

## 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 15th March, 2018**

91. **\*Shazia Marri:**  
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

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

- (a) *whether the Government has conducted forensic audit of the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) particularly with reference to identification of weak areas that are contributing towards its poor financial and commercial performance during the last five years till date; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *the reasons which are contributing to continuous deterioration of the PIA;*
- (c) *the remedial steps taken by the Government to address aforesaid reasons in order to make the PIA financially profitable;*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that aforesaid steps could not prove beneficial; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (e) *the way forward to make the PIA profitable with rational approach?*

**Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division:** (a) It pertains to Government Commercial Audit and has been referred for their comments.

(b) The following are some of the major reasons which have been contributing to deterioration of the PIA:

- \* **Aviation Policy** - capacity dumping by foreign carriers
- \* **Legacy Debt Burden** - No equity injection by principal owner
- \* **Frequent Changes in Management**
- \* **Decisions without Strategic Clarity**- May not merit Commercial Viability
- \* **Geo Political Factors** - *e.g.* TSA requirement of stopover at Manchester for US Flights.
- \* **Product Experience**
- \* *Negative Perception*
- \* Weak Inflight Experience
- \* Baggage Issues
- \* **Service Rigidity**
- \* *No Customer Centricity*
- \* Limited Customer Convenience
- \* Post Purchase Experience
- \* **Control on Services**
- \* *Weak System Control*
- \* Schedule Disruptions
- \* Fleet Constraints
- \* **Lack of Ownership**
- \* *Rapid Changes*
- \* Owners not taking responsibility
- \* Only providing short fix
- \* **Organizational Culture**
- \* *No Accountability*
- \* No Succession Planning
- \* Nepotism-Lack of Merit
- \* **Change Resistant**
- \* *Associations & Shadow Management*
- \* Unskilled Workforce
- \* Faulty HR Practices

(c) Following are some remedial steps taken in order to make the PIA financially profitable:

- \* Implementing a new business model with route rationalization Arresting ongoing continuous losses.
- \* Implementing reputational damage control.
- \* Restructuring sales programs and resources to expand market share.

- Extensive training and development to develop core competencies of the workforce.
- Modern business technology implementation.
- Improving customer satisfaction and the entire customer experience.
- Safety & security management.
- Filling competency gaps in key areas as well as driving a cultural change.
- Rationalization of Human Resources.
- focus on core business of PIA.

(d) The measures taken above have been beneficial and positive results are emerging especially, in the last quarter of 2017 there has been a significant improvement in the airline revenues thus helping in arresting the losses.

(e) The way forward to make the PIA profitable:

- PIA has formulated realistic scenarios based strategies for turn around.
- Owner's renewed interest to change of affairs of PIA in putting greater focus toward PIA's challenges and their resolution.
- Legacy loan burden to be set.
- Business transformation and radical restructuring of PIA is underway to make it an agile and competitive business from its current bureaucratic set up.
- PIA is undertaking change in operative model for cost effectiveness and operational efficiency.

97. **\*Dr. Shazia Sobia:**  
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:*

(a) *the year-wise Air Quality Index of Pakistan during the last five years; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government for effective Air Quality Management since June, 2013?*

**Minister for Climate Change (Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan):** (a) After the 18th constitutional amendment, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency is mandated with its function under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997, for protection, conservation and rehabilitation of environment in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT).

During last five years, Pak-EPA has been conducting survey or sampling on need basis to assess the air quality in ambient air particularly during winter. Whereas continuous air quality monitoring was not done due to repair/maintenance of Air Quality Monitoring System (AQMS).

(b) Air Quality Monitoring System (AQMS) at Pak-EPA is fully functional for ambient air quality monitoring after 5 years. It is working 24 /7 and all basic parameters can be monitored.

The “Establishment of Environmental Monitoring System in Pakistan” project established the foundation for building capacity of the monitoring laboratories of Pak-EPA and Provincial EPAs in order to enhance regulatory compliance, and environmental management and protection. The project worked as a network for monitoring of continuous air monitoring in Federal and Provincial capitals. The Federal and Provincial EPAs were upgraded, and a new laboratory was established at Islamabad.

In Pakistan 7 fixed and 3 Mobile Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations were established under “Environmental Monitoring System (EMS)” project in cooperation with JICA, Government of Japan. Under the project one fixed station was established in Islamabad, Peshawar and Quetta, two each in Lahore and Karachi. In addition, 3 mobile stations, one each in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi were also established. All these stations are equipped with state of the art technology to monitor ambient air round the clock.

After 18th Amendment, the said project was devolved to the provinces and all provinces have made their PC-I and started the project on provincial level with required staff.

After closing of this project at Federal level on 30-06-2014, PC-IV of the project submitted to Planning & Development Division and

Establishment Division (M.S Wing) for conversion of project posts from development to non-development side Management Services Wing recommended bare minimum 11 posts out of 25 posts at Federal level. Supplementary grant amounting to Rs. 19.3 million was granted by the Finance Division in the financial year 2016-17 for purchase/ repair/ maintenance of CLEAN equipment to run the CLEAN smoothly. Testing/ repair of the equipment have been completed and the air quality monitoring stations at Pak-EPA Islamabad are now in operational phase. Recently, Pak-EPA has initiated an air quality survey in designated industrial areas of ICT viz, I-9, I-10 and Kahuta Industrial Triangle since 1st February, 2018.

100. **\*Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**  
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that traders and shopkeepers provide things/ food items in plastic bags causing irreparable damage to our seas, rivers and water resources;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, the steps being taken by the Government to end/control the use of plastic bags?*

**Minister for Climate Change (Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan):** (a) Yes, it is a fact that non-degradable plastic bags are being used by the traders and shopkeepers and these are notorious for choking sewer, open drainage system, spoiling sanitation and creating an overall unaesthetic view of environment. Plastic bags take much longer time to degrade (not biodegrade). Under the best circumstances, high density polyethylene will take more than 20 years to degrade.

The manufacturers of the plastic bags oppose the ban on plastic bags, arguing that, employment of thousands of persons depends upon such cottage industries, which manufacture polyethylene bags. The ban will render many people jobless.

It is estimated that about 55 billion plastic shopping bags are being used each year in the country and there are about 8021 production units in the country. Approximately, 160,000 people are directly, and 600,000 people are indirectly dependent on this industry.

Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) has examined that different countries have addressed the plastic bags issues in the following ways:

- i. Complete ban on manufacturing and use of plastic bags.
- ii. Increasing price of bags by levy of additional taxes or cost.
- iii. Promoting use of paper and cotton bags.
- iv. Increasing thickness of the bags.
- v. Banning manufacturing of non-degradable plastic bags and introduction of degradable plastic bags.

(b) The solution to control plastic bags issue could be tackled through combination of the following measures:

- i. Banning manufacturing, selling and usage of non-degradable plastic bags in the country.
- ii. Increasing thickness of degradable bags to 30 microns:
- iii. Promoting use of cotton bags through awareness campaign.
- iv. Rationalizing tariff in favor of manufacturing of paper bags and concession on import of automatic paper bag machinery.

Degradable plastic bags are classified into the following categories:

- i. Oxy-degradable
- ii. Photo-degradable and
- iii. Bio-degradable.

Out of all the above three types, oxy-degradable is the best option as these bags get disintegrated in presence of oxygen, whether through atmosphere or from water. In other words, these bags get destroy in the presence of air and water.

For plastic bags Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA), with the approval of the Ministry of Climate Change and after vetting by Ministry of Law and Justice notified S.R.O No. 5(KE/2013 Prohibition of

Non-degradable Plastic Products (manufacture, import, sale and usage) regulation 2013 (**Annex-I**), which prohibits the usage of plastic products in the limit of Islamabad Capital Territory, effective from 1st April 2013 with amendment in September 2015 (**Annex-II**).

Under the said regulations no person shall import, manufacture, stockpile, trade, supply, distribute, sell or use any scheduled plastic product which is non-degradable.

The regulations also provide that no pro-degradant additive shall be sold, distributed or imported by any company or manufacturer of scheduled plastic product without registration with Pak-EPA.

To facilitate implementation of the regulation, four companies have so far been registered with Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA). Due to this reason many major stores in Islamabad like Utility Stores, Metro cash & carry, Tehzeeb Bakers, Rahat Bakers, Mc Donalds and Shaheen Chemist etc. are now using environment friendly plastic shopping bags on the directions of Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency. The other small shopkeepers in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) have also been contacted by Pak-EPA to use only bio-degradable shopping bags. Furthermore Pak EPA is Making efforts to implement the Regulations in Its true letter and spirit. ICT / CDA have been requested to provide update about the number of manufacturing units in Islamabad.

Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency had held a meeting on 2nd April, 2015 with Pakistan Business Council. Resultantly, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency has brought some Changes / modifications in the prohibition of said Regulations and excluded following from the schedule of amended S.R.O 96(KE)/2015, dated October 6, 2015.

1. Bread bags and food packaging, including frozen food packaging.
2. Shrink-wrap, pallet-wrap, bubble-wrap.
3. Woven plastic bags.
4. BOPP, CPP and metalized plastic films.
5. Milk and water packaging.

A meeting Was held on 9th January, 2017 with traders of big outlets of different markets and Traders Association of Islamabad. Following decisions were taken in the meeting for compliance.

- (a) Pak-EPA shall encourage Markazi Anjuman Tajran (MAT) Islamabad to prepare and launch the awareness campaign for the prohibition of Non-biodegradable plastic products in ICT and other steps proposed by them for the said purpose.
- (b) Pak-EPA shall conduct surprise visit of markets to check status of implementation of Regulation titled, “The Prohibition of Non-Biodegradable Plastic Products (Manufacturing, Sale and Usage) Regulation 2013 and its Amendment 2015” shall take liable legal action.
- (c) Trader Association of respective markets shall launch the awareness campaign in their areas and no more use of non-degradable shall be prohibited.
- (d) Markazi Anjuman Tajran shall display hoardings for information and awareness regarding the use of Oxo-biodegradable shopping bags.

All markets shall display public notice of Pak-EPA in markets.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

103. **\*Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**  
*(Deferred during 52nd Session)*

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:*

- (a) the mortality rate due to pollution in Pakistan at present; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the Ministry to reduce it since June, 2013?*

**Minister for Climate Change (Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan):** (a) After the 18th Constitutional amendment, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) is mandated with its function under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act’ 1997, for protection, conservation and rehabilitation of environment in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT).

Even though the level of pollution has its share in the mortality rates across the country, but the analysis and estimation of mortality rates are out of the scope of this Agency. Therefore, the Agency does not own and have any statistical data regarding the mortality rates.

(b) Pak-EPA had notified following Rules, Regulations, Guidelines and National Environmental Quality Standards for the protection and conservation of environment:

- i. Ambient Air under S.R.O. 1062(I)/2010 (**Annex-I**).
- ii. Motor Vehicle Exhaust and Noise under S.R.O. 72(KE)/2009 (**Annex II**).
- iii. Municipal and Liquid Industrial Effluents and Industrial Gaseous Emissions under S.R.O. No. 549(I)/2000 (**Annex III**).
- iv. Hospital Waste Management Rules 2005 under S.R.O. 1013(1)/2005 (**Annex-IV**).
- v. Solid Waste Management Guidelines 2005.
- vi. Guidelines for Using Tyre Derived Fuel (TDF) in Cement Industry 2012.
- vii. Guidelines for Processing and Using Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) in Cement Industry 2012.

To abate the levels of pollution, Pak-EPA took the following steps within the vicinity of ICT as per details given below:

#### 1. **Industrial Air Pollution**

Pak EPA had conducted a detailed survey of Industrial Estate of Islamabad situated in sectors I-9, I-10 and Kahuta Triangle to identify and categorize the number and types of industries (**Annex-V**).

