

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to enhance public and private partnership in public service structure; and*
- (b) *whether transparency/merit ensures in private sector entities?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi):

(a) Following steps have been taken by the Government to enhance public / private partnership:-

- * In order to enhance public/private partnership in public service structure, six of the Board members of the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) have been taken from the public sector as *ex-officio* members. As per SMEDA Ordinance, 2002, its Board is composed of both public sector and private sector members. The powers and functions of the Authority and the general and overall actions, direction, management and superintendence of the affairs of the Authority have been vested in the Board and all actions, decisions, guidelines, directions, orders and policies made or issued by the board in exercise of the said powers and functions shall be deemed to have been made and issued by the Authority. Composition of Board of SMEDA, as given in SMEDA Ordinance, is as under (**Annex-A**):—
 - i. Chairman (Federal Minister for Industries & Production Government of Pakistan.
 - ii. Secretary Industries & Production Division, Government of Pakistan.
 - iii. Secretary, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, Government of Pakistan.
 - iv. Secretary, Commerce Division, Government of Pakistan.
 - v. Chairman, Federal Board of Revenue, Government of Pakistan.
 - vi. Chief Executive Officer, SMEDA.

- vii. Six persons from Private Sector as far as possible amongst them at least one from each province of Pakistan.
- * Six companies established in collaboration with private sector are working on public private partnership basis to provide trainings, technical knowhow and to facilitate the private sector in the relevant field.

Out of these the following four (4) companies are registered under Section 32 of the Companies Act 2017 on Public-Private Partnership basis and Joint Venture Agreements made between the Government and private investor partners:

1. Khadi Crafts Development Company, Multan (Public Share Rs. 230 (M), 46.75%) (Private Share Rs. 262 (M), 53.25%)
2. Leather Crafts Development Company, Multan. (Public Share Rs. 214 (M), 47%) (Private Share Rs. 245 (M), 53%)
3. Spun Yarn Research and Development Company, Multan. (Public Share Rs. 59.75 (M), 37%) (Private Share Rs. 101.221 (M), 63%)
4. Southern Punjab Embroidery Industries, Multan. (Public Share Rs. 212.20 (M), 26%) (Private Share Rs. 603.93 (M), 74%)

Whereas, two (2) companies namely Aik Hunar Aik Nagar (AHAN), Lahore and Agro Food Processing (AFP), Multan are public sector companies registered under Section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017 with a mandate to facilitate and collaborate with the private sector.

- * Different Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements have been signed by the Pakistan Institute of Management (PIM) with many private sector individuals and companies to offer better services to the public.
- * Pakistan Industrial and Technical Assistance Centre (PITAC) is an Autonomous Agency working under the Ministry of Industries & Production. In order to improve the productivity of industrial units in the country, PITAC is introducing improved production techniques,

and providing an organized and nationwide programme for training managerial and technical personnel.

- * Technology Up-gradation and Skill Development Company (TUSDEC) was incorporated under Section 42 of the Company's Act, 2017 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC). TUSDEC has established/implemented the following projects on the basis of Public-Private Partnership at various locations in Pakistan:-
 - > **Peshawar Light Engineering Centre (PLEC)**
 - > Land for the project was provided by CECOS University of Information and Emerging Science and Center is facilitating local industries at CECOS Industrial Liaison Center Hayatabad Industrial Estate, Peshawar.
 - > **Light Engineering Upgradation Centre for SMEs in Balochistan (LEUC)**
 - > Lasbella Chamber of Commerce & Industries (LCCI) provided land for the center and Center is successfully running and offering services to the local industries at Plot No.10-A at Sector N. Hub Industrial & Trading Estate (HITE) Hub Balochistan.
 - > **Supporting TVET Sector in Pakistan (KP & FATA)**
 - > TUASDEC has successfully trained 12000 men and women under this initiative where more than 150 private sector institutes were engaged for trainings.
- * Promulgation of the Public Private Partnership Authority Act, 2016 is one of the major steps taken by the Government to enhance public and private partnership in public service structure.
- * Gujranwala Tools, Dies and Moulds Centre (GTDMC) has also been established to promote public / private partnerships by including the private sector members in policy making and improvement of business operations.

