

## 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 13th December, 2018**

88. **\*Ms. Nuzhat Pathan:**  
*(Deferred during 4th Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan yearly imports a huge quantity of powdered milk;*
- (b) if the answer to part (a) above is in affirmative, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) the current production of powdered milk in the country; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the production of powdered milk in the country?*

**Minister for National Food Security and Research (Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan):** (a) Pakistan has imported on an average 55 thousand tons of powdered milk (skimmed milk powder, whey powder, growing up milk powders/ infant formulas) each year during last three years.

(b) The main reasons of import of powdered milk (skimmed milk powder, whey powder, growing up milk powders/ infant formulas etc.) in Pakistan are:

- i. Low productivity of indigenous dairy animals and rising demand of milk and milk products during lean period (May to September).

- ii. Usage of recipe dairy/ milk formulas/ products etc.
  - iii. High input cost of local milk production encourages import of dry milk powder.
- (c) The current estimated production of powdered milk is around 67 thousand tons annually in the country.
- (d) The Government has taken following steps to improve the production of powdered milk in the country:—
- i. Imposition of 45% duty on import of dry milk powder to discourage its import and suggested for further increase up to 60%.
  - ii. In order to promote local production of powdered milk, this Ministry has proposed to remove existing 10% sales tax on locally manufactured powdered milk.

147. **\*Mr. Saad Waseem:**  
(Deferred during 4th Session)

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

- (a) *the present status of Pakistan Madrasah Education Board (PMEB) and its employees;*
- (b) *the objectives of the establishment of PMEB;*
- (c) *whether the desired objectives have been achieved since its establishment;*
- (d) *the annual budget allocated, released and utilized for the PMEB during the last five years;*
- (e) *whether the financial corruption has been reported in the funds of said Board during the said period;*
- (f) *if the answer to part (e) above is in the affirmative, whether any inquiry has been held to identify the quantum of the*

*corruption and hold responsables accountable; if so, the details thereof; and*

- (g) *the steps being taken by the Government to rationalize the establishment of said Board and its employees at the earliest?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

151. **\*Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**  
(Deferred during 4th Session)

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the impacts of climate change on shortage of water in the country; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to ensure and enhance the availability of water?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

155. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**  
(Deferred during 4th Session)

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state whether land has been purchased/acquired for Bhasha Dam?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

156. **\*Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**  
(Deferred during 4th Session)

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

- (a) *the details of persons residing in Federal Lodges, Islamabad at present alongwith their offices and designations;*
- (b) *the total number of suits in Federal Lodges that are occupied by the said persons indicating also the number of vacant lodges; and*

- (c) *the name of authority that makes allotments in these lodges indicating also the criteria/procedure being adopted therefor?*

**Minister for Housing and Works (Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema):** (a) The detail of persons presently residing in Federal Lodges, Islamabad alongwith their offices and designations is attached as **Annex-A**.  
(b)

Sr. No.	Federal Lodges/Hostel	Total number of Family Suites		
		Family Suites	Rooms	Vacant
1.	Shah Abdul Latif Bhattai Lodge	30	73	Nil
2.	Lal Shahbaz Qalandar Lodge	16	29	Nil
3.	Federal Government Chumry Hostel	—	36	Nil
4.	Fatima Jinnah Hostel	4	77	Nil
5.	48-Family Suites	48	—	Nil
6.	Gulshan-e-Jinnah Complex	201	—	Nil

(c) The allotments in these Lodges and Hostels are made with the approval of the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works, in accordance with “*Allotment of Accommodation of Federal Government Hostels Rules, 1983*”.

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

8. **\*Mr. Saad Waseem:**  
*(Deferred during 4th Session)*

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the estimated cost of Dasu Hydroelectric Power Project and the amount/quantum of loan approved by the World Bank thereof;*
- (b) *the details for planning and execution of each stage of the project;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that authorities concerned are unable to meet the cut off date to complete each stage of the project;*

- (d) *whether it is also a fact that the World Bank has also shown its concern and has cautioned the Government that the cost of the project may escalate due to delay in its completion; and*
- (e) *whether the Government intends to inquire into the bureaucratic and ministerial hurdles in the way of the project to expedite the same and hold the responsables accountable; if so, the details thereof?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

58. **\*Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**  
(Transferred from 5th Session)

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

- (a) *the plan of the present Government to improve agriculture of the country;*
- (b) *the measures being taken by the Government to make agriculture sector profitable for farmers; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to provide financial assistance and loan to farmers?*

**Minister for National Food Security and Research (Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan):** (a) Government is working on lowering the cost of production of major crops and enhancement of crop productivity.

(b) Providing subsidy on various fertilizer products in terms of:—

- i. Providing subsidized gas to fertilizer manufacturing plants,
- ii. Reduction of GST,
- iii. Providing subsidy on the import of Urea.

(c) Loans are provided to farmers through Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited. Government is working with the banks to facilitate the farmers in provision of loans and assistance in repayments.

59. **\*Mr. Riaz Ul Haq:**  
(Transferred from 5th Session)

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of dams for which feasibility studies have been made by the Government and are ready alongwith the proposed areas/ locations thereof;*
- (b) *the estimated requirements of water in the next twenty five years; and*
- (c) *whether the Government is planning any other Dam besides the Kalabagh Dam in the Punjab province; if so, whether feasibility study has been proposed for the same alongwith the details thereof?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

60. **\*Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**  
(Transferred from 5th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government of Saudi Arabia has agreed to waive SR.2,000/- tax imposed on Pakistanis performing Umrah every year;*
- (b) *if so, details thereof alongwith the name of person who made efforts therefor?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

61. **\*Mr. Ali Zahid:**  
(Transferred from 5th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Estate Office, Islamabad has forwarded cases to Ministry in 2016 and 2017 by endorsing*

*requests for up-gradation of the post of Accounts Clerk working in the Estate Office from BPS-11 to BPS-16;*

- (b) *if answer to part (a) above is in affirmative, whether the Ministry has taken decision in this regard to address the genuine grievance of the said Accounts Clerks?*

**Minister for Housing and Works (Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema):** (a) No proposal for up-gradation of the post of Accounts Clerk from BPS-11 to BPS-16 has been forwarded to M/o Housing and Works. However, a proposal for up gradation of the posts of Accounts Clerk from BPS-07 to BPS-09 has been forwarded to M/o Housing & Works vides Estate Office, Islamabad letter No. 51(363)-Admn-EO dated 29-05-2018 which has been forwarded to Establishment Division for their concurrence *vide* this Ministry's letter No. 2(1)/2007-EO dated 20-06-2018. The reply from Establishment Division is still awaited.