There are 12 steel units which are causing pollution in Sector I-9/I-10, despite strict monitoring and legal action. Nine steel mills have installed on-line dust monitoring system, which is under monitoring by Pak-EPA and their efficiency is regularly checked.

Legal action has been initiated by Pak-EPA against the non-compliant steel mills for issuance of Environmental Protection Order and its subsequent enforcement through ICT administration.

**2. Brick Kilns:**

Ministry of Climate Change had worked a phased program to relocate brick kilns from Islamabad particularly in the vicinity of Benazir Bhutto International Airport.

- a. Twenty-seven (27) brick kilns located in zone IV and V near to the Airport have been demolished.
- b. Environmental Protection Tribunal ordered the brick kilns located within a radius of 12 Kilometer around the Airport to be shifted elsewhere and the brick kilns located beyond the radius of 12 Kilometers to 20 Kilometers will have to provide smoke control device. With the assistance of CDA and ICT sixteen (16) brick kilns have been removed and shifted to the outer periphery of ICT.

Construction of a model brick kiln unit based on Vertical Shaft Brick Kiln (VSBK) technology, is underway with the assistance of Swiss authorities. The brick kiln association is keen to switch over to a new technology once it is successfully demonstrated for operation in Pakistan.

**3. Vehicular Emissions:**

The major factor of vehicular emissions is old age diesel truck and buses. Diesel vehicles due to overloading, faulty injection nozzles and weak engine emit excessive graphite carbon (visible smoke).

During previous campaigns, Pak-EPA in collaboration with Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) has checked over 40,000 public and private vehicles for exhaust emissions in Islamabad.

With a view to sensitize the masses on the issue of vehicular pollution, a mass awareness campaign is being developed consisting of 10 seconds and 20 seconds media messages that will be disseminated through electronic media.

#### 4. **Hospital Waste Management**

The waste produced by the medical care centers if disposed-off improperly, can pose an even greater threat than the original diseases themselves. In order to tackle the situation, Pak-EPA has taken following steps:

- i. Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency, Islamabad under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 issued public notices in local newspapers to all health facilities regarding hazardous waste generated by them to dispose it in accordance with Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005 and submit its waste management report on monthly basis to Pak-EPA.
- ii. Letters to 68 health facilities in ICT has been sent in August 2016, regarding regular submission of their monthly waste reports and constituting their hospital waste management team in accordance with the Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005. Currently 25 hospitals are submitting the waste reports on regular basis. Further, Pak-EPA monitoring team is monitoring the health facilities for the compliance of Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005. Following health facilities have been monitored by Pak-EPA since 2015.
- iii. Summon notice for personal hearing under section 16(1) of Pakistan Environmental Protection Act has been issued to 18 health facilities last year for non-compliance of Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005.
- iv. Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency issued notice to PIMS for non-compliance of Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005 on 30-01-2015 and they were directed to appear for personal hearing on 10-02-2015. Later on, a case was filed in Environmental Protection Tribunal under section 21(3)(b) of the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997.
- v. Environmental Protection Order (EPO) for personal hearing under section 16(1) of Pakistan Environmental Protection Act has been issued to 6 health facilities last year for non-compliance of Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

108. **\*Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**  
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that outstanding dues payable to various advertising agencies for the period from January, 2009 to January, 2014 by various Ministries are still pending at present;*
- (b) *if so, the outstanding amount alongwith the Offices/Ministries thereof;*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government for payment of these dues; and*
- (d) *the time by which it will be finalized?*

**Minister of State for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage (Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb):** (a) For the period in question, at present, nothing is outstanding against this department. All pending dues of advertising agencies against devolved Ministries amounting to Rs. 75 million were paid during the tenure of the present government **Annexure-I**. Additionally, details of two pending/ under process bills on account of electronic media advertisements of the devolved Ministries and pending dues of the previous government, the available details are also placed at **Annexure-II**. Furthermore, the mechanism of budgetary allocations/ payments pertaining to advertisements of the Federal Government is not centralized; therefore, it is not possible to instantly furnish the complete details of outstanding dues against the entire Federal Government.

In order to ascertain/ furnish the volume of pending dues of various advertising agencies, this Department will have to initiate a consultative process with all Federal Government Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments etc. as well as all enlisted advertising agencies which will take considerable time to complete. In order to resolve the differences between the point of view, a Committee has been constituted.

- (b) Detail is annexed at Annexure-I.

(c) As explained in (a) above.

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111. **\*Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**  
*(Deferred during 52nd Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that civil awards particularly Pride of Performance have not been awarded for the year 2017; if so, reasons thereof;*
- (b) the time by which these awards will be bestowed; and*
- (c) the province-wise persons nominated for Pride of Performance for the year 2017?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The process regarding conferment of Pakistan Civil Awards including President's Award for Pride of Performance (PAPP) have been finalized by the Cabinet Division and recommendations have been submitted to President Secretariat through Prime Minister's Office for final approval. Consequent upon approval awards will be conferred on Pakistan's Day *i.e.* 23rd March, 2018.

(b) Every year awards are conferred on dignitaries during Pakistan's day *i.e.* 23rd March, and consequent upon approval, awards will be conferred on 23rd March, 2018.

(c) The information will be shared consequent upon receipt of approval of the President in pursuance of Article 259(2) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

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

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total number of Dramas, Films and Shows being telecasted on TV Channels at present alongwith the details and names thereof separately;*
- (b) *whether permission has been given thereof; if so, the name of departments and dates thereof separately;*
- (c) *whether negative/positive effects on the society of these dramas, films and shows etc. are analyzed while giving approval of the script; if so, the detail; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister of State for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage (Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb): (a)**

**Pakistan Television Corporation PTVC**

Currently following programmes are being televised on weekly basis:

**DRAMA/SITCOM/SOAP**

1. Kitni Door Kitnay Pass (drama serial)
2. Gul-E-Sang (drama serial)
3. Eik Zara Si Baat (drama serial)
4. Muhabbat Wehm Hai (drama serial)
5. Namak (drama serial)
6. Oas (drama serial)
7. Rasmain (drama serial)
8. Beijing Youth (drama serial)
9. Baidari (drama serial)
10. Naqaab (soap)
11. Chahat (soap)
12. Laagay Na Jia (soap)
13. Khalida Ki Walida)(soap)
14. Un Biyanable (sitcom)
15. Two In One (sitcom)
16. Kiyun K Jeena Hai Jhoom K (sitcom)
17. Nawab Ghar (sitcom)
18. Qabool Hai (sitcom)

19. Susar In Law (sitcom)
20. Mamoo (sitcom)

**URDU FEATURE FILM** (Every week on Sunday)

Detail of televised feature films from July 2017 till to date is as under:

1. Saima
2. Son of Undaata
3. Aik Se Barh Kar Aik
4. Awaz
5. Musalman
6. Baimisaal
7. Dilnashaeen
8. Lakhon Main Aik
9. Asman
10. Naik Perveen
11. Khak Air Khoon
12. Kabhi Alwida Na Kahna
13. Muthi Bhar Chawal
14. Shaadi Magar Aadhi
15. Panaah
16. Namak Haram
17. Ghulam
18. Bandish
19. Lazawal
20. Blindlove
21. Mukhra
22. Qarz
23. Meri Adalat
24. Sapnay Apnay Apnay
25. Hong Kong Kay Sholay
26. Kundan

27. Thori Si Bewafai
28. Sahib Jee
29. Baat Ban Jaye
30. Do Boond Pani (Eid Special)
31. Munda Rang Rangeela
32. Chalti Ka Naam Gari
33. Aik Hi Raasta
34. Aisa Bhi Hota Hai
35. Benazir Qurbani
36. Meharbani
37. Hum Aur Tum
38. Gumnaam
39. Bandagi
40. Love in Nepal
41. Baldaltay Rishtay
42. Saharay
43. Bangkok kay chore
44. Barra Bhai
45. Arzoo
46. Kundan
47. Aisa Bhi Hota Hai
48. Dard
49. Aap Ki Khatir
50. Ye Aman

#### **SHOWS/MUSIC/DOC**

1. Morning With Juggan (morning /magazine)
2. Rising Star (music)
3. Sargam Show (comic)
4. Celebrity Lounge (fashion )
5. Weekend Show with Faiza Bokhari (literary/magazine)
6. Bazme Tariq Aziz (quiz)
7. Virsa (music)

8. Raat Gaye (literary/music)
9. Mun Sufi (sufi music)
10. Sat Rangia (cultural music)
11. Bazme Mehdi Hassan (music)
12. Yadon K Rang Geeton K Sung (music)
13. Har Dil Bolay Pakistan (documentary/travelogue)
14. Haseen Pakistan (documentary)
15. Dil Say Pakistan (documentary)
16. Indus River: Boond Boond Darya (documentary)

#### **CHILDREN/YOUTH**

1. Ghoomo Phiro Mazay Urao (travelogue)
2. You Stay You Win (game show)
3. Arty (kids education)
4. Fun Factor (game show)
5. Kids Zone (game show)
6. Youth Adventure (game show)
7. Jr. Star with Nadeem Jafari K Sath (music)
8. Teeto & Tania (animated programme about Pakistani heroes)

#### **RELIGIOUS**

1. Al-Quraanul Hakeem (Tilawat & Tarjuma)
2. Al-Quraan (Quranic learning for children/youth)
3. Roshni Ka Safar (lectures)
4. Tazkia (lectures)
5. Visualized Surahs & Naats

(b) PTV maintains Fixed Point Chart to televise programmes in different genres for all segments of society. PTV Board of Directors is competent to approve rules, regulations and policies.

PTV Programmes are televised according to the guidelines and censor policy approved by the Government of Pakistan. Being a National broadcaster and family Channel, every possible care is taken to follow the accepted social & moral norms while producing and televising programmes *i.e.*, dramas, shows and films.

Moreover, Government of Pakistan has issued the following Code of Censor for programmes and advertisements to control airing of programmes, dramas and advertisement on PTV channels:

- (1) **Code of Censorship for Films** (applicable to PTV programmes Notification No. 13-28/78-Film).
- (2) **TV Code of Advertising Standards and Practice in Pakistan** (M/o I&B U.o. No. 7(3)/95-TV dated 21-11-1995).

(c) A Concept Development Committee comprising media professionals and programme experts has been constituted to evaluate and develop ideas of programmes. Scripts of the programmes are critically analyzed with regard to our socio-religious norms. Adverse content/ track, if any, is dropped at idea evaluation stage. PTV only approves ideas and productions which portrays its constructive role in shaping and integrating social fabric of our society.

In this regard PTV always televises religious programmes participated by scholars from all school of thoughts to eradicate negativity and promote tolerance and harmony amongst all segments of society.

Programme “Roshni Ka Safar” by Maulana Tariq Jamil, and “Tazkia” by religious scholar Irfan ul Haq are currently on-air programme.

Special programmes based on commonly accepted beliefs are televised to counter negativity and promote positive social norms.

Different committees have been established to analyze and develop programme ideas, evaluate content, censor clearance etc. to strictly implement code of conduct and government guidelines regarding each and every PTV programme.

