

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 16th January, 2019

33. ***Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

(Deferred during 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of saplings planted during the plantation campaign of the Prime Minister;*
- (b) the province-wise expenditures incurred there upon so far; and*
- (c) the steps being taken for their growth alongwith the expenses to be incurred thereupon?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) A total of 2.48 million saplings were planted during “Plant for Pakistan Day” campaign inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 2nd September, 2018.

(b) Federal Government provided interprovincial coordination to organize the campaign in the country. Respective provinces and territories utilized their own resources to participate in the campaign.

(c) The plants distributed during the campaign were planted and are being maintained by the public and institutions that participated in the campaign, from their own resources.

43. ***Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

(Deferred during 4th Session)

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

- (a) *whether the task force has been established by the Government for reforming the civil service; and*
- (b) *the details of salary and other fringe benefits including official vehicle, staff etc. being provided to the said task force?*

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

(Task Force on Civil Service Reform)

(b) No salary and other fringe benefits including official vehicle, staff etc. are being provided to the members of the task force.

30. ***Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct/establish College and School in the Sector I-16, Islamabad; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which it will be constructed/established?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to construct / establish College and School in the Sector I-16 Islamabad at the moment.

(b) As above.

31. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of unserviceable locomotives alongwith the number of serviceable ones in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the reasons for increase recently made in the railways fares?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) Pakistan Railways has a fleet of total 460 locomotives, out of which 140 are unserviceable due to old age; while 320 are serviceable at present.

(b) Pakistan Railways increased fares in order to reduce budget deficit which is growing day by day due to increase in salaries & pensions. Moreover the import bill of Railway has also increased due to value depreciation of Rupee viz-a-viz dollar. The locomotive maintenance contract charges have also increased due to the same reason.

32. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether cost-benefit analysis was made before plying new trains by the incumbent Government; if so, when and who made such analysis and findings thereof;*
- (b) *the month-wise income and expenditure of each said train since its inauguration; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to conduct periodic financial assessment of such trains to determine whether such trains are financially feasible or not; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) Twenty new trains have been introduced in first 100 days of the government. All these trains are operating above 70 % capacity which increases to 100 % on weekends. Only one train Mianwali Express (175-UP/176-DN) is operating on less than 70% of its capacity. The railway administration keeps an eye on all new trains and expect to reach a final decision on the viability of all new trains in 90 days. All the new trains have been started with old rolling stock and same operating staff. The passenger segment of railways are loss incurring around the world and the government is cognizant for introducing freight trains to balance earnings, in the future.

(b) The comparison of earning and fuel expenditure depict that against the fuel cost of Rs. 128.422 million, these train have earned Rs. 150.435 million during introductory phase up to 31-12-2018. These trains have earned Rs. 22.013 million above the fuel cost.

(c) Financial analysis of each train is being conducted regularly to determine periodical financial assessment of each train. These trains have been introduced initially for a period of 3 months on trial basis. These trains are now earning Rs. 22.013 million above the fuel cost.

Furthermore, out of the newly introduced trains the bids for outsourcing of commercial management of Rawalpindi Express (109-UP/110-DN), Moenjo Daro Passenger (213-UP/214-DN) and Rohi Passenger (215-UP/216-DN) have been called through transparent tendering process to improve their financial viability. Rest of the trains will also be offered for outsourcing in due course of time.

33. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether free of cost travelling facilities at all Railway Stations are being provided to all senior citizens at present?

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): Pakistan Railways is providing free of cost travelling facilities to Senior Citizens having age of 75 & above.

34. ***Syed Abrar Ali Shah:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the total length of new railways tracks laid by the present Government alongwith the locations thereof?

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): The rehabilitation of 52 Kms tracks has been made during the last 04 months with the available budget/ resources. No new railway tracks have been laid during the tenure of present government *i.e.* since August-2018 due to financial constraints. Under CPEC, double track from Karachi-Peshawar (ML-I) of 1681 Kms will be upgraded / replaced.