- (b) As above.

62. **\*Ms. Shazia Marri:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the flow of water at each point, as specified in the Water Accord, 1991;*
- (b) *whether such flow of water is as per specified limit in the aforesaid accord at present; if so, the details; if not, the justification thereof;*
- (c) *whether Kotri barrage does not receive water flow as specified in the said accord and resultantly hundreds of thousand miles of land has eroded to sea in recent years;*
- (d) *whether authority concerned has taken notice of such an alarming situation which is badly affecting people of downstream areas; if so, the details thereof; and*

(e) *the steps being taken to ensure flow of water to downstream as per said Accord?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

63. **\*Mr. Shahid Ahmad:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps taken for agriculture production in the poverty stricken/ affected districts of Karak, Lakki Marwat and Tank?*

**Minister for National Food Security and Research (Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan):** \* Ministry of National Food Security and Research through PARC has approved and is implementing a Mega PSDP Project titled “Up-Gradation of Arid Zone Research Institute (AZRI) D.I. Khan to the level of Arid Zone Research Center (AZRC) and Establishment of New Adaptive Research Cum Demonstration Institute at, Wana (SWA), Miranshah (NWA) FATA Tank and Matora, Lakki Marwat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa” for enhancing agriculture production in the poverty stricken/affected southern districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Karak, Lakki Marwat and Tank) including FATA with the total cost of **Rs. 691.564 Million.**

\* Ministry of National Food Security and Research is executing a PSDP project namely “**Promotion of Olive Cultivation on Commercial Scale in Pakistan**” through PARC. The project is being operated in KP province through **Agriculture Research Institute (ARI), Tarnab and PARC -National Tea & High Value Crops Research Institute (P-NTHRI), Shinkiari.** Karrak, Lakki Marwat and Tank districts are include in the said project area. 49,500 Olive plants are also provided to KPK Province. During the fiscal year Rs. 300.00 million allocated for the said project.

\* Other initiatives included, Human Resources Development (creation of awareness, trainings, workshops etc).

64. **\*Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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



- (a) *whether it is a fact that no Government Hospital has been established for hundreds of thousands of Government Employees of Islamabad and Rawalpindi since long; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to establish Hospital therefor; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to provide better facilities for medical treatment to the said employees?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** (a) There are four Government hospitals established for the Government employees of Islamabad and Rawalpindi

- **Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS)** is located in Islamabad providing medical facilities to the resident of Rawalpindi-Islamabad and surrounding areas. PIMS also function as a National Reference Centre for providing specialized diagnostic and curative services to the patients referred by other hospitals/institution. It is the facility with total bed capacity of 1150 with 100 patients per day admittance rate. The facility is also currently catering 6,500 patients in OPD and emergency
- **Federal Government Polyclinic Islamabad (FGPC).** FGPC caters 2.5 million patients annually, having an indoor bed capacity of 545. It has 33 attached dispensaries including two Maternal and Child Health centers and two Civil Surgeon dispensaries. FGPC has been recognized post graduate medical institute in 23 disciplines in 2011 and is providing quality healthcare services to Federal government employees.
- **Federal General Hospital (FGH), Islamabad.** FGH established recently at Chak Shehzad, is a 200-bed secondary care facility providing outdoor indoor services and emergency, Obstetrics & gynecology, General surgery and medicine, ENT, Eye, Pediatric and Physiotherapy.
- **National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM), Islamabad.** NIRM is a 160 bedded tertiary health care facility providing comprehensive care services to Federal government employees and rest of population.

(b) Following hospitals are in process to be established;

1- **Islamabad General Hospital at Tarlai**

The health department intends to establish a 200 bed Saudi-funded Islamabad General Hospital at Tarlai, Islamabad. The first ever tertiary care hospital in rural Islamabad.

2- **Mother and Child Centers**

Three Mother and Child health centers are constructing at Bara Kahu, Rawat and Tarnol by Health department, Islamabad with bed capacity of 120

(c) **Steps Taken by the Government**

The following steps are being taken by the government to upgrade the health facilities:

- Federal Government planned to increase hospital beds in all government hospitals of Islamabad from 2,000 to 4,000

1. **Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS);**

- i. Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) approved projects are in pipeline *i.e.* up gradation of Non-Radiation Services, Establishment of Institute of Neurosciences, Cancer Hospital, Establishment of center for Hematology disorders, and Extension in Mother and Children Hospital in PIMS, on completion will result in the increased capacity of 2,157 beds.

2. **Federal Government Poly Clinic, Islamabad (FGPC);**

- i. “Strengthening of Maternal and Child Health Care Services at FGPC (PGMI) Islamabad” an allocation of Rs. 35 million has been made for financial year 2018-19.
- ii. Extension of FGPC on Argentina Park will result in increase of bed capacity from 545 to 1100. It will also create new specialized departments such as Cath lab, MRI, Trauma Center, Neuro Surgery and Oncology thus meeting the demand of patients in curative care hospital.

3. **Federal General Hospital (FGH), Islamabad;**

- i. Pak PWD (PSDP) is constructing a three storied OPD building containing 24 rooms and is expected to get completed by April 2019 resulting in an anticipated increase in the annual patient's turnover from 200,000 to 400,000 approximately.

4. **National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM);**

- i. On the land provided by CDA, the proposed utilization is as under:—
  - To enhance the present bed capacity from 160 beds to 300 beds.
  - Establishment of State-of-the-Art Referral Care Centre.
  - Establishment of other Rehabilitation related departments.
  - Establishment of Out-patient Department and Operation theatre.
  - Establishment of Orthotics and Prosthetics workshops.

65. **\*Syed Javed Husnain:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *the detail of schemes launched by Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation and Pakistan Housing Authority which could not be completed so far alongwith the steps being taken to complete the said schemes; and*
- (b) *the time by which those schemes will be completed whose Provisional Offer Letters (POL) have been issued?*

**Minister for Housing and Works (Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema):** (a) The detail of Schemes launched by F.G.E Housing Foundation which could not be completed so far is enclosed at **Annex-I**.

The PHA Foundation has launched the following schemes which could not be completed so far.

- (i) PHA-F Officers Residencia at Kurri Road, Islamabad.
- (ii) D type apartments at G-10/2, Islamabad.

(b) The above said schemes will be completed after acquisition and development work in due course of time.

PHA-F issues Provisional Allotment Letters (PAL) to its allottees and same have been issued in above stated projects. Kurri Road project Is expected to be completed till 30th June, 2019 including its infrastructure and grey structure units.