#### **Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA)**

- (a) Detail is enclosed at Annex-A.
- (b) In this regard, it is submitted that “PEMRA has been established under PEMRA Ordinance 2002 to facilitate and regulate the private electronic media. It has mandate to improve the standards of information, education and entertainment and to enlarge the choice available to the people of Pakistan with news, current affairs, art,

culture, science and technology.” PEMRA issued STV Licenses in following seven (07) categories;

- i. News & Current Affairs
  - ii. Entertainment
  - iii. Sports
  - iv. Regional Language
  - v. Education
  - vi. Health
  - vii. Agriculture
2. It is pertinent to mention here that Drama’s, Films and Entertainment shows comes under the category of “Entertainment”. Under Section 20 (f) of the PEMRA Ordinance 2002 (amendment Act 2007) read with Rule 13 (2) (a) a licensee is required/ bound to appoint an editorial board/in-house monitoring committee and monitoring facilities for each medium under its control, to ensure compliance of the code of Conduct. The licensee is not required to seek permission of PEMRA for each drama or movie or show being telecast by it. They are required to comply with the approved category and programme mix of the licence.
  3. Under Section 26 of the PEMRA Ordinance 2002 (Amendment Act 2007) if any complaint regarding any part/portion of the programming/content of TV Channels is received, same is placed before Council of Complaint for appropriate recommendations to the Authority.

**Shalimar Recording & Broadcasting Company Limited (SRBC)**

- (a) Eleven dramas and four shows with the names given hereunder are being telecast on A-TV Channel at present:

| <b>Dramas</b>                      | <b>Shows</b>       |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| (i) Baray Dhokay hain is raah main | (i) Mehkti Morning |
| (ii) Love life Lahore              | (ii) Boom on Live  |
| (iii) Ishq be parwah               | (iii) Weekend show |
| (iv) Kaffara                       | (iv) CIA           |
| (v) Bari phuppo                    |                    |
| (vi) Lkin wo mera ishq hai         |                    |

| Dramas                | Shows |
|-----------------------|-------|
| (vii) Horum or Sultan |       |
| (viii) Lout Ao trisha |       |
| (ix) Nikki or buddy   |       |
| (x) Cheron k pee chay |       |
| (xi) Teri ulfat main  |       |

(b) The channel operators independently and there is no permission required in our case.

(c) Not applicable in the light of (b) above.

*(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

116. **\*Malik Muhammad Amir Dogar:**  
*(Deferred during 52nd Session)*

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

(a) *the province/area-wise total number of persons who died and financial assistance has been provided by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall (PBM) to the family members of said persons on the direction of the Prime Minister during the tenure of present Government separately;*

(b) *the province/area-wise total number of injured persons to whom financial assistance was provided by the PBM on the direction of the Prime Minister during the said period separately;*

(c) *whether it is a fact that equal amount of financial assistance has not been granted to victims of every province/area; if so, the justification thereof; and*

(d) *the steps being taken to remove this disparity?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) PBM has not received any Prime Minister's Directive to provide financial assistance to families of deceased persons during the tenure of present Government. Hence, information in this regard may be treated as nil.

(b) PBM has not received any Prime Minister's Directive to provide financial assistance to injured persons during the tenure of present Government. Hence, information in this regard may be treated as nil.

(c) PBM has not received any Prime Minister's Directive to provide financial assistance to victims during the tenure of present Government. Hence, information in this regard may be treated as nil.

(d) Not applicable.

85. **\*Mr. Abdul Qahar Khan Wadan:**

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

(a) *as to what would be the status of pension and other benefits of the employees of the Pakistan International Airlines as well as safeguarding their interest in case of its privatization; and*

(b) *what proposals are under consideration of the Ministry in this regard?*

**Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division:** It is stated that all due deliberation as well as decision making in lieu of privatization of PIACL is being carried out by Privatization Commission. As such, PIACL management is not in a position to respond to the said question and hence it may be referred to the quarters concerned, accordingly.

86. **\*Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether revival/improvement of the Pakistan International Airlines is impossible now?*

**Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division:** PIACL apprised that the revival and improvement of PIA is possible. Though, PIA is passing through dire financial state but the present Government is very keen to make itself reliant. Efforts are underway to improve the financial health of the Corporation by reducing its losses through various means and modes.

It is worth mentioning that despite facing difficulties, PIA has been able to improve upon its performance with reduction in losses. The major reason behind PIA's losses is the increased financial cost due inherited legacy loans of previous governments and rising mark ups and debt servicing. Federal Government's decision to reduce fuel prices has helped PIA in saving on its fuel cost significantly. Furthermore, PIA's Seat Factor also improved in comparison to previous years.

Presently PIA operates to 50 destinations including 28 international and 22 domestic. It has a market share of 27% in international and 67% in domestic air travel market as compared with 24% and 48% respectively in 2015. Similarly seat factor has increased by 1.4% to 71.63% as compared against 2015. The number of passengers carried also increased by 1.1 million to 5.486 million as against 4.394 million during 2015. It has registered an increase of 24.55 over the year.

87. **\*Dr. Shizra Mansab Ali Khan Kharral:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the total number of posts lying vacant in the Capital Development Authority at present alongwith the quota-wise break-up thereof?*

**Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary):** There are total 19,453 Number of posts sanctioned in CDA against which 14,410 number of employees are working in CDA. Hence, 5043 number of posts are lying vacant which includes promotion and direct recruitment quota. The province wise breakup of vacant posts is annexed at "A". The province wise breakup has been prepared as per govt. policy for recruitment purpose.

**Annexure – "A"**

**POSTS LYING VACANT IN THE CDA AT PRESENT ALONGWITH THE QUOTA WISE BREAK UP.**

| Sr.No        | BPS | Vacant position | Merit | Punjab | Sindh   | R 19 %   | R 11.4 % | KPK | AJK | Balochistan | Fata/CB | Total |
|--------------|-----|-----------------|-------|--------|---------|----------|----------|-----|-----|-------------|---------|-------|
|              |     |                 | 7.50% | 50%    | U 7.6 % | R 11.4 % | 11.50%   | 2%  | 6%  | 4%          |         |       |
| 1            | 20  | *11             |       |        |         |          |          |     |     |             |         | 11    |
| 2            | 19  | 58              | 4     | 29     | 4       | 7        | 7        | 7   | 1   | 3           | 2       | 58    |
| 3            | 18  | 16              | 1     | 3      | 1       | 2        | 2        | 2   | 0   | 1           | 1       | 16    |
| 4            | 17  | 266             | 20    | 131    | 22      | 30       | 31       | 5   | 5   | 16          | 11      | 266   |
| 5            | 16  | 224             | 17    | 112    | 17      | 26       | 26       | 4   | 4   | 13          | 9       | 224   |
| 6            | 15  | 1               | 0     | 1      | 0       | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0   | 0           | 0       | 1     |
| 7            | 14  | 293             | 22    | 146    | 22      | 33       | 34       | 6   | 6   | 18          | 12      | 293   |
| 8            | 13  | 4               | 0     | 2      | 0       | 2        | 0        | 0   | 0   | 0           | 0       | 4     |
| 9            | 12  | 11              | 1     | 6      | 1       | 1        | 1        | 0   | 0   | 1           | 0       | 11    |
| 10           | 11  | 110             | 8     | 55     | 8       | 13       | 13       | 2   | 2   | 7           | 4       | 110   |
| 11           | 10  | 147             | 11    | 73     | 11      | 17       | 17       | 3   | 3   | 9           | 6       | 147   |
| 12           | 9   | 215             | 16    | 107    | 16      | 25       | 25       | 4   | 4   | 13          | 9       | 215   |
| 13           | 8   | 91              | 7     | 46     | 7       | 10       | 10       | 2   | 2   | 5           | 4       | 91    |
| 14           | 7   | 312             | 23    | 156    | 24      | 36       | 36       | 6   | 6   | 19          | 12      | 312   |
| 15           | 6   | 157             | 12    | 79     | 12      | 18       | 18       | 3   | 3   | 9           | 6       | 157   |
| 16           | 5   | 478             | 36    | 240    | 36      | 54       | 55       | 9   | 9   | 29          | 19      | 478   |
| 17           | 4   | 188             | 14    | 94     | 14      | 21       | 22       | 4   | 4   | 11          | 7       | 187   |
| 18           | 3   | 77              | 6     | 39     | 6       | 9        | 9        | 1   | 1   | 5           | 3       | 76    |
| 19           | 2   | 122             |       |        |         |          |          |     |     |             |         |       |
| 20           | 1   | 2262            |       |        |         |          |          |     |     |             |         |       |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |     | <b>5043</b>     |       |        |         |          |          |     |     |             |         |       |

**LOCAL**

NOTE:- The promotion quota posts are included in above mentioned data.

\* 05 Posts of Board Members and 01 post of Chairman, CDA are posted by Federal Government.

88. **\*Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to recover the encroached land of Pakistan Railways since June, 2013?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** Pakistan Railways has taken the following steps to retrieve the encroached land.

- Detailed survey was carried out to identify and work out the details of encroached land, un-authorizedly occupied by the individual encroachers and under illegal occupation of Government Departments.
- The anti encroachment campaign was started and is being monitored by the Divisional Superintendents, Headquarters office and at the level of Ministry of Railways.
- A comprehensive policy has been drawn to prevent further encroachments. This policy makes the concerned Pakistan Railway field 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 Magistrates for expeditious trial.
- During the current campaign 3993 cases were registered and 4333 accused were arrested during the anti-encroachment operations. 2361 cases have been decided by the courts so far. The accused involved in 2318 cases were convicted whereas 43 accused were acquitted by the courts of law. 158 cases are under investigation.
- The issue regarding illegal occupation/possession of Railway land by Government Departments/Institutions has also been taken up with concerned departments.
- A project for computerization of railway land record was initiated during April 2015 with the assistance of Urban Unit in order to

harmonize the railway land record with the record of all the provincial revenue departments. This project is near completion and will ensure safeguard of railway land through a computerized monitoring system and will render total transparency in land management.

- As a result of these steps Pakistan Railways has managed to retrieve 3721 acres railway land out of which 1184 acres has been retrieved since June 2013 as per following detail.

| <b>Khyber<br/>Pakhtunkhwa</b> | <b>Punjab</b>    | <b>Sindh</b>     | <b>Balochistan</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 45.829<br>acres               | 946.039<br>acres | 182.936<br>acres | 9.316<br>acres     |

89. **\*Maulana Muhammad Gohar Shah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that private and semi Government schools of Islamabad are charging separate computer fee from students of various classes; if so, the details of schools thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that said schools charge computer fee during summer vacations; if so, the steps being taken to stop the said practice;*
- (c) *the action being taken against said schools; and*
- (d) *the time by which said fee will be refunded ?*

**Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary):** (a) Yes, a majority of Private Educational Institutions of Islamabad are charging separate computer fee from students of various classes.

(b) Yes, the Private Educational Institutions (PEIs) charge computer fee during summer vacations. Private Educational Institutions Regulatory

Authority (PEIRA) had made the Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Fee Determination) Rules, 2016 but Islamabad High Court has struck down major provisions of these Rules including regulation of fee structure of Private Educational Institutions (PEIs). Therefore Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA) currently cannot determine and regulate fee structure of these private schools / colleges.

However, during revision of these Rules in the light of judgment of the Court, this aspect will be taken care of accordingly.

(c) As stated at (b) above.

(d) As stated at (b) above.

90. **\*Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Ministry in order to control the deteriorating situation of pollution in Pakistan?*

**Minister for Climate Change (Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan):** After the 18th constitutional amendment, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency is mandated with its function under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act' 1997, for protection, conservation and rehabilitation of environment in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). Pak-EPA had notified following Rules, Regulations, Guidelines and National Environmental Quality Standards for the protection and conservation of environment:

- i. Ambient Air under S.R.O. 1062(I)/2010 (**Annex-I**).
- ii. Motor Vehicle Exhaust and Noise under S.R.O. 72(KE)2009 (**Annex II**).
- iii. Municipal and Liquid Industrial Effluents and Industrial Gaseous Emissions under S.R.O. No. 549(I)/2000 (**Annex III**).
- iv. Prohibition of Non-Degradable Plastic Products (manufacturing, sale and usage) Regulations 2013 under S.R.O. 5(KE)/2013 later amended under S.R.O. 96(KE)/2015 (**Annex-IV**).