- (b) * SMEDA being a public sector organization, with public and private sector Members on its Board, ensures transparency/merit in line with the requirements of its various initiatives and activities.
- * The management and other affairs of the companies established on public-private partnership basis are governed by their own Board of Directors as per provisions of Company's Act, 2017 and rules / instructions issued by the Security Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). Their Boards consist of members from both the public and private sectors. The accounts of the companies are audited on a regular basis by the auditors appointed under provisions of Sections 252 to 255 of the Companies Act, 2017. Moreover, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) set up under the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan Act, 1997 regulates/ supervises the affairs of the companies with investigative and enforcement powers.
 - * In order to ensure transparency and merit, TUSDEC has constituted a Management Committee for the following projects comprising of members from the public and private sectors:
 - o Peshawar Light Engineering Centre (PLEC)
 - o Light Engineering Upgradation Centre for SME in Balochistan (LEUC)
 - o Hyderabad Engineering Support Centre (HESC)
 - * The Board of Directors for the following projects have 1/3 representation from public sector and 2/3 from the private sector. The CEOs of these projects are also from the private sector:—
 - o Gujranwala Tools Dies & Moulds Centre (GTDMC), Gujranwala
 - o Karachi Tools Dies & Moulds Centre (KTDMC), Karachi
 - o Ceramics Development & Training Complex (CDTC), Gujranwala
 - * Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2012 as amended till date and Public Procurement Rules are strictly adhered to.

(SMEDA Ordinance-2002)

- (o) to have and possess all powers and functions enumerated in sections 7, 11 and 15 as entrusted to the Board, the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer respectively;
- (p) to perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Federal Government to achieve the aims and objectives of this Ordinance ; and
- (q) to do all other acts, deeds and things incidental to or ancillary for the purposes of achieving the objects of this Ordinance.

CHAPTER III BOARD AND COMMITTEES

5. **Exercise of the powers and functions of the Authority to be vested in a Board.**—The powers and functions of the Authority and the general and overall direction, management, control and superintendence of the affairs of the Authority shall vest in a Board and all actions, decisions, guidelines, directions, orders and policies made or issued by the Board in the exercise of the said powers and functions shall be deemed to have been made and issued by the Authority.

6. **Composition of the Board.**—(1) The Board shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Chairman ;
- (b) the Secretary, Industries and Production Division, Government of Pakistan ;
- (c) the Secretary, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, Government of Pakistan;
- (d) the Secretary, Commerce Division, Government of Pakistan;
- (e) the Chairman, Central Board of Revenue, Government of Pakistan;
- (f) the Chief Executive Officer;
- (g) six persons from the private sector and, as far as possible, amongst them at least one from each Province of Pakistan who are reputed for their integrity, competence, expertise, knowledge and experience in the spheres including but not limited to economics, commerce, business, trade, industry, law, actuarial sciences, accountancy, banking, finance, marketing, technology, academia, or other spheres of expertise and who are capable of and able to positively contribute towards the aims, objectives and functions of the Authority.

84. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds provided to the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) during the current financial year alongwith the utilization thereof; and*
- (b) whether audit of the said funds has been conducted during the last five years; if so, the year-wise details thereof?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): (a) PM&DC does not receive any budgetary grant from Federal Government.

- (b) Not applicable.

ISLAMABAD:
The 13th March, 2018

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Wednesday, the 14th March, 2018

11. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**
(Deferred during 46th Session)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state:

- (a) *the location-wise land of the Ministry/Auqaf department in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether the said land has been given on lease during the last five years till date; if so, the names of persons alongwith details thereof?*

Referred to Cabinet Division for allocation of subject.

19. **Justice Retd. Iftikhar Ahmad Cheema:**
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.10 replied on 12-01-2018 and to state the time by which the cases for promotion of each cadre posts of the Estate Office, Islamabad will be placed before the Departmental Promotion Committee?