Project at G-10/2 is scheduled to be completed by end November, 2018.

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

66. **\*Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**  
*(Transferred from 5th Session)*

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

- (a) the salient features of the Naya Pakistan Housing Programme;*
- (b) whether people of cities, other than the designated cities announced in first phase, can apply therefor;*
- (c) whether the Government has arranged the land and financial resources therefor;*
- (d) whether the Government will bring a private financial lender for the programme; if so, the details thereof;*
- (e) the procedure to be adopted for hiring private parties in the programme for financial and structural works; and*
- (f) whether the Government will follow bidding procedures therefor?*

**Minister for Housing and Works (Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema):** (a) The salient features of draft legal resolution and Bill regarding the Authority to be established.

- Private sector has a vital role and will thus be in the lead
- Government to mainly act as regulator and facilitator to address all the bottlenecks
- Multifaceted approach.
  - Public sector
  - Private sector.
  - Public Private Partnership
  - NPOs (Non Profit Organizations)
  - As current procedures are cumbersome, so there is a need to create enabling environment through one window facility

(b) Yes, people of other cities can also apply for the first phase.

(c) Details of land are being compiled from various Govt. Departments. M/o Finance will settle details of Financial Model.

(d) For the 1st phase Expression Of Interest (EOI's) were advertised in National Dailies from the firms who wanted to work on the project.

(e) As above.

(f) Transparency for this project will be ensured at all levels.

67. **\*Mr. Nisar Ahmed Cheema:**  
(Transferred from 5th Session)

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

- (a) *whether Ministry has taken notice of malnutrition and stunting; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to address the issue of malnutrition and stunting?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** (a) Federal government is cognizant of the situation of malnutrition in the country including stunting among children less than 5 years of age, as revealed by National Nutrition Survey 2011 (NNS-2011) which was launched in September 2011 jointly by the Ministry of NHSR&C and the Planning Commission. Since then multiple initiatives have been initiated through the Nutrition Wing Ministry of NHSR&C in Collaboration with Provincial Departments of Health, UN Agencies and development partners as continued nutrition response to prevent and treat malnutrition among most vulnerable especially children.

These interventions include:

1. Stunting Prevention for chronic Malnutrition
2. Counselling and Supplementation for prevention
3. Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices
4. Breast Feeding promotion and protection
5. Food Fortification (salt iodization, oil/Ghee & Wheat Flour fortification)
6. Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM)

(b) Nutrition PC1 for nutrition interventions in the federal areas is under process and currently is in the Planning Commission.

The provinces have developed their own PC1s. PC1 for Balochistan covers 7 districts and for Sindh covers 9 districts and both are funded by Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) through World Bank. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has integrated PC 1 with other health interventions and covers 2 districts for nutrition only. Punjab also has integrated PC 1, nutrition covers whole the province while stunting prevention 11 districts.

68. **\*Ms. Nusrat Wahid:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *whether is it a fact that there is acute shortage of the Government veterinary centres/institutions at district level; and*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that such private centres are too expensive; if so, the steps being taken by the Government to establish said centres all over the country?*

Transferred to National Food Security and Research Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

69. **\*Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether the work on Mohmand Dam has been started; and*  
(b) *the time by which the same will be completed?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

70. **\*Begum Tahira Bukhari:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total water requirements of Pakistan and available quantity of water at present;*  
(b) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan can become water scarce country in near future; if so, the details thereof?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

71. **\*Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that inspite of use of exorbitant funds for National Programme for the eradication of TB, Pakistan's ranking has worsened to No. 4 from No. 6;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that TB is not only spreading at alarming level but is also becoming incurable due to non provision of proper treatment;*
- (c) *the reasons for not following TB Programme alongwith the time by which Government will take steps to eradicate/control the said disease?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** (a) According to WHO Global TB report Pakistan is 5th among 30 high burden countries. According to the latest prevalence survey done in 2011 the incidence of new TB cases in Pakistan established at 272/100,000 population. Currently 525000 new patients are added every year to the disease burden and at any point of time, at least 650000-800000 TB patients exist in the country. National TB Control program since its establishment in 2001 has detected around 3 Million TB patients with a successful treatment of over 90%. In 2017 369000 patients were detected with 93% success rate. The National Strategic plan 2017-2020 expresses a demand of 520 Million USD out of which 28% is provided by The Global Funds & 7% from the domestic resources. Government is trying its best to support the funding deficit of 65%.

(b) The incidence of TB is decreasing with a rate of 1.5% every year and currently it is 267/100,000 (Global TB report 2018). All diagnostic and treatment facilities were provided free of cost from 100% public sector health care facilities and selected private providers. In 2017, 369000 TB patients were detected and 93% of those were successfully treated with quality assured ant TB drugs. The efforts of NTP has resulted in increase of cases detection rate from 63% in 2015 to 69% in 2017 through Provision of TB diagnostic services to about 1.4 Million patients in 2017 alone. The increasing Anti-microbial resistance is a big challenge in the country & health ministry has already initiated a consultative process with all national & international stake holders to address this issue on priority. National Program has established 34 centers for the management of drug resistant TB which are providing free diagnostic and treatment facility.

(c) The ministry of health has already taken steps to increase the coverage of quality TB services to all who need & plans to —



- o Increase domestic funding for TB control efforts.
- o Expand & encourage public – Private partnership in TB control.
- o Reinforce linkages of the program with communities.
- o Strengthen referral linkages within health system.
- o Implementation of mandatory TB case notification in Sindh & KP.
- o Operationalize 390 Gene-Xpert machines across the country.
- o Implementation of Multi country cross border TB management initiative.
- o Establish four more PMDT sites in Punjab.
- o Develop strategies to address increasing antimicrobial resistance.
- o Establish Multi-sectoral collaboration task force at Federal level.
- o Establish inter-ministerial task force for TB in all Provinces.

72. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the city-wise number of houses constructed so far in the country under Naya Pakistan Housing Project?*

**Minister for Housing and Works (Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema):** So far. No house has been constructed under Naya Pakistan in any city of Pakistan.

73. **\*Prof. Dr. Shahnaz Baloch:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the details of task forces relating to health issues established at Federal level so far and how many persons belonging to Balochistan Province have been included in the Task Forces?*

Reply not received.