- v. Hospital Waste Management Rules 2005 under S.R.O. 1013(I)/2005 (**Annex-V**).

To abate the levels of pollution, Pak-EPA took the following steps in ICT as per details given below.

1. **Air Quality**

- i. **Industrial Emissions:**

Pakistan EPA had conducted a detailed survey of Industrial Estate of Islamabad situated in sectors I-9, I-10 and Kahuta Triangle to identify and categorize the number and types of industries (**Annex-VI**).

There are 12 steel units which are causing pollution in Sector I-9/ I-10, despite strict monitoring and legal action. Nine steel mills have installed on-line dust monitoring system, which is under monitoring by Pak-EPA and their efficiency is regularly checked.

Legal action has been initiated by Pak-EPA against the non-compliant steel mills for issuance of Environmental Protection Order and its subsequent enforcement through ICT administration.

- ii. **Vehicular Emissions:**

The major factor of vehicular emissions is old age diesel truck and buses. Diesel vehicles due to overloading, faulty injection nozzles and weak engine emit excessive graphite carbon (visible smoke).

During previous campaigns, Pak-EPA in collaboration with Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) has checked over 40,000 public and private vehicles for exhaust emissions in Islamabad.

With a view to sensitize the masses on the issue of vehicular pollution, a mass awareness campaign is being developed consisting of 10 seconds and 20 seconds media messages that will be disseminated through electronic media.

### iii. **Brick Kilns:**

Ministry of Climate Change had worked a phased program to relocate brick kilns from Islamabad particularly in the vicinity of Benazir Bhutto International Airport.

- a. Twenty-seven (27) brick kilns located in zone IV and V near to the Airport have been demolished.
- b. Environmental Protection Tribunal ordered that brick kilns located within a radius of 12 km of Airport to be shifted elsewhere and those located beyond the radius of 12 km to 20 km have to install smoke control device. With the assistance of CDA and ICT 16 brick kilns have been removed & shifted to the outer periphery of ICT.

Construction of a model brick kiln unit based on Vertical Shaft Brick Kiln (VSBK) technology, is underway with the assistance of Swiss authorities. The brick kiln association is keen to switch over to new technology once it is successfully demonstrated for operation in Pakistan.

## 2. Water Quality

In ICT, the following measures have been taken to control environmental pollution:

- i. The CDA has installed two waste water treatment plants with capacity of 17 and 5 million gallons per day in sector I-9 to treat sewage of the city. The capacity of these sewerage treatment plants is sufficient to treat city sewage.
- ii. For the rural areas, there is no proper system of sewers or treatment facility in areas like; Bara Kahu, Bani Gala, Muslim Colony, Bari Imam and they are dumping their sewage into fresh water streams of Rawal Lake. The Supreme Court of Pakistan took *Suo Moto* case No. 13 of 2010 and directed CDA/ ICT to stop sewage directly being thrown in fresh streams of Rawal Lake by illegal / unlawful settlements. After carrying out comprehensive study of the Rawal Lake catchments area CDA/ ICT have identified four sewerage treatment plants and prepared a PC-I and submitted it to the Planning & Development Division for securing funds for the purpose.

- iii. 124 cases were registered in the Environmental Protection Tribunal (EPT) the residents of Bari Imam Bhara Kahu, Bani Gala and Muslim Colony who were dumping raw sewage into the fresh water streams, of catchment areas of Rawal Lake.
- iv. Legal Notices have been issued to housing societies *viz* National Police Foundation, Multi Professional Services Cooperative, Pakistan Medical Cooperative Housing Society Federation of Employees Cooperative Housing Society, etc. for discharging untreated waste water into rainwater stream. In the process of EIA approvals for housing societies it is mandatory for the proponent to designate a site for the installation of sewerage treatment plant.

### 3. **Solid Waste Management**

#### i. **Hospital Waste Management**

The waste produced by the medical care centers if disposed-off improperly, can pose an even greater threat than the original diseases themselves. In order to tackle the situation, Pak-EPA has taken following steps:

- i. Pak-EPA, Islamabad under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 issued public notices in local newspapers to all health facilities regarding hazardous waste generated by them to dispose it in accordance with Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005 and submit its waste management report on monthly basis to Pak-EPA.
- ii. Letters to 68 health facilities in ICT has been sent in August 2016, regarding regular submission of their monthly waste reports and constituting their hospital waste management team in accordance with the Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005. Currently 25 hospitals are submitting the waste reports on regular basis. Further, Pak-EPA monitoring team is monitoring the health facilities for the compliance of Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005.
- iii. Summon notice for personal hearing under section 16(1) of Pakistan Environmental Protection Act has been issued to 18 health facilities last year for non-compliance of Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005.

- iv. Pak-EPA issued notice to PIMS for non-compliance of Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005 on 30-01-2015 and they were directed to appear for personal, hearing on 10-02-2015. Later on, a case was filed in Environmental Protection Tribunal under section 21(3)(b) of the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997.
- v. Environmental Protection Order (EPO) for personal hearing under section 16(1) of Pakistan Environmental Protection Act has been issued to 6 health facilities last year for non-compliance of Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2005.

## ii. **Non-Degradable Plastic Products**

Pak-EPA took following steps for the prohibition of Non-degradable plastic products in ICT.

To facilitate implementation of the regulation, four companies have so far been registered with Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA). Due to this reason many major stores in Islamabad like Utility Stores, Metro cash & carry, Tehzeeb Bakers, Rahat Bakers, McDonalds and Shaheen Chemist etc. are now using environment friendly plastic shopping bags on the directions of Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency. The other small shopkeepers in ICT have also been contacted by Pak-EPA to use only bio-degradable shopping bags. Furthermore Pak-EPA is making efforts to implement the Regulations in Its true letter and spirit. ICT,/ CDA have been requested to provide update about the, number of manufacturing units in Islamabad.

Pak-EPA had held a meeting on 2nd April 2015 with Pakistan Business Council. Resultantly, Pak-EPA has amended Regulations in 2015 as S.R.O 96(KE)/2015, dated October 6th, 2015.

A meeting was held on 9th January 2017 with traders of big outlets of different markets and Traders Association of Islamabad. Following decisions were taken in the meeting for compliance.

- (a) Pak-EPA shall encourage Markazi Anjuman Tajran (MAT) Islamabad to prepare and launch the awareness campaign for the prohibition of Non-biodegradable plastic products in ICT and other steps proposed by them for the said purpose.

- (b) Pak-EPA shall conduct surprise visit of markets to check status of implementation of Regulation titled, “The Prohibition of Non-Biodegradable Plastic Products (Manufacturing, Sale and Usage) Regulation 2013 and its Amendment 2015” shall take liable legal action.
- (c) Trader Association of respective markets shall launch the awareness campaign in their areas and no more use of non-degradable shall be prohibited.
- (d) Markazi Anjuman Tajran shall display hoardings for information and awareness regarding the use of Oxo-biodegradable shopping bags.

All markets shall display public notice of Pak-EPA in markets.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

91. **\*Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that work on 8.2 billion dollars Main Line-I (ML-I) Railway Track under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is being delayed; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which the work on the said Railway Track will be started?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) There is no delay in the start of MI-I project under CPEC. In fact it is a huge, multi-disciplinary project, at an estimated cost of 8.2 billion \$ which is likely to increase on finalization of Preliminary design for the bidding process. As a matter of fact due diligence and prudence, in finalization of this huge project, as explained below, is taking time which is considered essential for processing the project cycle.

Up-gradation of Main Line-1 (ML-I) of Pakistan Railways (Karachi to Peshawar and Taxila to Havelian) and establishment of dy port near Havelian is an “Early Harvest Project” under CPEC framework. It is spread over 1876 kilometers. Starting from Karachi passes through Hyderabad, Rori, Multan, Lahore, Rawalpindi to Peshawar and Taxila to Havelian. The project has been divided into two phases, Phase-I & Phase-II. To fulfill the requirement of CDWP, preliminary design of the project was started in August, 2016. The final draft of 6 sub-projects of Phase-I was submitted in February, 2018.

On the basis of preliminary design, the PC-I for 6 sub-projects of Phase-I at a cost of 3400 million USD has been submitted to Ministry of Planning Development & Reform on 02-03-2018.

(b) After approval of PC-I, EPC contractor (Engineering, Procurement and construction) will be appointed through competitive bidding process among Chinese firms, as per inter-governmental framework agreement. In view of this position, it would not be possible to commit any time line for commencement of the work.

92. **\*Mr. Murad Saeed:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the academic credentials of employees of the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) including ground and crew staff have recently been verified/checked in order to determine their legitimacy; if so, the names alongwith designations of those employees whose academic credentials have been found fake;*
- (b) *the action taken against said employees alongwith present status of the same separately; and*
- (c) *whether some employees have opted premature retirement whose academic credentials have declared fake or suppose to be fake; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division:** (a) Verification of educational degrees / certificates is an on-going process whereby authenticity of degrees / certificates of all employees of PIACL belonging to all cadres are sent for verification to the concerned Board/University.

(b) Till date, total number of 659 employees degrees / certificates have been found fake / bogus / tempered, out of which 391 have been dismissed, 251 cases are subjudice in various courts and 17 are at different stages of departmental proceedings.

(c) As per details mentioned in (b) above there exist no case of early retirement.

## 93. \*Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the area-wise length/section of railways tracks replaced during the year 2017; and
- (b) the details of on going projects for the replacement of railway tracks?

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) The railway tracks on the network are being replaced under various PSDP Projects. During the year 2017 a total of 199 Km of track was replaced on various sections, as per details given below:—

| S. No | PSDP Scheme   | Section              | Track Rehabilitation              |                        |                           |  |
|-------|---|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|       |   |                      | Complete Track Renewal (CTR) (Km) | Rail Renewal (RR) (Km) | Sleeper Renewal (SR) (Km) | Casual Sleeper Renewal (CSR) (In Nos.) |
| 1     | Rehabilitation of Flood Damages During Flood in 2010                    | Shershah-Kundian     | 11.00                             | -                      | -                         | -                                      |
|       |   | Kotri-Dadu           | 16.00                             | -                      | -                         | -                                      |
|       |   | Rohri-Sibi           | -                                 | -                      | 12.00                     | -                                      |
|       |   | Wazirabad-Sialkot    | -                                 | -                      | 2.00                      | -                                      |
| 2     | Rehabilitation of Rolling Stock and Track                               | Jhangira-Peshawar    | 2.00                              | 3.00                   | -                         | -                                      |
|       |   | Shahdara-Lalamusa    | 3.00                              | 9.00                   | -                         | 14,508                                 |
|       |   | Khanpur-Rohri        | 10.00                             | -                      | -                         | 24,600                                 |
|       |   | Noor-Margalla        | -                                 | 6.50                   | -                         | 10,660                                 |
|       |   | Lodhran-Sher Shah    | -                                 | -                      | 1.88                      | 6,232                                  |
|       |   | Rohri-Khanpur        | 10.00                             | -                      | -                         | 24,600                                 |
| 3     | Dualization and Rehabilitation of Track on Bin Qasim-Port Qasim Section | Bin Qasim-Port Qasim | 13.49                             | -                      | -                         | -                                      |
| 4     | Rehabilitation of Track on Khanpur-Lodhran Section                      | Khanpur-Lodhran      | 50                                | -                      | -                         | -                                      |
| Total |   |                      | 115.49                            | 18.50                  | 15.88                     | 80,600<br>(49,144 Km)                  |

Total: 199.01 Km

(b) The detail of ongoing projects for replacement of Railway Tracks is as under. As is indicated below a total of 648.98 Km of track renewal is included in various projects out of which replacement work on 302.30 Km length has been completed.