35. ***Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that officers and employees in Federal and Constitutional Bodies have temporary status despite completion of their probation period in service;*
- (b) *the names of such Federal and Constitutional Bodies and the number of employees having temporary status;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the officers recruited on permanent posts through Federal Public Service Commission in Federal and Constitutional Bodies are not being granted permanent status despite completion of their probation period;*
- (d) *the names of such Federal and Constitutional Bodies and the number of said employees;*
- (e) *the time by which such employees will be granted permanent status by the said Bodies; and*
- (f) *the action being taken against the persons responsible for negligence in this matter; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) In so far as cases of civil servants are concerned under Section 6 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973 read with Rule 21 of the Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion & Transfer) Rules, 1973 any appointment whether by initial appointment, by promotion or by transfer is on probation. After successful completion of probation the appointments are deemed to be on regular basis. Under Rule 7 of the Civil Servants (Confirmation) Rules, 1993 on satisfactory completion of probation, a person is eligible for confirmation. The Constitutional Institutions have their own Service Rules and cases of such employees are required to be governed under their own Service Rules.

(b) Establishment Division administers the Office Management Group (OMG), Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS), and Police Service of Pakistan (PSP) besides non-transferable regular employees of the Division.

(c) The detail of cases disposed off regarding termination of probation of officers belonging to the Groups administered by Establishment Division during the last three years are as under:

Group	2015	2016	2017
OMG	85	60	26
PAS	42	78	43
PSP	16	33	19

(d) Same as above.

(e) Being a continuous exercise, no timeframe can be given. This Division *vide* O.M. No. 9/1/2018-R-II dated 09-08-2018 (**Annex-I**) had already issued directions to all the Secretaries of administrative Ministries / Divisions to initiate cases of confirmation in respect of employees under their administrative control.

(f) Same as above.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

36. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the concept of establishment of Pakistan Railways Advisory and Consultancy Services (PRACS);*
- (b) whether it is a fact that PRACS has been allowed to carry out commercial business/operations of Pakistan Railways contrary to basic concept of its establishment; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (c) the details of business, which is being done by the PRACS at present alongwith year-wise revenue generated therefrom since 01-01-2013 and amount deposited for Pakistan Railways during the said period;*
- (d) the names and designations of the regular and retired employees of the Pakistan Railways, who are at present working in the PRACS alongwith nature of their appointments; and*

- (e) *the steps being taken to carry out commercial business/ operations by Pakistan Railways itself instead of outsourcing it to its own subsidiary?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) The concept was to carry on business of surveyors, consultants, advisers, designers, architects, builders, engineers and manufacturers of rolling stock and all the businesses ancillary thereto, to render technical assistance to foreign countries in railway field, etc. (Details enclosed as **Annex-A**).

(b) Yes, PRACS has been allowed Commercial business operation as per revised Memorandum of Association. (Details enclosed as **Annex-B**).

(c) Details of business and year-wise revenue generated since 01-01-2013 are enclosed as **Annex-C**, amount deposited for Pakistan Railways during the period is Rs. 14034.094 Million (Details enclosed as **Annex-D**).

(d) Details of the names and designations of the regular and retired employees of Pakistan Railways who are at present working in PRACS along with nature of their appointments are attached as **Annex-E & E-1**.

(e) Only one train *i.e.* Khushal Khan Khattack Express is commercially operated by PRACS at the rate of 502 Million per Annum. There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

37. ***Choudhary Faqir Ahmad:**

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) *the expenditure incurred on advertisements of the performance of present Government during its first 100 days and other achievements;*
- (b) *the authority who has approved such advertisements and expenditure thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that such advertisements are against the spirit of proclaimed austerity measures of the Government;*

- (d) *if so, the justification to spend millions of rupees on such advertisements; and*
- (e) *the steps being taken to rationalize the advertisements of the Government?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):

(a) The Government has not incurred any additional cost on advertising on 100 days performance. Only matters relating to vital public interest are being advertised in accordance with laid down rules and procedures.

(b) The advertisements were approved by competent authority by following proper procedures.

(c) The projection of government's performance and policies is the mandate of M/o I & B. Advertisements are released regularly to inform the public and create awareness about the programmes and policies of the government.

(d) As above in "c".

(e) The print rates of government advertisements on average are 1/3rd of what is charged from private sector. As for electronic media rates, negotiations are in process to rationalize the rates.