74. **\*Seemi Bokhari:**  
(Transferred from 5th Session)

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

- (a) *the details of campaigns/drives of immunization and vaccination of children, sponsored by the Federal Government to eradicate different diseases at present;*
- (b) *whether relevant authority has conducted a study to find out exact percentage of coverage rate of each of above campaign/drive; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *the percentage of coverage rate of each of above campaign/drive; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken to make such campaigns/drives more organized, results oriented, enhance the coverage percentage and more coordination/collaboration of provinces?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** (a)

**Measles Campaign Conducted by Federal Expanded Programme on Immunization**

- The Federal EPI, Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination Islamabad recently conducted a Nationwide Measles Campaign (**October 15-27, 2018**).
- The campaign targeted **32.5 million** children aged **9-59 months** across Pakistan, for which Gavi supported **95%** of vaccines and devices (worth **USD 12.5 million (1.5 billion PKR)** and full operational cost worth **USD 16.96 Million (2.02 billion PKR)**. Government of Pakistan contributed 1.7 million doses (5%) cost of total vaccine and devices worth **PKR 75 Million**.

**Polio Campaigns: National Immunization Days (NIDs) and Sub-National Immunization Days (SNIDs) Conducted by Polio Programme:**

In accordance with the yearly updated National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication (NEAP) endorsed by the National Task Force led by the Prime Minister and having on board all Chief Ministers, a series of the national and sub-national Polio Immunization campaigns is conducted door to door targeting children under 5-year of age in all provinces and areas of Pakistan. During the last NEAP year (July 2017 - June 2018), a total of five national and five sub-national campaigns were conducted targeting around 38.6 million and 20 million under five children respectively. During the current NEAP (2018-19) period, four national and five sub-national campaigns are planned out of which one national and three sub-national campaigns have been successfully implemented, while the remaining 3 national and 2 sub-national campaigns will be conducted between December 2018 to June 2019. During these campaigns, arrangements are also made to vaccinate children on the move through special transit points established for the purpose. In total, approximately 306 million under 5 children were vaccinated with Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) across Pakistan during 2017-18 while almost 244 million children will be vaccinated during 2018-19.

Besides this the combined OPV-IPV campaigns are also implemented in the strategically selected pockets of the country to boost immunity of the vulnerable children against Poliovirus. During the last NEAP year (2017-18), a total of 480,000 children aged between 4 months to 2 years were vaccinated with the Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV).

(b) **Measles Campaign Conducted by Federal Expanded Programme on Immunization:**

- \* An independent third Party was hired by The World Health Organization (WHO) on the request of Federal EPI, M/o NHR&C to conduct coverage survey and to find out the exact percentage of coverage. The Field work of the survey is near completion and final report would be disseminated around 15th December 2018.

**Polio Campaigns: National Immunization Days (NIDs) and Sub-National Immunization Days (SNIDs) Conducted by Polio Programme**

- The coverage of each national and sub-national Polio campaign is assessed through an independent 3rd party engaged by the UNICEF that provides district-wise vaccination coverage estimates by observing mark of the child's finger as well as based on the recall as stated by the family.

(c) **Measles Campaign Conducted by Federal Expanded Programme on Immun**

- According the compiled administrative data collected through Measles Campaign MIS System the overall National coverage is 98% against the set benchmark of 95%. Province/Area-wise break-up is as below:

Province/Area	Administrative coverage
Punjab	96%
Sindh	102%
KP	100%
Balochistan	96%
AJK	99%
GB	103%
KP-TD	96%
Islamabad	97%
*National	98%

*\*Source of data: EPI MIS Admin Data*

**Polio Campaigns: National Immunization Days(NIDs) and Sub-National Immunization Days (SNIDs) Conducted by Polio Programme:**

As per assessment of the Independent 3rd party, the cumulative national vaccination coverage during the campaigns conducted in 2018 is summarized below:

S#	Campaign	Children Found Vaccinated	Children Found with Finger Mark
1.	January NID	98%	88%
2.	February NID	98%	89%
3.	March SNID	97%	94%
4.	April NID	98%	93%
5.	May SNID	98%	94%
6.	July SNID	98%	94%
7.	August SNID	97%	93%
8.	September NID	98%	93%
9.	November SNID	Assessment currently underway	

(d) **Steps taken by Federal Expanded Programme on Immunization for measles campaign:**

- The Federal EPI M/o NHR&C took various steps in order to ensure optimum preparations for quality campaign:
  - i. National and Provincial Steering committees were constituted under the chair of Federal and Provincial Secretaries of Health with an oversight role on preparatory activities.
  - ii. Preparedness status of the Provinces/Areas was monitored using the International WHO readiness assessment tool
  - iii. Microplanning workshops were conducted to develop quality micro plans aiming to reach every child across the country.
  - iv. All vaccines and logistics were managed and tracked through a web based software; Vaccine Logistics Management Information System (vLMIS).

- v. Situation room was established at Federal level and was linked with DPCR and Provincial Control Rooms for effective coordination and timely sharing of data through EPI MIS application on daily basis
- vi. Development of the android base applications like Kobo and Rapid Pro for monitoring of Pre and Infra Campaign activities.
- vii. District administration was effectively engaged for data flow and management. Evening meetings were held in DC's office on daily basis for gap identification and taking mitigation measures.
- viii. Effective advocacy, community awareness sessions and electronic and print media engagement played a pivotal role to disseminate the message.
- ix. Social media (whatsapp, facebook, twitter) was efficiently utilized to disseminate Measles Campaign information to public at large and to counter any myths and misconceptions.
- x. Prevention and Management of Adverse event following immunization were focused through engagement of private sector and Pakistan Pediatrics association.

**Steps taken by the Polio Programme for National immunization Days (NIDs) and Sub-National Immunization Days (SNIDs):**

With only 8 Polio cases recorded in 2018, Pakistan stands closest ever to its goal of virus interruption. The Government of Pakistan is tackling Polio eradication as a national public health emergency. To ensure that the Polio vaccination activities are well organized in close collaboration with provinces, all programme activities are directly overseen by the National, Provincial and Divisional Task Forces. A dynamic network of Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs) at the national and provincial levels provides a common platform for joint operations, communications and security planning by 'One Team' led by the Government and amply supported by the partners. The national and provincial leadership including the Prime Minister and Chief Ministers are fully engaged in this national endeavor implemented at district level by District Polio Eradication Committees under the respective Deputy Commissioners.