| S. No | PSDP Scheme   | Track Rehabilitation              |               |                        |              |                           |              |  |                             |   |   |
|-------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------|---|---|
|       |   | Complete Track Renewal (CTR) (Km) |               | Rail Renewal (RR) (Km) |              | Sleeper Renewal (SR) (Km) |              | Casual Sleeper Renewal (CSR) (In Nos.) |                             |   |   |
|       |   | Planned                           | Executed      | Planned                | Executed     | Planned                   | Executed     | Planned                                | Executed                    |   |   |
| 1     | Rehabilitation of Flood Damages During Flood in 2010                    | 151.00                            | 52.53         | -                      | -            | 49.00                     | 27.00        | -                                      | -                           | - | - |
| 2     | Rehabilitation of Rolling Stock and Track                               | 29.63                             | 13.00         | 25.75                  | 18.50        | 37.63                     | 37.63        | 100,000                                | 80,600                      | - | - |
| 3     | Dualization and Rehabilitation of Track on Bin Qasim-Port Qasim Section | 26.00                             | 22.50         | -                      | -            | -                         | -            | -                                      | -                           | - | - |
| 4     | Rehabilitation of Track on Khanpur-Lodhran Section                      | 269.00                            | 82.00         | -                      | -            | -                         | -            | -                                      | -                           | - | - |
|       | <b>Total</b>  | <b>475.63</b>                     | <b>170.03</b> | <b>25.75</b>           | <b>18.50</b> | <b>86.63</b>              | <b>64.63</b> | <b>100,000</b><br>(60.97 Km)           | <b>80,600</b><br>(49.14 Km) | - | - |

94. **\*Sheikh Salahuddin:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether the Incinerator which disposes of hospital waste has been installed in the Federal Government Polyclinic, Islamabad?*

**Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary):** Yes,

FGPC has its own latest three chambers plus incinerator which is installed and functioning since 2014 with the capacity of 125 Kg per hour.

The FGPC disposed off its hazardous waste through this incinerator based system regularly.

95. **\*Ms. Shahnaz Saleem Malik:**

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

- (a) *the date-wise tenders floated by the Printing Corporation of Pakistan (PCP) for purchase of various printing machines/instruments during the last three years;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the PCP has cancelled the process of tenders on several times during the said period; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (c) *whether the delay in purchase of printing machines/instruments will cause difficulties in preparation of the General Elections 2018;*
- (d) *if so, the steps being taken to ensure the availability of necessary machines/instruments in the PCP for preparation of the next General Elections?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Printing Corporation of Pakistan (PCP) has forwarded detail of date-wise tenders floated for purchase of various printing machines / instruments during the last three years which is as under:-

**PCP.1-7/2015-P&D/1849 dated 10-07-2015**

The tender was floated for procurement of following items:-

- (i) 15 Nos. Single Colour Offset Printing Machines (China);
- (ii) 01 No. Computer to Plate (CTP Unit); and
- (iii) 04 Nos. Automatic High Speed Paper Cutting Machines.

**PCP.1-6/2017-P&D/3112 dated 17-07-2017**

16 Nos. two colour Offset Printing Machines in size 14.5"x20.5"

**PCP.1-6/2017-P&D/3346 dated 28-08-2017**

12 Nos. two Colour Offset Printing Machines (08 in size 14.5"x20.5" and 04 in size 20"x30"),

**PCP.1-6/2017-P&D/Vol-II dated 28-12-2017**

08 Nos. two Colour Printing Machine in size 20"x30".

(b) All the machines against tender advertised in 2015 were procured from the bidders who offered the lowest rates. The tenders advertised in 2017 were not materialized due to the reasons that technical bids of the competing firms were not in conformity with specifications of the tender documents.

(c) The delay in purchase of printing machines / instruments will not cause difficulties in preparation of the General Election 2018 as Election Commission has already distributed the work.

(d) The entire procurement process has been revised by the Board of Directors (BoDs). Special meetings were convened with one point agenda item "Procurement of Machinery". Full emphasis is given to complete the process before holding of General Elections-2018. As per decision of the BoDs of PCP, fresh specifications have been prepared. The fresh tender has been published in the print media and on the website for the purchase of Machinery and Equipment for PCP (**Annex**).

*(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

96. **\*Syed Waseem Hussain:**

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the total land of Pakistan Railways has given on lease in Sindh since June, 2013 alongwith the terms and conditions thereof?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** An area of 849.862 acres railway land has been licensed/leased out in Sindh for various purposes such as agriculture, premium shops, stacking and parking stands etc. since June, 2013 till date. The year wise detail is as under:—

| Year           | Area of land leased out |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| 2013-14        | 16.155                  |
| 2014-15        | 280.349                 |
| 2015-16        | 346.509                 |
| 2016-17        | 206.849                 |
| <b>Total:-</b> | <b>849.862</b>          |

The details indicating location, name of licensee/lessee, purpose, rate and revenue generated from the leased out land are enclosed as annexure-A.

The terms and conditions of licensing/leasing are as under:—

1. **Agricultural Purposes.**

Through competitive bidding by fixing Ousat Bay rate as reserve price for open auction. Lease Term:

- i. 03 years for cultivable land.
- ii. 3 years and further extendable for 3 years for barren land.

2. **Premium Shops Purposes.**

Through competitive bidding by fixing the reserve price of premium & monthly rent on the basis of market rate of the locality.

Lease term

10 years extendable for another 05 years till September, 2014. The policy was revised in October, 2014 & lease period was restricted to 07 years only.

3. Stacking Purposes.

Through competitive bidding.

Term: 01 year.

4. Parking Stands.

- i. To be leased on yearly basis for already developed stands.
- ii. For new parking sites, lease term is 03 years extendable for 02 years

*(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

97. **\*Shazia Marri:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has failed to present an annual report of the Principles of Policy as required under Article 29, of the Constitution for the last five years; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (b) the steps being taken to make responsables accountable and ensure to submit the said report as required under the Constitution?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Last Report on Observance and Implementation of Principles of Policy was laid before the Parliament for the financial year 2012-13. Draft reports for the year 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 stand prepared. However on submission of the Report for year 2013-14, the Prime Minister's Office raised some observations. Hence, exercise for getting response/ material from 43 Ministries/Divisions keeping in view the observations from Prime Minister's Office took time. The exercise to

collect material for this report begins after completion of the financial year and takes time depending upon the satisfactory response from Ministries / Divisions.

(b) The draft Reports for the two financial years *i.e.* 2014-15 and 2015-16 are ready in queue and will be submitted for approval to the Prime Minister's Office, when the Report for the year 2013-14 is approved by the Prime Minister's Office. The process of collecting material for the financial year ending 30th June, 2017 has already been initiated and will be submitted for approval of Prime Minister upon completion in due course of time.

98. **\*Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a piece of land in "L" shape in front of Street No.24, 25, 26 and 27 Sector G-6/1-2, Islamabad is not being utilized;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make a park and jogging track on said location; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details of expenditure to be incurred thereon; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *the total area of said land at present; and*
- (d) *since when the said land is not being utilized?*

**Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary):** (a) No. The said land is being utilized as Street. The Plan of the area is attached.

(b) Not Applicable

(c) & (d) The Width of said Street is about 25 feet.

*(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

99. **\*Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that number of passenger coaches are not being repaired due to shortage of funds; if so, the steps taken by the Government to repair the said coaches since June, 2013;*
- (b) *the total revenue/income earned from the Pakistan Railways since 01-01-2013 alongwith the details thereof;*
- (c) *the total expenditure made by the Pakistan Railways during the said period; and*
- (d) *the total amount of interest paid by the Ministry on foreign loans and over draft during the said period?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) It is a fact that the passenger coaches / wagons were not being repaired as per requirement due to less allocation of funds before June, 2013. However, the position has been substantially improved as tangible steps have been taken by the present Government through allocation of additional funds for repair & up-gradation / refurbishment of coaches. As a result, the availability of operational coaches has increased from 972 in 2013 to 1248 due to dedicated efforts of the management and increased spending on up-gradation of coaches as is evident from following table;

| No. of coaches          | Year<br>2013 | Year<br>2018 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Non-Operational Coaches | 715          | 572          |
| Operational Coaches     | 972          | 1248         |

A scheme under PSDP has been initiated for special repair of 800 coaches and 2000 wagons. PC-I of the project was approved on 12-12-2014 at an estimated cost of Rs. 1810 million. Up till now, 788 coaches & 1897 wagons have been rolled out after special repair. In addition, the quality of repairs / periodical overhauling of coaches / wagons has also been substantially upgraded by using new materials. The increased focus of the Government on repair of coaches / wagons is evident from the following comparison of allocation of budget for repair of coaches & wagons;

(Rs.in Million)

|              | <b>Budget allocation for C&amp;W<br/>(2008-2013)</b> | <b>Budget allocation for C&amp;W<br/>(2013-2018)</b> |
|--------------|--|--|
| Revenue      | 2250   | 3617.5   |
| PSDP         | —  | 1810   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2250</b>  | <b>5427.5</b>  |

(b) The detail of revenue/income earned Pakistan Railways is given as under:—

(Rs. in Billion)

| <b>Financial<br/>Year</b> | <b>Revenue<br/>Receipts</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2012-2013                 | 18.078                      |
| 2013-2014                 | 22.805                      |
| 2014-2015                 | 31.927                      |
| 2015-2016                 | 36.584                      |
| 2016-2017                 | 40.083                      |

(c) The detail of total expenditure incurred by Pakistan Railways during the said period is given as under:—

(Rs. in Billion)

| <b>Financial<br/>year</b> | <b>Expenditure</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 2012-2013                 | 48.582             |
| 2013-2014                 | 55.332             |
| 2014-2015                 | 59.174             |
| 2015-2016                 | 63.577             |
| 2016-2017                 | 80.925             |

(d) The detail of interest paid by Pakistan Railways on foreign loans and overdraft during the period is given as under:—

(Rs. in Million)

| Financial Year | Interest Paid on Foreign Loans | Interest paid on Overdraft |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2012-2013      | —                              | 47.016                     |
| 2013-2014      | 3.717                          | —                          |
| 2014-2015      | —                              | —                          |
| 2015-2016      | 300.000                        | 122.018                    |
| 2016-2017      | 202.050                        | 201.064                    |

100. **\*Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

(a) *the daily loss being suffered by the Pakistan Railways at present; and*

(b) *whether the said loss can be controlled?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) At present Pakistan Railways is maintaining its Books of Accounts on monthly basis and exact/accurate daily loss is difficult to calculate.

The detail of losses during the current financial year *i.e.* 2017-2018 (upto January, 2018) is given as under:

(Rs. in Million)

| Month                                | Loss              |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| July, 2017                           | 403.407           |
| August, 2017                         | 2,923.269         |
| September, 2017                      | 2,218.076         |
| October, 2017                        | 3,415.329         |
| November, 2017                       | 4,063.116         |
| December, 2017                       | 4,376.673         |
| January, 2018                        | 3,211.767         |
| <b>Total loss upto January, 2018</b> | <b>20,611.637</b> |

(b) Out of the total budget of PR amounting to Rs.90.000 billion for current financial year 2017-18 (consisting of Rs.50 billion Revenue Receipts and Rs.40.00 billion Subsidy/Financial Assistance to P.R.), funds to the tune of Rs.55.825 billion are to be consumed on salary and pension only. The loss can be controlled to some extent by generating additional revenue receipts and minimizing expenditure not directly related to train operations like TA/DA and Utilities etc. However, a huge chunk of Rs.55.825 billion is likely to be spent on mandatory payments of salary and pension. This expenditure, which is 62% approx. of the total revenue budget of Rs.90.000 billion, cannot be controlled. Of the remaining Rs.34.175 billion, a sizeable sum of Rs.13.375 billion has been allocated for operational fuel during current FY 2017-2018. This expenditure also is beyond our control as already many upward revisions in the prices of fuel have taken place in the current financial year.