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani):

There are 12 posts of different cadres lying vacant in Estate Office, Islamabad which are to be filled in by promotion, details of which are placed at **Annex-I**. The cases of promotion of each cadre of Estate Office, Islamabad are under process and shall be finalized upon completion of codal/ procedural formalities involved in this regard.

Annex-I**STATEMENT SHOWING THE VACANT POSITION IN ESTATE OFFICE,
ISLAMABAD AGAINST PROMOTIONAL POSTS**

Sr. No.	Name of post	BPS	No. of vacant posts	Remarks
1	Joint Estate Officer (Rent)	17	1	At this stage none of the officers qualify for promotion.
2	Accountant	11	7	Promotion cases under process
3	Daftary	3	4	Promotion cases under process
	Total		12	

@6. Dr.Nikhath Shakeel Khan:

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of employees working on contingent paid basis in the Neelum Jhelum Hydro Power Project at present along with the tenure of said employees separately;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to appoint employees out of said who are already working in the said Project either on contingent paid basis or contract basis on permanent basis; if so, the stage of such consideration at present; and*
- (c) *the time by which the services of said employees will be regularized?*

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): (a) At present, no employee is working on contingent paid basis in the Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Company.

(b) & (c) Not applicable.

9. **Mir Aamir Ali Khan Magsi:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) *the prescribed criteria of allotment of Government accommodations for deputationists coming from Banks to the Federal Government Offices; and*
- (b) *the details of employees of Banks who are working on deputation in said Offices to whom Government accommodations allotted in Islamabad during the tenure of the present Government?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a)

There is no specific provision in Accommodaiton Allocation Rules, 2002 for allotment of Government Accommodation to deputationists coming from Banks to the Federal Government offices.

(b) As per available record, no Government accommodation has been allotted to the employees of Banks who are working on deputation basis in Federal Government offices during the tenure of present Government.

10. **Mr. Abdul Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of homeless persons in the country at present;*
- (b) *the steps taken for rehabilitation of the homeless families since June, 2013; and*
- (c) *the locations in the country where houses are being constructed by the Ministry at present?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani):

(a) There is shortfall of approximately 9-10 million houses in the country.

(b) To rehabilitate the homeless families, the present government announced a mega housing programme called Apna Ghar Scheme. Some salient feature of the scheme is as under:—

- (i) Housing, Scheme on state land will be launched to allot plots to the shelterless families on nominal cost.
- (ii) Half a million houses will be developed for low income families throughout the country.
- (iii) To ensure cost effective access to credit for housing, government will pick up a portion of the financing cost as subsidy.
- (iv) In order to commence execution work towards launching of housing project, Apna Ghar limited company has been registered with Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan.

(c) All the initial work of the project has been completed and sufficient parcels of state land have been identified for the launching of the project. However, due to non availability of funds and non-appointment of CEO & Company Secretary, the project has not yet been initiated.

11. **Mr. Abdul Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of registered Hajj Tour Operators at present; and*
- (b) *the total number of Hajj Tour Operators registered during the period from 01-01-2013 to 31-12-2017 alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) **2758** companies are registered/ enrolled with this Ministry.

(b) No Hajj tour operator has been registered during 01-01-2013 to 31-12-2017.

12. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the loss of the Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan has been increasing since 01-01-2013; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government during the last four years to control the said loss?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a) The Utility Stores Corporation (USC) earned a profit of Rs. 619.192 million before tax during the financial year 2012-13. From Financial Year 2013-14, the Corporation started suffering losses due to decrease in sales. Major reasons for decrease in sales are as under:

- * Gradual decrease in subsidy by Government of Pakistan.
- * Withdrawal of subsidy on sugar pursuant to ECC decision in April, 2014.
- * Establishment of USC stores on unviable locations.
- * Delay in the automation of ware houses and stores of the Corporation.
- * Discontinuation of sale of Utility Ghee/Oil since 2017.