To ensure that these campaigns achieve the desired level of vaccination coverage, following steps are being undertaken:

- Intense preparations are ensured before each campaign including:
  - Updating and validation of microplans while ensuring inclusion of all the high risk and mobile populations
  - Inclusion of local, female and government accountable members in the Polio teams
  - In-depth review of campaign preparedness by the District and Union Council Polio Eradication Committees at respective level.
- Strong coordination with the law enforcement agencies and security forces is maintained to ensure safe working environment for the frontline workers, particularly in the high-risk areas.
- Constant community engagement and social mobilization efforts are undertaken to counter refusals.
- Local influencers and Religious support persons are involved to support Polio workers in areas with clusters of refusing families.
- Tracking and vaccination of the high-risk 'mobile populations as well as the children reported as missed at the time of team visit.
- Vigilant monitoring at all levels by the programme staff as well as the independent third party monitors during all phases of the campaign.
- Action oriented campaign reviews are conducted every evening as well as after each campaign at all levels and corrective actions are taken in efficient manner.

Strong coordination with the Afghanistan's Polio program is being maintained for implementation of synchronized campaigns on both sides of the border.

75. **\*Mr. Ali Khan Jadoon:**  
*(Transferred from 5th Session)*

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

- (a) the criteria and selection procedure being adopted by Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) for the selection of Drug Inspectors (DI) at present;*
- (b) the name of authority that conducts the performance audit of DIs;*
- (c) whether the technical assistance has been provided to said Inspectors in conducting inspection drives; if so, the nature of the said assistance; and*
- (d) the total number of DIs of DRAP or selected by DRAP during the last four years?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** (a) The Federal Inspectors of Drugs are appointed as per procedure laid down under Section 17 of the Drugs Act, 1976. The Federal Inspector of Drugs are qualified persons having degree in Pharmacy and experience not less than 10 years in the manufacturing/ testing / analysis or in drug administration.

The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan is competent authority for the appointment / selection of the inspectors after fulfillment of legal requirements. Recently recruitment / selection had been made through fair and transparent method through NTS, the top five candidates were called for interview by the selection committee and appointed by the Policy Board for final selection.

(b) Division of Quality Assurance and Laboratory Testing monitors the performance of the DIs.

The Federal Inspector of Drugs submits their monthly progress activity reports to Director Quality Assurance and Laboratory Testing, where these reports are evaluated to monitor the activity of the Federal Inspector of Drugs and action is taken accordingly.



In addition the Quality Assurance and Laboratory Testing Division conducts audit of the inspection reports of the Federal Inspector of Drugs. The inspection report are evaluated by the Quality Assurance and laboratory Testing Division and are sent to the Licensing Authority for the approval of further necessary action under the Drug Act, 1976.

(c) The Federal Inspector of Drugs are qualified persons having degree in Pharmacy, well experienced and are well versant with their duties and Drugs Act, 1976. Moreover for continuous education, learning and capacity building various training Seminars are conducted to upgrade their knowledge / expertise and implementation.

They are nominated for international and local training workshops arranged jointly by DRAP, WHO, USP and other international agencies.

They are also nominated to participate in regional meetings organized by WHO for a good technical exposure. In addition they are exposed to international practices in various countries through the inspections of overseas plants.

(d) Total Number of FIDs was appointed during the period from 2015 to 2018 is as follows:

(last four years)

2015	13
2016	14
2017	19
2018	At present 21 DIs are working in DRAP

76. **\*Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

*(Transferred from 5th Session)*

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that Mangla and Tarbela Dams have completed their life span and now their water storage capacity has also reduced considerably;*
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in order to address the critical situation thereof?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

77. **\*Rao Muhammad Ajmal Khan:**

*(Transferred from 5th Session)*

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

- (a) the total land being cultivated in the country at present;*
- (b) the province wise details of the area irrigated through perennial, barani, sailabi, khushkhaba, flood canals and other irrigation types; and*
- (c) the details of annual water requirement for agriculture purposes in the country?*

**Minister for National Food Security and Research (Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan):** (a) 22.15 million hectares is being cultivated in Pakistan.

(b) (I) Area irrigated by different sources is 20.95 million hectares in FY 2017-18. Punjab recorded 16.50 million hectares, Sindh 2.38 million hectares, KPK 0.96 million hectares, and Baluchistan 1.11 million hectares respectively.

(II) Around 0.21 million hectares is being irrigated through perennial, barani, saline, khushaba, flood canals and other irrigation types.

(c) The annual water requirement is 117 MAF.

Source:

1. IRSA, Isb
2. Water Resources Section, M/o P,D & Reforms.
3. Economic Wing, M/o NFSR.

78. **\*Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**

*(Transferred from 5th Session)*

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that District Welfare Officer G-9/1, Islamabad has been deputed in District Population Welfare Office from outside; if so, the name and department from which he was deputed alongwith the date of deputation;*
- (b) *if answer to part (a) above is in affirmative, the reasons for not appointing Senior Lady Doctor in place of male doctor in Family Planning Welfare Islamabad;*
- (c) *whether deputation of a male officer in family planning body is not against the decision of Supreme Court; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal to depute a lady Doctor therefor to resolve multi internal Gynecological Welfare issues of ladies?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** (a) District Welfare Officer, G-9/1, Islamabad has not been posted as District Population Welfare Officer. Rather Mr. Amir Muhammad Khan Niazi, a BS-19 Officer of Secretariat group was posted as District Population Welfare Officer by the Establishment Division on deputation on 01-12-2016.

(b) As per approved recruitment rules the post of DPWO is a non-technical/medical post. There is no provision or condition in the recruitment rules to post a Senior Lady Doctor against this position.

(c) No. There is no order by the Supreme Court of Pakistan on record that bars the posting of a male officer as DPWO.

(d) No such policy or proposal is under consideration. The other female medical professional are available there to resolve multi internal Gynecological Welfare issues of ladies.

79. **\*Ms. Nasiba Channa:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *the reasons of sending Hujjaj through private tour operators; and*

- (b) *the reasons of charging more money from Hujjaj by these private tour operators as compared to the Government?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

80. **\*Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the share of Bahawalpur as per Water Accord-1991;*  
(b) *whether said share is being implemented in letter and spirit; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*  
(c) *the steps being taken by the Government to give due share of water to Bahawalpur?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

81. **\*Begum Tahira Bukhari:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the hospital-wise number of vacant posts of psychiatrists in Federal Hospitals and when these posts will be filled?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** There are four (04) Federal Hospitals in Islamabad namely Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Federal Government Polyclinic, National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine and Federal General Hospital which are working under administrative control of Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination. The Hospital wise detail of vacant posts of Psychiatrists is as under:

**Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS):**

There are two (02) vacant posts one Associate Professor (BPS-19) and Assistant Professor (BPS-18) of Psychiatrists in PIMS which has already been

advertised by FPSC on 28-06-2018 and 20-07-2018 (**Annex-A**). The results of written test for these posts has been announced and interviews are awaited. The posts will be filled within 02 months.