101. **\*Mr. Murad Saeed:**

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

- (a) the total numbers of administrative, operational, security lapses, flight safety and financial inquiries held in the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) since 12-03-2008 alongwith the present status thereof separately;*
- (b) the conclusions and responsables thereof separately;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that employees of PIA who were hold responsible in said inquiries were not only reinstated in the services but also given them seniority;*
- (d) if the answer to part (c) above is in the affirmative, whether this is tantamount at the part of the administration of the PIA to abet the responsables for their malpractices; and*
- (e) the steps being taken to take stern action against the responsables thereof?*

Reply not received.

102. **\*Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**

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

- (a) *whether rules permit the Government to appoint a foreign national in the department of Federal Government; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to update/revise the existing rules/laws with regard to appoint a foreign national in the Government department?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Yes. Rule 13 of the Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion & Transfer) Rules, 1973 reads as under:-

13. A Candidate for appointment shall be a citizen of Pakistan:

Provided that this requirement may be relaxed with The approval of the Establishment Division.

Provided further that, in the case of candidates to be appointed on temporary basis to posts in the Pakistan Missions abroad, such relaxation shall not be accorded for a period exceeding one year at a time.

(b) No.

103. **\*Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the year-wise details of loss making public entities since 01-01-2012?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: NEPRA** (a) The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) was established under the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 (Act No. XL of 1997) commonly known as the NEPRA Act (the "Act") for the regulation of the provision of electric power services in Pakistan. The responsibilities of NEPRA under the Act include, *inter alia*, the determination of tariff, rates, charges and other terms and conditions for supply of electric power services by the generation, transmission and distribution companies. In performing

its functions, all decisions/ determination are made by NEPRA in accordance with the relevant law in a transparent manner by providing equal opportunities of hearing to all the stakeholders. The electricity tariff is determined in accordance with the NEPRA Act and Rules made there-under, which state that the tariff should allow licensees the recovery of any and all costs prudently incurred to meet the demonstrated needs of their customers.

(b) Regarding the attached question, it is not clear whether the question relates specifically to power sector companies owned by Federal Government or public sector companies in general. In case the question referred pertains to power sector companies owned by federal government then it is submitted that public entities in the power sector are independent companies having their own independent/separate Board of Directors and come under the administrative control of Ministry of Energy. Therefore, the Ministry of Energy is the relevant authority to answer this question.

#### **NAP**

The National Archives of Pakistan (NAP) preserves the literary heritage having national significance and historical value. It is a non-commercial/ research based entity/department. Hence, it is not a loss making institute.

#### **OGRA**

| Particular | 2012 | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  |
|------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SNGPL      |      | 9,749 | 3,965 | 2,495 |       |
| SSGPL      |      |       | 3,753 | 5,391 | 6,115 |

#### **PCP**

| 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 450.183 | 300.081 | 132.670 | 253.023 | 73.510  |

#### **PTDC**

| 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17(Prov) |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
| 150.748 | 71.015  | 106.594 | 3.573   | 9.551   | 9.099         |

104. **\*Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

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

- (a) *the prescribed procedure and time frame when the Government announces names of persons to whom Civil Awards are bestowed on 23rd March every year;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Federal Government has not announced the names of persons to whom Civil Awards will be bestowed for the year-2018; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken to expedite the matter thereof?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Awards are announced once a year *i.e.* on the 14th August (Independence Day). The Investiture for these awards takes place on 23rd March (Pakistan Day) each year.

(b) The process regarding conferment of Pakistan Civil Awards have been finalized and recommendations have been submitted to President's Secretariat through Prime Minister's Office for final approval. Consequent upon approval awards will be conferred on Pakistan's Day *i.e.* 23rd March, 2018.

(c) As explained in (b) above.

105. **\*Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

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

- (a) *the total bailout packages given to the Pakistan International Airlines since June, 2013 alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the outcomes of these bailout packages?*

**Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division:** (a) It is apprised that financial support extended by GoP during the period since June 2013 was utilized towards Debt Servicing and CAPEX is in term of GoP Sovereign Guarantee amounting to PKR 46 Billion and PKR 20 Billion as equity.

(b) Amounts thereby were utilized for keeping operation running.

106. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:*

- (a) the total area of Forest in the country as on 31-12-2008;*
- (b) the total area of Forest in the country at present;*
- (c) the performance made by the Forestry Wing of the Ministry since 01-01-2013;*
- (d) the funds disbursed to the said Wing during the said period; and*
- (e) whether it helped in dealing with deforestation and desertification during the said period; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Climate Change (Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan):** (a) The total area of forest in the country as on 31-12-2008 was 3.44 million hectare.

(b) The total area of forest in the country at present is 3.44 million hectare.

(c) The performance of the Forestry Wing of the Ministry since 01-01-2013 is as under:

- i. During December 2013, a project (Titled: FCPF-World Bank REDD+ Readiness (R-PP) Project) was won from the World Bank for USD 3.8 million for implementation of Pakistan's REDD+ Readiness activities.
- ii. Convened nine meetings of Inter-ministerial /Inter provincial Spring/ Monsoon tree planting campaigns since 2013 aiming at reviewing the tree planting activities by the provinces and other stakeholders.
- iii. Conducted capacity building workshop on Nagoya Protocol through involvement of provincial governments and other stakeholders (2015).
- iv. National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) as a policy document for implementation of provisions of the Convention on

Biological Diversity (CBD) has been prepared through extensive consultation with all the provinces .(2015-2017).

- v. Preparation and approval of Project titled “*Generating Global Environmental Benefits from Improved Decision Making Systems and Local Planning in Pakistan*” (2015) is under implementation.
- vi. Prepared and submitted Fifth National Report to Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) through involvement of all stakeholders and provinces (2015).
- vii. Ratification of Nagoya Protocol through a process of consultation including provinces and all other stakeholders (2016).
- viii. Series of training and capacity building workshops for provincial Wildlife staff and Custom Officers were conducted in collaboration of MoCC and WWF-Pakistan (2016-17).
- ix. Green Pakistan Programme: Prepared and got approved under PSDP a project amounting to Rs. 4.794 Billion (Planted 18 million sapling in 2016-18 under this program).
- x. Notified Astola Island as Pakistan’s First Marine Protected Area (2017).
- xi. National Forest Policy: After thorough consultation, Council of Common Interests (CCI) approved Pakistan’s National Forest Policy (2017).
- xii. Established Pakistan’s only forum “*National Coordinating Body*” relating to coastal and marine areas under the Mangrove for the Future program. The Coordinating body has conducted 16 meetings since its formulation on regular basis (2013-18).
- xiii. Established National Steering Committee (NSC) and Provincial Steering Committees of REDD+ and conducted six meetings of NSC participation of provinces (2013-20.18).
- xiv. Arranged six trainings and capacity building workshops related with REDD+ for provincial and other stakeholders (2013-2017).

- xv. As a Ramsar Advisory Mission follow up activity, prepared a project titled *“Integrated flood plain Management along River Indus to build resilience for the riverine ecosystems and vulnerable communities to Climate. Change impact”*. This 200 Million US\$ project is at final stages of approval and submission for funding from Green Climate Fund.
- xvi. Preparation and approval of GEF/UNDP funded Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) project with a total cost of 8.338 Million US\$ (2017).
- xvii. Regular annual and biennial reporting compliance to Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs) related with Forestry and Biodiversity: Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES), Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (2013-2018).
- xviii. Bilateral MoUs with different countries in the area of Forestry and Biodiversity
  - a. Turkey Signed in 2017.
  - b. China: 2018. (Inn final stage of approval)
- xix. Generated revenue through issuance of import and export permits of wildlife species: (Rs. 36.18 million for the period 2013-2017).
- xx. Prepared and submitted First Interim National Report on implementation of Nagoya Protocol (2018) prepared through provincial consultation.
- (d) Nil
- (e) Yes, all actions of the Ministry of Climate Change have helped the provinces in curbing deforestation and desertification.

107. **\*Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the year-wise details of profit/loss of the Pakistan International*

*Airlines during the period from 01-01-2008 to 31-12-2013 and 01-01-2017 to till date?*

**Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division:** In this regard, year wise details of profit / loss of Pakistan International Airlines during the desired period are as under:

Loss before tax (Rs. In Billion)

| Financials 2008-2013                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Year                                | 2013  | 2012  | 2011  | 2010  | 2009  | 2008  |
| Loss                                | 42.98 | 29.76 | 28.03 | 8.58  | 13.31 | 39.98 |
| Financials 2017 (Un Audited)        |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Loss before tax<br>(Rs. In Billion) |       |       |       | 43.65 |       |       |

108. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the total number of patients of Thalassemia treated through Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal since June, 2013?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: Pakistan Bait ul Mal Reply**  
The detail of Thalassemia patients treated through Pakistan Bait ul Mal since June, 2013 is placed at (Annex-I)

Annex-I

**PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL  
NO. OF THALASSEMIA PATIENTS  
(01-06-2013 TO 06-03-2018)**

**Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Medical Assistance) - Thalassemia Patients**

| PROVINCE<br>(A)    | NO. OF BENEFICIARIES<br>(B) | AMOUNT<br>(C)         |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Balochistan        | 8                           | 1,048,300.00          |
| ICT                | 347                         | 21,939,526.00         |
| Khyber Pakhtunkhwa | 478                         | 35,532,846.00         |
| Punjab             | 882                         | 60,065,617.00         |
| Sindh              | 8                           | 3,425,881.00          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>1723</b>                 | <b>122,012,170.00</b> |

**Pakistan Thalassemia Center - Thalassemia Patients**

| PROVINCE           | NO. OF BENEFICIARIES | AMOUNT               |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| (D)                | (E)                  | (F)                  |
| ICT                | 124                  | 12,963,630.00        |
| Khyber Pakhtunkhwa | 71                   | 6,607,922.00         |
| Punjab             | 382                  | 36,154,299.00        |
| Sindh              | 5                    | 345,000.00           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>582</b>           | <b>56,070,851.00</b> |

**Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal - Thalassemia Patients**

| PROVINCE           | NO. OF BENEFICIARIES | AMOUNT                |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| (A+D)              | (B+E)                | (C+F)                 |
| Balochistan        | 8                    | 1,048,300.00          |
| ICT                | 471                  | 34,903,156.00         |
| Khyber Pakhtunkhwa | 549                  | 42,140,768.00         |
| Punjab             | 1264                 | 96,219,916.00         |
| Sindh              | 13                   | 3,770,881.00          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>2305</b>          | <b>178,083,021.00</b> |

**Note:** This is computer generated statement, it does not require signature.

109. \*Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the cable operators of Islamabad are not telecasting KTN, KTN News, Sindh TV, Sindh News, Kashish and Dharti Channels of Sindh; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the channels of all other provinces are being telecast by said operators; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister of State for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage (Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb):** (a) It is submitted that the fact is otherwise as the cable TV operators of Islamabad are telecasting channels of Sindh, ranging from a single channel, in the minimal case, to the maximum number.

2. It may be noted that PEMRA has, so far, accumulatively issued 115 Satellite TV channel licenses (Pakistani channels) and/or Landing Rights

Permissions (foreign channels). However, an analogue system of a cable TV network has the capacity to carry a maximum of 80 of channels, based on which reason; channels are selected by an operator on the basis of subscribers' demand. The only solution to this impediment is, technologically, the digitalization of cable TV networks which requires huge investments.

3. PEMRA, for the purpose, in order to facilitate the cable TV operators for converting their networks from analog to digital, has requested the Government to relax import duties on equipment required for digitalization. Moreover, process for the launch of DTH, which is also digital, was also initiated by the Authority, however, the matter is sub-judice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan.