Performance of USC for the year 2012-13 to 2016-17 is tabulated below:—

(Rs. In million)

S#	Year	Net Sales	Subsidy	Profit/ (Loss) before tax
01	2012-13	75.499	18.538	0.619
02	2013-14	74.794	12.555	(0.198)
03	2014-15	56.137	2.874	(1.580)
04	2015-16	48.594	1.779	(2.604)
05	2016-17	53.619	4.251	(2.837)
(un-audited)				

- (b) The following steps are taken /being taken to control the said losses:-
- * Stores are being moved to viable location from unviable locations.
 - * New stores are opened in commercially viable areas.
 - * Fast moving items are being made available at store level.

- Closures of stores which were making loss.
- Strict check on quality.
- The Federal Government is being asked to exempt the Commodities, Goods and Merchandizes procured and resold by Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan (Pvt.) Limited, from Public Procurement Rules, 2004 (PPRA), to carry out the activities as per objectives of memorandum and articles of association of USC.
- Rationalization of Human Resource.
- USC is working to procure Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to automate all core operations and allied functions. In this way pilferage and leakages will be controlled. USC is working with Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) for the automation of USC network.

13. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state whether changes are being considered to make the Zakat Policy more effective?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): In pursuance of 18th amendment in the Constitution of Pakistan, Zakat is now a devolved subject. There are no changes under consideration to make the Zakat Policy more effective.

2. Briefly it is submitted that the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980 was promulgated on 20 June, 1980. Under Section 12 of the Ordinance, the Federal Government notified Central Zakat Council to provide policy guideline and to exercise general superintendence and control over the Zakat Funds and maintenance on their accounts.

3. The Central Zakat Council has ceased to function on 07-12-2010. After 18th amendment in the Constitution all the Provinces have promulgated their own Acts except in the Punjab Province where legislation is under process. For the temporary arrangement, the Council of Common Interests (CCI) in its meeting held dated 8-11-2012 approved formula based on National Finance Commission Award (NFC) and assigned the task of collection and in bulk distribution of Zakat

to Provinces by Federal Government *i.e.* Ministry of Religious Affairs as per Rules of Business, 1973. This arrangement is valid till next NFC Award.

4. The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony accordingly collects and distributes the Zakat to the Provinces and Federal Areas on annual basis with the approval of the Prime Minister. The Zakat fund collected during 2016-17 *i.e.* Rs. 8009.17 million has been transferred to Provinces and Federal Areas on 8-11-2017 with the approval of the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

14. **Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish model nurseries for supplying genuine planting material; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): * Yes, Ministry of National Food Security & Research establishes model nurseries through PARC under PSDP and started an umbrella project titled “**Development of Clean & True to Type Fruit Nurseries at National Level**”. The project sites are at Islamabad, AZRI, Quetta, AZRI, Bahawalpur, AZRC, D.I.Khan, MARC, Gilgit, SHRI, Mirpurkhas (Sindh) and University of Poonch, Rawalakot.

- * Project has been implemented since July 2015 and will be completed in June 2018. On completion, true to type plants of citrus, mango, guava, peach, grapes, fig, Mexican lemon, avocado, etc; will be available according to specific zone.

15. **Ms. Shahnaz Saleem Malik:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the quantity of electricity to be generated and water to be acquired from the construction of Munda Dam; and*
- (b) *whether the same has been inaugurated; if so, the time by which it will be completed?*

Reply not received.

16. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the total number of Swine Flu patients in the country at present?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs, Saira Afzal Tarar): Influenza-A/H1N1 (Formerly called swine flu) first appeared in 2009 and thereafter in August 2010 when it was declared as seasonal influenza by World Health Organization.

From 1st January 2018 to date, a total of 2505 suspected cases of Influenza-A/H1N1 were reported at NIH from all over Pakistan, out of them 522 were laboratory confirmed cases.

The detailed geographic distribution is as follows:

S#	Province/Area	Total Suspected Cases	Total lab confirmed Cases
1.	Islamabad	643	105
2.	Punjab	1761	402
3.	Sindh	20	03
4.	Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa	67	12
5.	Balochistan	0	0
6.	Gilgit-Baltistan	0	0
7.	AJK	14	0
8.	FATA	0	0
Grand Total		2505	522

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TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.