**Federal Government Polyclinic (FGPC):**

There are following (03) posts lying vacant in the Psychiatry Department, FGPC, Islamabad. New recruitment rules have been framed / notified and the same shall be filled through FPSC very soon.

- I. Physician (Psychiatry) (BS-19).
- II. Associate Physician (Psychiatry) (BS-18).
- III. Clinical Psychologist (BS-17).

**National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM):**

There is only one post of Psychiatrists (BPS-18) lying vacant in the National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM), Islamabad and the recruitment process is under way for filling up the said post which is likely to be completed in due course of time.

**Federal General Hospital (FGH):**

The Federal General Hospital does not have Psychiatrists Department and there is no sanctioned post of Psychiatrists available in the Hospital.

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

82. **\*Mr. Ramesh Lal:**  
*(Transferred from 5th Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that some retired employees have been reappointed in Ministry and its Attached Departments, Autonomous Bodies and Semi Autonomous Bodies; if so, the reasons therefor; and*
- (b) the steps being taken to stop such reappointments?*

**Minister for Industries and Production:** (a) No retired employees of the Ministry have been re-appointed in the Ministry. However, following retired employees have been appointed in Public Sector Organizations working under the Ministry of Industries and Production:-

- Mr. Sher Ayub Khan, Additional Secretary (retired) was appointed as Chief Executive Officer, SMEDA on contract basis. Subsequently, the said Notification was withdrawn (**Annex-I**). Mr. Sher Ayub Khan has filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court Islamabad, against withdrawal of the subject Notification. Matter is subjudice.
- Mr. Muhammad Iqbal, Senior Private Secretary (R), Ministry of Industries and Production has been hired by M/s Jilani Enterprises, Karachi as CPEC-Liason Officer for National Industrial Parks Development & Management Company for a period of one year (**Annex-II**).
- Mr. Liaqat Ali Gohar an ex-employee of SMEDA, is presently providing his services to SMEDA as a PR& Media Consultant. His services as Consultant were hired on temporary basis through a competitive process after advertisement in national dailies under SMEDA Financial Regulations, 2007. The period of his hiring has been extended upto August 04, 2019.
- Due to shortage of experienced professionals, ENAR Petrotech Services Limited has engaged its three (03) retired employees namely Mr. Abed Hassan Bureny, Mr. Kamal Mustafa Siddiqui and Mr. Zahoor Ahmed Ziaee on contract/daily wages basis.
- Engineering & Executive staff having less experience has been engaged with the above professionals.
- About two years ago Pakistan Machine Tool Factory (PMTF) received a bulk supply export order from a friendly country as well as from within the country from FC Quetta and FC Peshawar whereas PMTF was facing shortage of expert technician as a result of their gradual retirement. This necessitated re-appointment on temporary basis of experienced retired officers and workers as there was ban on fresh recruitment.

- Re-appointments of retired employees were of following benefits and advantages to the PMTF:-
  - They are paid consolidated monthly emoluments which are about 50% less than the emoluments being paid to regular employees.
  - They possess vast experience and requisite technical expertise.
  - Any kind of leave is not permissible. Salary is deducted if they do not attend duty.
  - Medical facility is not provided to them.
  - No extra amount such as allowances or bonus is paid to them.

The above steps resulted in massive savings besides boosting of quality production. List of re-appointed employees is at **Annex-III**.

(b) As regards the case of Mr. Sher Ayub Khan, the matter is being actively pursued in the court of law.

The remaining re-appointments on contract have been made as stop-gap arrangements only.

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

83. **\*Ms. Uzma Riaz:**  
*(Transferred from 5th Session)*

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

- (a) whether the implementation and monitoring of the WHO's Essential Medicines List in the country falls under the purview/ functions of Drug Regulator Authority of Pakistan; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the name of authority that regulates and monitors the implementation of the said list particularly in public sector hospitals of Islamabad at present?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** (a) Development of National Essential Medicine

List (NEML) as a guiding document based on WHO Essential Medicines List (EML), is the function of DRAP under Section-7 sub-section (t) & (y) of DRAP Act, 2012 and same is implemented & monitored through provincial governments, Islamabad Capital Territory Administration (ICT), and Gilgit Baltistan etc.

(b) Heads of Public sector hospitals are responsible for monitoring the implementation of National Essential Medicine List in their hospitals.

84. **\*Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *whether the Government of Pakistan has allocated any development funds for the construction/repairing of worship places of minorities;*
- (b) *if so, the amount of said funds; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken to release funds on regular basis for construction and repairing of the said religious worship places?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

85. **\*Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *whether there is any plan to set up Nursing University in Islamabad;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons for not setting up the same so far?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** (a) Yes, there is a plan to set up a Nursing University in Islamabad.



(b) The reason of delay for starting the project is that CDA has not handed over the possession of land This Ministry has made payment of Rs. 313,009,445 to CDA in 2017 and other codal formalities have also been completed, but still not been able to acquire the land for the University. However this Ministry has decided to allocate land at National Institute of Health in Islamabad for above purpose.

86. **\*Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a large land area has been lost in certain districts of Sindh due to sea intrusion;*
- (b) *if so, the details and action taken by the Government for prevention thereof?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

87. **\*Ms. Nusrat Wahid:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to control spurious medicines in the country?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** Measures have been taken by Federal Government to control the spurious medicine in the country are given as under:

- Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan with approval of Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination has increased the number of Drug Inspectors from 14 to 21 for further strengthening the implementation of DRAP Act, 2012.
- Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) has constituted National Task Force for eradication of spurious and un-registered drugs. More than 1700 cases have been registered by the Federal

and Provincial inspectors against the manufacturers and sellers found in violations of DRAP Act 2012. Almost 200 FIRs across the country have been initiated through this campaign against manufacturers and sellers of spurious/ un-registered drugs. The detail of violations of DRAP Act, 2012 identified during inspections conducted by the National Task Force is given as under:

<b>Violations</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>
Inspections / Surveillance	4,568
Regulatory Actions	3,117
Violations of DRAP Act 2012	1,758
No. of FIRS	214

- The Federal Government has notified Bar Coding System (Serialization) for prompt identification of spurious/ counterfeit drugs at every level. It would be easily detectable whether product is genuine or spurious by the use of smart phone application by the patient/

retailer/wholesale/regulator. This 2D Data Matrix system on the pharmaceutical products will serve as a tool for the eradication of spurious, illegal and unregistered drugs.