4. Both the technologies will provide maximum channel carrying capacity enabling the subscribers to watch all licensed TV channels simultaneously.

(b) No, it is not a fact that all channels of other provinces are being telecast by all the operators of Islamabad, being a market driven phenomenon, as narrated above.

110. **\*Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct a Cancer Hospital in Islamabad;*

(b) *if so, the time by which it will be constructed?*

**Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary):** (a) Yes, there is proposal under consideration in Capital Administration and Development Division (CA&DD) to construct a Cancer Hospital in Islamabad. A PC-I with the estimated cost of Rs. 5156.00 Million was submitted to M/o Planning, Development and Reform for approval of CDWP, however, CDWP has approved the civil work component of the project on 12th February 2018.

(b) Civil & E/M work of the project will be completed by March 2021.

111. **\*Ms. Aasiya Nasir:**

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

- (a) the names of countries for which the Higher Education Commission gives scholarships for getting higher education alongwith the procedure thereof;*
- (b) whether quota for minorities has been reserved for the said scholarships; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) the number of persons/students of Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa sent abroad on scholarship for receiving higher education during the year 2016-17;*
- (d) the total number of persons/students from Minorities sent abroad on scholarship for higher education during the said period;*
- (e) the total number of persons/students who will be sent abroad during the year 2017-18 on scholarship for receiving higher education; and*
- (f) the total number of students/persons from Minorities who will be sent abroad on scholarship for receiving higher education during the year 2017-18?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman):** (a) Higher Education Commission (HEC) offers scholarships in 29 countries worldwide, for availing higher studies. A consolidated list containing the names of such countries is at **Annex-I**. The selection process adopted for the said students against these scholarships is attached at **Annex-II**.

(b) There is no quota available for the minorities for the said scholarships. These scholarships are awarded purely on merit basis, as approved by the competent authority *i.e.* Planning Commission of Pakistan.

(c) A total 242 number of scholars from Punjab, Sindh, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been sent abroad on scholarships for higher education, during the year 2016-17. The detail is as under:

| <b>Domicile</b>    | <b>Number</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|
| PUNJAB             | 152           |
| SINDH              | 47            |
| KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA | 43            |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>242</b>    |

(d) A total number of 04 scholars from minorities have been sent abroad on scholarships for higher studies, during the said period.

(e) The total no. of persons/students who will be sent abroad on scholarships, during the year 2017-18 cannot be ascertained, at this stage. So far, a total number of 421 scholars have already been sent abroad during the July-Feb period of the year 2017-18, on scholarships for receiving higher education on merit basis.

(f) The total number of students/persons from Minorities who will be sent abroad on scholarships during the year 2017-18 cannot be determined at this stage. So far, a total of 08 scholars from minorities have already been sent abroad, during the July-Feb period of the year 2017-18, on scholarships for receiving higher education on merit basis.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

112. **\*Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that only Civil Servant can become the Chairman of the Capital Development Authority; if so, the justification thereof?*

**Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary):** Yes vide sub-section 2 of Section 6 of the CDA Ordinance 1960 as amended sub-section (a) of Section 2 of the CDA (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (dated 10th January, 2018) the Federal Government} shall appoint a Chairman, from amongst the members who are civil servants in BS-20 and above.

113. **\*Dr. Shizra Mansab Ali Khan Kharral:**

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

- (a) *the total number of contracts of various projects/works awarded by the Capital Development Authority during the year 2016-17;*
- (b) *the names of firms/contractors thereof; and*
- (c) *the procedure adopted for awarding the said contracts?*

**Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary):** (a) That 587 Number of various projects awarded by the Capital Development Authority to different contractors during the financial year 2016-17 (Details Attached).

(b) Name of the firm against each work mentioned in the Attached list.

(c) Works awarded as per PPRA Rules after advertisement in Newspapers Websites of CDA, after fair competition among contractors and awarded to 1st lowest bidders.

*(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

114. **\*Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the names of cities where the ratio of air and noise pollution has crossed dangerous levels in the country?*

**Minister for Climate Change (Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan):** After the 18th Constitutional amendment, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) is mandated with its function under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act' 1997, for protection, conservation and rehabilitation of environment in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). Provinces are responsible to monitor the ratio of air and noise pollution in their respective cities.

Ministry of Climate Change through Pak-EPA approached the provincial authorities to reply the said question. No response is received from provincial governments of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa However, Balochistan and Gilgit-Baltistan have sent their response to Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad.

In Balochistan, no city has crossed the limits as per National Environment Quality Standards (NEQS).

In Gilgit-Baltistan, Gilgit-Baltistan Environmental Protection Agency has recently procured Air Quality Monitoring Station in order to check the levels of air pollutants in Gilgit city. Recorded data of winter season showed an increased trend that has crossed dangerous level, of pollutants in the air. The concentrations of PM 2.5 and NO specifically remained higher than National Environment Quality Standards throughout the month of January. Average concentrations 91.37 and 52  $\mu/m^3$  of PM10 and PM 2.5 respectively was recorded for the month of January, 2018. Maximum concentrations were 101.52 and 38.8  $\mu/m^3$  one to one. NEQS of PM10 and PM 2.5 are 150 and 35  $\mu/m^3$  for 24 hours. The average concentrations of NO and NO<sub>2</sub> were recorded to be 49.6 and 46.1  $\mu/m^3$  respectively for the month of January. The safe limits defined by Pak-EPA are 10 and 80  $\mu/m^3$  for 24 hours for NO and NO<sub>2</sub>.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 14th March, 2018*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Thursday, the 15th March, 2018**

7. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**  
(Deferred during 51st Session)

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the project of New Islamabad International Airport is being delayed; if so, the reasons alongwith the responsables thereof?*

**Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division:** Reply is attached as **Annex-A.**

*(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

15. **Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri:**  
(Deferred during 51st Session)

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the total number of sibling students studying in The City Schools, Islamabad at present alongwith the school-wise details thereof?*

Reply not received.

9. **Mr. Jamshed Ahmad Dasti:**  
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

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

- (a) *whether the Sacked Employees' (Reinstatement) Ordinance, 2009 protected by Act No.XXII of 2010 or any later Act;*

- (b) *if so, which one out of said is being treated as final; and*
- (c) *whether the Sacked Employees' (Reinstatement) Ordinance, 2009 and all other Sacked Employees Acts to be treated as Null and Void?*

Reply not received.

22. **Ms. Surriya Asghar:**  
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

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

- (a) *the names of the training institutions/academies working under the Capital Administration and Development Division for capacity building of its employees at present;*
- (b) *the details of teaching faculty of the said institutions alongwith their qualifications and experiences;*
- (c) *the syllabus being taught in the said institutions at present;*
- (d) *the institution and post-wise number of employees trained during the financial year 2015-16;*
- (e) *the institution-wise total expenditures incurred thereon; and*
- (f) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the institutional capacity of the said institutions/academies?*

Reply not received.

25. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**  
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that rule 47 of Rules of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) makes it mandatory for a procuring agency to make all contracts public which are awarded under said Rules;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Regulation No. S.R.O. 1170(1)/2009 dated July 9, 2009 issued under the said Rules provides that only contracts exceeding fifty million rupees will be made public;*
- (c) *if the answer to part (b) above is in the affirmative, whether the PPRA has taken notice of the said discrepancy in the Rules and Regulations; if so, the details thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is further a fact that this is tantamount to undermine the concept of transparency of those contracts which are awarded on less than fifty million rupees;*
- (e) *if so, the steps are being taken to remove the said discrepancy at the earliest?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) YES. Rule 47 of PPRA Rules, 2004 (**Annex-A**) provides that “As soon as a contract has been awarded the procuring agency shall make all documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of contract public:

Provided that where the disclosure of any information related to the award of a contract is of proprietary nature or where the procuring agency is convinced that such disclosure shall be against the public interest, it can withhold only such information from public disclosure subject to the prior approval of the Authority”.

(b) NO. It is clarified that under Section 27 of the PPRA Ordinance, Public Procurement Regulations 2009 have been made *vide* Notification No. S.R.O.1170(1)2009 dated 09-07-2009 which provide that “All procuring agencies whether within or outside Pakistan shall post Contract Awards over fifty million rupees on PPRA’s website on the proformas prescribed by PPRA under the regulation (**Annex-B**). All Ministries/ Divisions and Departments/ Organizations can make public all contracts on their own websites as well for greater transparency.

(c), (d) & (e) There is no discrepancy. The Rule 47 of PPRA Rules, 2004 provides that as soon as a contract has been awarded the procuring agency shall make all documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of contract public:

Provided that where the disclosure of any information related to the award of a contract is of proprietary nature or where the procuring agency is convinced that such disclosure shall be against the public interest, it can withhold only such information from public disclosure subject to the prior approval of the Authority whereas the S.R.O dated 09-07-2009 provides that the contracts over Rs. 50.000 million in addition will be placed on the PPRA website.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

30. **Mr. Junaid Akbar:**  
*(Deferred during 52nd Session)*

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether the Capital Development Authority has prepared the list of affectees of Sector E-12 Islamabad according to the survey conducted by the Standing Committee of the National Assembly during the year 2017; if so, the details including names and father's names thereof?*

Reply not received.

33. **Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**  
*(Deferred during 52nd Session)*

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

- (a) the total number of sibling students studying in the Global System of Integrated Studies at present;*
- (b) the total number of applications submitted by said students for concession of fee in the light of the orders given by the Court since 01-01-2017 alongwith the details thereof;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that no concession has been given by the said schools to said students so far;*
- (d) if the answer of (b) above is in the affirmative, the reasons thereof;*

(e) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to give concession to one out of three sibling students on monthly basis; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof; and*

(f) *whether the overcharged fee will be refunded?*

Reply not received.

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

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

(a) *the prescribed criteria for deputation of an officer and official of the Government at present;*

(b) *whether there is any ban on deputation of Government officers/officials at present; and*

(c) *the prescribed criteria for absorption of an officer and official of the Government who are presently working on deputation?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:** (a) The Regulatory provision regarding deputation has been provided in rule 20-A of the Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion & Transfer) Rules, 1973 which reads as under:—

“20A Appointment on deputation.—

- (1) A person in the service of a Provincial Government or an autonomous, semi-autonomous body or corporation or any other organization set-up, established, owned, managed or controlled by the Federal Government who possesses the minimum educational qualifications, experience or comparable length of service prescribed for a post shall be eligible for appointment to the said post on deputation for a period not exceeding three years which may be extended for another period of two years on such terms and conditions as may be sanctioned by Federal Government in consultation with the lending Organization.

- (2) Subject to any rule or orders on the subject issued by the Federal Government, a civil servant who fulfills the conditions and is considered suitable may be sent on deputation to an autonomous, semi-autonomous body or corporation established by law or to the Provincial Government on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the lending and borrowing organizations.
- (3) In case of appointment under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2) pension contribution shall invariably be made by the borrowing organization:

Provided that posting of serving husband and wife at the same station, un-married female government servants at the place of residence of their parents/family and that of married female government servants at the place of residence/posting of their husbands who are not in government employment shall be exempted from the said rule”.

With a view to ensure expeditious processing of cases of deputation Secretaries of administrative Ministries/Divisions and Heads of Attached Department and Subordinate Offices not below BS-21 have been delegated the powers to approve initial deputation of officers upto BS-20 belonging to cadres and posts under their administrative control for a period of three years subject to observations of following guidelines:—

- (i) Where a post proposed to be filled is reserved under the rules for departmental promotion, appointment on deputation may be made only if the department certifies that no eligible person is available for promotion or the eligible persons are found unfit for promotion by the appropriate DPC/Selection Board, in such cases, deputation may be approved till such time, a suitable person becomes available for promotion.
- (ii) In case of posts reserved for initial recruitment, appointment on deputation may be made only as temporary arrangement pending joining of the nominee of the FPSC and subject to condition that such appointment shall be made on after a requisition has been placed with the FPSC.
- (iii) In cases where a post is tenable through appointment by deputation, the normal period of deputation should be three years and no

extension beyond three years may be allowed without prior approval of the Establishment Division.