- Legislation procedure of registration of drugs has been upgraded in accordance with international guidelines that will enable us to obtain more information on active pharmaceutical ingredients, manufacturing and analysis methods and product characteristics etc that will enhance the product quality.
- Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) is in phase of its accreditation/ certification from World Health Organization (WHO). in this regard, DRAP has achieved level II (Reactive Approach) of WHO's National Regulatory Authority (NRA) and Global Benchmarking Tool (GBT). DRAP is now applying for level III (Stable Formal System approach) compliance assessment by WHO which endorses that NRA has systematic regulatory approach and function with the essential capacity are implemented.

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

*Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to align energy prices with regional competitors, launch a labour policy to safeguard worker's skills, interests and give incentives to Pakistan's manufacturing industry to compete in international markets, boost exports and create jobs as announced by the PTI's Government in its first 100 days plan?*

Reply not received.

21. **\*Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps being taken to increase per acre production of sugarcane, wheat, gram, maize and other pulses by using hybrid seeds and by persuading the farmers to use these seeds?*

**Minister for National Food Security and Research (Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan):** To cope with rising needs of the country for

food, feed, fodder and industrial requirements the following steps are taken recently to increase the per unit production.

### **SUGARCANE:**

- Sugarcane hybridization facilities are not available in public sector except one with private sector at Thatta. High yielding and high sugar recovery varieties have increased per acre production and recovery. Recent varieties released under PARC system Thatta-10, Thatta-326, Thatta 2109, YT-55-Thatta with yield potential 1200-1800 maunds/acre.

### **WHEAT:**

- No hybrid wheat seed has been produced so far. However, 10 high yielding & rust resistance varieties of wheat have been released during 2017-18 (*i.e.* Borlaug-2016, Zincol-2016, NNGandum-1, Gold-2016, Jauhar-1, Ihsan-2016, Fatehjang-2016, Ujala-2016, NIFA-Aman-2016, & Fakhr-e-Bakhar-2017).

### **MAIZE:**

- Every year more than 300 Maize hybrids/varieties tested across the country under the umbrella of PARC National Coordination Program. In 2018, Variety Evaluation Committee (VEC) recommended 32 Maize hybrids/varieties for cultivation in various agro-ecological conditions of Pakistan.
- Local seed production of maize is 17,734 metric tons by public & private sector while 9,302 metric tons is imported including hybrid.
- More than 500 Agriculturists from public & private sector including farmers trained on hybrid seed production and new innovations.

### **GRAM & OTHER PULSES:**

- Hybrid seed production is not feasible in pulses due to highly self-pollinated nature of crops.

**FARMERS PURSUATION:**

- \* Provincial Governments are working on transfer of technology including seed promotion through their field staff and PARC staff has a backstopping rule to address the exigencies.

22. **\*Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**

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

- (a) *what percentage of workers in the local industries hail from the local community.*
- (b) *specifically with regards to Muzaffargarh district;*
- (c) *if no quota is allocated, why not especially when the locals have the qualification and expertise required for the jobs;*
- (d) *are local industries abiding by the corporate social responsibility standards placed on them?*

Admissibility is being re-considered.

23. **\*Mr. Salahuddin:**

*Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that work has been stopped in ship breaking yard for the safety of human lives;*
- (b) *the facilities being extended to workers/employees working in ship breaking yard; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government for their safety?*

Disallowed on re-considered.

24. **\*Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

*Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state whether the Indian Government has permitted Pakistani experts to travel to inspect the construction at the Kishan Ganga Dam; if not, what does the Government plan to do?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

25. **\*Syed Abrar Ali Shah:**

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the total area of Pakistan agricultural and desert areas at present?*

**Minister for National Food Security and Research (Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan):** The total agricultural area of Pakistan is 22.15 million hectares and desert area is 2,41,050 sq km.

**Source:**

1. Provincial Agriculture Depts
2. Economic Wing/o NFSR.

26. **\*Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to propagate the good treatment for non-muslims in Pakistan according to Islamic principles for promoting harmony?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 12th December, 2018*

TAHIR HUSSAIN  
*Secretary.*

**(6th Session)**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Thursday, the 13th December, 2018**

19. **Syed Javed Husnain:**  
(Deferred during 4th Session)

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

- (a) *the total number of persons against whom inquiries have been conducted by the National Accountability Bureau during the last five years;*
- (b) *the number of persons who have returned money voluntarily through Plea Bargain during the said period; and*
- (c) *the details of amount recovered from said persons during the said period?*

**Minister for Housing and Works (Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema):**

(a) The information regarding total number of persons against whom inquiries have been conducted by the National Accountability Bureau during the last five years in respect of Pakistan Housing Authority Foundation and Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation is enclosed at **Annex “A”** and the information in respect of Pak PWD is enclosed at **Annex “B”**. While no inquiry has been conducted by the National Accountability Bureau during the last five years against any person in respect of Ministry of Housing & Works (Main), Estate Office, National Housing Authority and National Construction Limited.

(b) The list of cases who entered into Voluntary Return (VR) of employees of Pak PWD is enclosed as **Annex “C”**

(c) As above

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

17. **Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:**

*(Transferred from 5th Session)*

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

- (a) *the total number of applications submitted to the Ministry by the residents of Sector G-10/3 for maintenance of House of Category-II since 01-01-2017 alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the actions taken thereon so far?*

**Minister for Housing and Works (Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema):** (a)

- \* Total 22 Nos of complaints / applications submitted by the residents of Sector G-10/3, Islamabad for maintenance of houses of Category-II since 01-01-2017, out of which 19 Nos complaints pertain to civil work & following last 03 complaints to E/M work.
- \* The detail of applications are as under :
  1. House No. 10 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Renovation of Bath rooms / Room Treatment)
  2. House No. 28 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Repainting tile flooring)
  3. House No. 29 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Repainting & special repair)
  4. House No, 20 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Repainting and roof treatment)
  5. House No. 36 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Both rooms and raising of boundary wall)
  6. House No. 6 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad.- (Renovation of bath room)
  7. House No. 15 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Roof treatment and raising of boundary wall)



8. House No. 17 Cat-II G-1 0/3, Islamabad. (Bath rooms patch plaster)
9. House No. 14 & 31 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Repainting works)
10. House No. 2 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Flooring)
11. House No. 27 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Repainting work)
12. House No. 5 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (White Wash)
13. House No. 8 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Rotten floor repairing)
14. House No. 16 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Renovation of toilets)
15. House No. 23 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Roof treatment)
16. House No. 27 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Complete White Wash)
17. House No. 32 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Repainting & replacement of flooring tiles)
18. House No. 13 Cat-II G-10/3; Islamabad. (Renovation of bath rooms)
19. House No. 14 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Repairing and re-fixing of doors)
20. House No. 25 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Replace of ceiling fans, gas heater and T & P)
21. House No. 8 Cot-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Replacement of cooking range and gate lights)
22. House No. 52 Cat-II G-10/3, Islamabad. (Replacement of defective electric items and electrification)

(b) The action on complaints / applications from serial no. 01 to 11 has been taken & action on complaints applications from serial no. 12 to 22 is pending for want of funds.

18. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *the names of officers of the Senate and National Assembly Secretariat who have applied for allotment of House of Category-I since 01-01-2013 alongwith seniority numbers thereof;*
- (b) *the total number of houses of said category lying vacant at present alongwith the Sector-wise details thereof; and*
- (c) *the expected dates for allotment of houses to said officers?*

**Minister for Housing and Works (Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema):**

(a) The names of officers of the Senate and National Assembly Secretariat who have applied for allotment of house of Category-I since 01-01-2013 along with their seniority position is placed at **Annex-I**.

(b) Only one house of Category-I government accommodation is lying vacant *i.e.* House No. 318-A, Peshawar Road, Rawalpindi.

(c) Offer letter has been issued. The quarter shall be allotted as soon as the acceptance is received.

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

19. **Prof. Dr. Shahnaz Baloch:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that allergy vaccines are only available in National Institute of Health, Islamabad and not in other cities of the country like Lahore, Karachi, Quetta and Peshawar;*

- (b) *whether the Government intends to provide the same in the above cities; if so, time by which same will be provided?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** (a) Presently Allergy Vaccine is available at National Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad in the public sector. Allergy testing is also conducted at the center. Patients from all across the country report to this centre. To facilitate the patients, the centre remain open on Saturday as well.

(b) Ministry of National Health Services Regulation & Coordination is currently working with Health Depart. Govt. of Balochistan along-with NIH, Islamabad to open up an Allergy Centre in Quetta. PC-1 has been prepared and feasibility done. NIH Islamabad has taken the responsibility of training the HRs as well.

20. **Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to address the issue of stagnation in cotton harvest to increase the production of cotton?*

**Minister for National Food Security and Research (Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan):** It is a fact that area under cotton has decreased by over 25% during last decade, other crops like sugarcane; maize or rice became more competitive than cotton in profitability. Agriculture is now a devolved subject and Agriculture Extension is a provincial department. Federal Government has taken following steps to increase cotton production:

**Policy Framework:**

- (1) Do Facilitated the supply of certified cotton seed.
- (2) Imposition of customs duty on import of cotton *w.e.f* July 15, 2018.
- (3) Subsidized flat electricity rates at 5.35 per unit for tube wells.

### **Research and Development**

- (1) PCCC Evolved 54 high yielding input responsive cotton varieties with wider adaptability and desirable fiber traits.
- (2) Facilitation in varietal development through blind tests under National Coordinated Varietal Trials (NCVT) from public and private sector throughout Pakistan.
- (3) Arranged Cotton Travelling Seminar for scientists for on-spot variety evaluation and monitoring of emerging issues to cotton crop.
- (4) Conducted more than 300 experiments on various aspects of cotton issues during 2018 focusing on:
  - a. Development of high yielding varieties;
  - b. Crop production technology new varieties;
  - c. Heat and drought tolerance,
  - d. Nutrition studies,
  - e. Seed physiology,
  - f. Pest management, Screening of insecticides,
  - g. Insect resistance management.

### **Capacity Building:**

- (1) Conducted 4084 seminars / training programs for farmers, extension workers, public and private sector about cotton production technologies.
- (2) Arranged one week training of agriculture officers from KPK and Balochistan to popularize cotton in these new areas.
- (3) Arranged a refresher course for officials from pesticides and seed companies.
- (4) Dissemination of cotton production technology through print (497 advisories through News Papers) , 53 Broachers & Pamphlet, 117 Articles and electronic media 78 SMS based TeleCotton messages, 214 TV programs and 202 Radio broadcast based advisories.
- (5) Training of about 100 Agri. Graduates (3 Months) in different disciplines from various universities (UAF, BZU, MNSUA, IUB, Gomal University, and Ghazi University DGK etc.)

- (6) Hosting of Five Cotton Crop Management Group (CCMG) meetings to address the farmers problems during cotton cropping season.
- (7) Introduction of mechanical picker to overcome labour shortage problem to ensure timely wheat cultivation.

21. **Mr. Asmatullah:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state the system/structure of the Madina State governance as announced by the Prime Minister?*

Deferred for Answer on Next Rota Day.

22. **Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**  
(*Transferred from 5th Session*)

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

- (a) *the details of Constitutional Bodies having dispensaries at present alongwith the name of each Body and the number of doctors and other staff posted therein;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that these dispensaries refer the officers/ employees to Federal Government Polyclinic for their laboratory tests and the staff does not collect and send their test samples to the hospital; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to collect and send test samples to the hospital by these dispensaries as well to provide test reports to the officers/employees by the said dispensaries in order to facilitate them; if not, the reasons thereof; if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mr. Aamer Mehmood Kiani):** (a) At present the following 06 dispensaries of FGPC are providing Medical facilities in the constitutional bodies. The details are as under,

- 1. Islamabad High Court Dispensary.
- 2. Judges Enclaves Dispensary.

3. Parliament House Dispensary.
4. Parliament Lodges Dispensary.
5. Federal Public Service Commission Dispensary.
6. Election Commission of Pakistan Dispensary.

The details of doctors and other staff posted in the said dispensaries is annexed as (**Annex-A**).

(b) Out of 06 above mentioned dispensaries, following 03 dispensaries are providing the blood samples collection facility.

1. Islamabad High Court Dispensary.
2. Judges Enclaves Dispensary.
3. Parliament Lodges Dispensary.

The Collected samples are sent to hospital for laboratory testing. Once the results, are ready they are sent back through the staff to the dispensary for the patients.

(c) No further proposal is under consideration for such purpose.  
(*Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library*).

12. **Mr. Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) *the procedure for recovery of rent from those Government employees who occupy the Government accommodation after their retirement; and*
- (b) *the rent amount outstanding against them at present?*

Reply not received.

Islamabad:  
*The 12th December, 2018*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*