- (iv) No officer should be sent on deputation unless he has completed three years service in his parent department after return from the earlier deputation.
- (v) Cases of deputation of officers from BS-17 & above to be posted on deputation from Federal Government to Provincial Governments and from Provincial Governments to Federal Governments are required to be processed through Establishment Division.

(b) No.

(c) Absorption of deputationist is a method of appointment by transfer which is required to be made in accordance with the provisions of Recruitment Rules of the post concerned on the recommendations of appropriate Departmental Promotion Committee/Board as the case may be. The regulatory provision in that regard has been provided in rule 7 and 9 of the Civil Servants(Appointment, Promotion & Transfer) Rules, 1973 which reads as under:

- “7. Promotions and **transfer** to posts in basic pay scales 2 to 18 and equivalent shall be made on the recommendation of the appropriate Departmental Promotion Committee and promotions and **transfer** to posts in basic pay scales 19 to 21 and equivalent shall be made on the recommendation of the Selection Boards”
- “9. Appointments by transfer shall be made from amongst the persons holding appointment on a regular basis in posts in the same basic pay scale or equivalent to or identical with the posts to be filled”

In the absence of specific provision of appointment by transfer in the Recruitment Rules of the post, absorption of deputationist is not permissible.

18. **Ms. Sabiha Nazir:**

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that renovation work of Bahawalpur Railway Station has not been completed so far; if so, the time by which said work will be completed?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** The construction work of Bahawalpur railway station building comprising basement, ground floor, 1st floor and 2nd floor at a cost of Rs. 278 million is in progress. 47% of work has been completed so far. Efforts are being made to make the building functional by 30-04-2018 and complete the remaining work by 30-06-2018.

19. **Mr. Abdul Waseem:**

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

- (a) *the total number of scholarships awarded for higher education by the Higher Education Commission under the sponsorship of the Commonwealth Countries during the last four years; and*
- (b) *the total number of students belonging to Sindh to whom the said scholarships were awarded during the said period?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman):** (a) A total of 68 candidates' nominations has been forwarded by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) under doctoral studies (PhD) & Medical Fellowships to the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC). Out of 68 HEC nominations, the CSC finally awarded Commonwealth scholarship to 21 candidates under the sponsorship for the Commonwealth countries during the last four years. The year-wise break up is as under:

| <b>Year</b>   | <b>Nominated by HEC</b> | <b>Final Section by CSC</b> |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2014-15       | 25                      | 10                          |
| 2015-16       | 15                      | 6                           |
| 2016-17       | 14                      | 4                           |
| 2017-18       | 14                      | 1                           |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>68</b>               | <b>21</b>                   |

(b) A total of 6 candidates' nominations belonging to Sindh has been forwarded by HEC under Commonwealth scholarship. Out of 6 HEC nominations, the CSC finally awarded Commonwealth scholarship to 2

candidates and one candidate is on waiting list, under the sponsorship for the Commonwealth countries during the last four years. The year-wise break up is as under:

| <b>Year</b>   | <b>Nominated by HEC</b> | <b>Final Section by CSC</b> |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2014-15       | 1                       | 0                           |
| 2015-16       | 1                       | 0                           |
| 2016-17       | 2                       | 1                           |
| 2017-18       | 2                       | 1                           |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>6</b>                | <b>2</b>                    |

**20. Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

*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 install electricity generator from garbage in Sector I-17, Islamabad; if so, when it will be installed?*

**Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary):** (a) yes.

(b) The Project in its Planning Phase. After the Pre-requisite feasibility study, the Project would be launched (2-3 Months).

**21. Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that facility of Liver Transplant is available in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad;*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that only one un-successful transplant case has been carried out by PIMS;*

(c) *if the answers to parts above are in the affirmative, the steps taken by the Government to make it fully operational?*

**Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division (Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary):** (a) The facility for organ transplantation including liver transplant is available at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad under the unit for Hepatobiliary surgery and Organ Transplant. It was established with one time grant of 238 million by the then Prime Minister of Pakistan and established under guidance from professionals at the Royal Free Hospital London which has a vast experience in liver transplantation.

(b) Yes, it is also fact that only one un-successful transplant case has been carried out by PIMS

(c) The Unit for Hepatobiliary Surgery and Organ Transplant is fully functional and carrying out surgeries. However to make liver transplantation functional again, The government is considering various options as under;

Summary of hiring of trained Liver Transplant Surgeon, Hepatologist, Anesthetist and Intensive Care Specialists on market base salary has been forwarded to the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Copy of Summary is enclosed at **(Annex-A)**.

*(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

22. **Malik Muhammad Amir Dogar:**

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

- (a) the total number of flying clubs operating in Pakistan at present;*
- (b) the total number of pilots being trained every year by said clubs in the country;*
- (c) whether the Government is still providing any subsidy to said clubs; and*
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for the improvement of these flying clubs?*

**Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division:** (a) There are a total of 05 Flying Clubs and 08 Flying Schools Operating in Pakistan for imparting Flying Training. The details are annexed.

(b) At present the total number of Trainees enrolled for private training with Flying Clubs / Schools is 250. They are expected to graduate between 6 to 18 months depending on the state of Course progress.

(c) No Government subsidy is being provided.

(d) The following efforts are being made by Government and Civil Aviation Authority (CAA):—

#### **Financial Incentives**

- (i) As per National Aviation Policy-2015, all CAA approved aviation training institutions have 50 % exemption on rent.
- (ii) Additionally, they have exemption of tax on Import of Spare Parts.
- (iii) Flying Clubs being registered with SECP as Non-profit organizations the subject Clubs remain exempted from Tax as an Organization.

#### **Motivation for Young Pilots**

- (iv) CAA is in consultation with Domestic Airlines to create opportunities for Fresh Pilots as per PIA model. It is expected that with more opportunities post CPL qualification at early stage would help in motivating these pilots to train and take up Flying as a career.
- (v) CAA continues to monitor and recommend measures for improvement in training as per the prevalent best practices.

#### **Annex**

| <b><u>DETAILS OF FLYING CLUBS</u></b> |                        |  |                       |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Sr. No.</b>                        | <b>Club Name</b>       | <b>Location</b>  | <b>Status</b>         |
| 1.                                    | Karachi Aero Club      | Jinnah International Airport (JIAP), Karachi             | Active                |
| 2.                                    | Multan Flying Club     | Multan Airport   | Active                |
| 3.                                    | Lahore Flying Club     | Allama Iqbal International Airport (AIIAP), Lahore       | Active                |
| 4.                                    | Rawalpindi Flying Club | Benazir Bhutto International Airport (BBIAP), Rawalpindi | Licence under Renewal |
| 5.                                    | Peshawar Flying Club   | Bacha Khan International Airport (BKIAP), Peshawar       | Active                |

| <b>DETAILS OF FLYING SCHOOLS</b> |                                       |                   |   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>Sr. No.</b>                   | <b>School Name</b>                    | <b>Location</b>   | <b>Status</b>   |
| 1.                               | KK Aviation                           | JIAP, Karachi     | Active  |
| 2.                               | South Asian Airways                   | Multan / Karachi  | In active Licence /<br>Air Operator<br>Certificate (AOC)<br>Expired |
| 3.                               | Shaheen Air Flying<br>Training School | Faisalabad        | Licence under<br>renewal  |
| 4.                               | Air Academy                           | Faisalabad        | In active since 2013  |
| 5.                               | Air Borne Aviation                    | Walton, Lahore    | Active  |
| 6.                               | Hybrid Tech Pvt Ltd.                  | Walton, Lahore    | Active  |
| 7.                               | Air Eagle Academy                     | AIIAP, Lahore     | Active  |
| 8.                               | Ask Flying Academy                    | BBIAP, Rawalpindi | Active  |

Note: 02 under Licence Renewal, 02 inactive

**23. Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that according to SRO.805(1)/2008 dated 11th July, 2008 of PPRA any person may only obtain the records referred to in clauses (a) and (c) of the said SRO;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said SRO authorizes only those persons who submitted bids, proposals, offers or quotations or applied for pre-qualification may obtain the records referred to in clauses (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the said SRO;*
- (c) *if so, whether the authorities concerned have taken notice that the said SRO is contrary to the provision of Right of Access to Information Act, 2017; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken to rectify/modify the aforesaid SRO according to provisions of said Act?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Yes it is a fact.

The regulation 4 (a) & (c) of the above referred regulations are reproduced below:—

- 4(a) a brief description of the goods or works to be procured or the procurement need for which the procuring agency requested proposal or offers;
- 4(c) the names and addresses of suppliers or contractors who were pre-qualified or selected and invited to submit bids or technical proposals.

Regulation 5 (1) After acceptance of the bids or, as the case may be, termination of the procurement proceedings without resulting in a contract, any person may, on request, obtain the records referred to in clauses (a) and (c) of Regulation 4.

- (b) Yes it is a fact.

Regulation 5 (2) of the above referred Regulations provides that:

“After acceptance of the bids or, as the case may be, termination of the procurement proceedings without resulting in a contract any person who submitted bids proposals, offers or quotations or applied for pre-qualification may obtain, on request, the record referred to I clauses (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of Regulation 4.”

(c) It is submitted that apparently there appears no contradiction between the SRO and Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. Following submission is made in this regard:—

- For the sake of transparency the procuring agency, under rule 35 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004, has to announce the results of bid evaluation in the form of a report giving justification for acceptance or rejections of bids at least ten days prior to the award of procurement contract.
- In terms of rule 41 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004, the procuring agency shall keep all the information regarding the bid evaluation confidential until the time of the announcement of evaluation report in accordance with the requirement of the rule 35.
- In terms of rule 47 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004, as soon as a contract has been awarded the procuring agency shall make all

documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of the contract public. The said information once made public by a procuring agency, can be obtained by any person.

- Public Procurement Rules, 2004 promote public access and transparency of highest order.
- Whereas in the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 there are apparently similar provisions for disclosures of information and also exemption for disclosure of information to applicants.

(d) Rectification / modification in the said SRO is apparently not required as Public Procurement Rules, 2004 promote public access and transparency of highest order. Under rule 47 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004, once the proceedings of contract award and all documents related to evaluation of the bid have been made public by a procuring agency, the same can be obtained by any person for perusal. However, Law Division may be consulted to thoroughly compare the provisions of both laws & suggest changes, if required.

24. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.47 replied on 15-1-2018 and to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a counter of Pakistan Railway on regular basis in the Parliament House, Islamabad keeping in view of regular meetings of the National Assembly and Senate of Pakistan are held therein; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the session which includes the National Assembly and Senate of Pakistan and year-wise income earned from the Railways Counter of the Parliament House, Islamabad during the last four years?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique):** (a) Reservation counter is already provided in the parliament House and availability of Reservation

staff is regularly being ensured during parliamentary sessions for facilitation of the honourable members. The counter gets functional two days before commencement of Parliament Sessions.

(b) Year wise income earned from the Railways counter of the parliament house, Islamabad during the last four years is as under:

| <b>2014</b>     | <b>2015</b>     | <b>2016</b>     | <b>2017</b>     |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Rs. 6,031,270/- | Rs. 8,184,588/- | Rs. 9,151,245/- | Rs. 8,425,060/- |

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 14th March, 2018.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*