38. *Ms. Munawara Bibi Baloch:

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

- (a) *the number and duration of employees working on daily wages in the Federal Government institutions; and*
- (b) *whether the Government intends to regularize their services?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:

- (a) i. Establishment Division *vide* UO. No. 5/7/2018-Coord-I dated 31-12-2018 circulated to all Ministries / Divisions for the provision of requisite information / reply. **(Annex-I)**
- ii. Presently 393 employees are working on daily wages in Main Establishment Division and its attached Departments / Organizations. List of employees of daily wages in Main Establishment Division and its Attached Departments / Organizations is at **(Annex-II)**.

iii. 15 Ministries / Divisions out of 43 Ministries / Divisions have given their information. The total no. of employees are working on daily wages in 15 Ministries / Divisions are 778. (**Annex-III**)

(b) No such proposal is under consideration in Establishment Division.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

39. ***Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether medical or first aid facilities are provided to passengers on long routed railways journey?

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed):

- First aid boxes and emergency medical facilities are available in passenger trains as well as at Railway Stations. In this regard operational staff *i.e.* Station Master, Assistant Station Master, Guard etc., have been trained about use of medicines available in first aid box/emergency kit for providing emergency medical services to the sick & injured passengers during the journey.
- It is further added that passenger(s) sudden sickness or emergency situation in the train during journey, railway doctor is called from nearest next railway hospital to attend & examine such passenger and depending upon the severity of illness is either admitted in the nearby hospital or allowed to continue journey after giving necessary medication.

40. ***Syed Abrar Ali Shah:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the total number of blind persons to whom white sticks have been given from the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal since August, 2018?

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: A total of 100 blind persons have been given white sticks by Pakistan *Bait-ul-Mal* since August, 2018.

41. ***Mr. Naveed Dero:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether Pakistan Railways has taken measures for restoration of Mirpurkhas-Nawabshah Rail service; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): Rail service between MirpurKhas-Nawabshah has not been restored being Meter Guage track.

Restoration of this section requires lying of new Broad Guage track and procurement of rolling stock. Such huge investments cannot be made by Railways at present.

42. ***Ms. Shazia Marri:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the National Carrier-PIA; and*
- (b) the number of aeroplanes taken on lease; if so, the kind of lease agreements executed for each aeroplane?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Muhammad Mian Soomro):

(a) PIA is in process of finalizing its Strategic Business Plan 2019-22 which will be submitted to the Federal Government in March / April, 2019. It defines the objectives and strategies to achieve. PIA has taken the following measures to improve its performance:

1. Several profitable new routes like Sialkot-Sharjah, Lahore-Muscat, Islamabad-Doha and Lahore-Bangkok-Kualalampur have been added. These routes are going very strong and are economically viable.
2. More new routes have been planned which will commence from Jan. and Feb. 2019. These include Sialkot-Paris-Barcelona, Peshawar-Sharjah, Peshawar-Al- Ain and Multan-Sharjah.
3. Increasing frequencies and capacity on profitable routes like Jeddah and Madinah.
4. Closure of loss making routes like New York, Salalah (Oman), Kuwait, Mumbai and Tokyo.
5. Replacing, the twenty year old and highly expensive software system with new one (HITIT) which is very cost effective, cheaper and more efficient.
6. Terminating extra and ghost employees (around 200).

7. An effective austerity and cost saving drive initiated which included curtailment of unnecessary visits by officials both foreign and domestic. Instructions issued to make use of technological assistance like video calls, conference calls etc.
8. Retrieving company vehicles and eliminating fuel allocations accordingly.
9. Stoppage of all officiating and extra allowances given on additional assignments to officials.
10. Ban on overtime allowances in all cadres.
11. Abolishing VIP protocols and deployment of workers on real assignments.
12. Monitoring of flights by senior officials.
13. Increasing regularity and punctuality of flights by assigning target to be achieved 90%.
14. Resolved issues pertaining to usage of flight plans which involve reduction of short flight paths thus resulting in huge savings in fuel expenses.
15. Reduction in public relation and brand activities by cutting down on advertisements and making more effective use of news and social media.
16. Abolishing all kinds of discounts, rebates and free tickets.
17. Punctuality and attendance being strictly monitored for maximum productivity which also results in saving of electricity and other utility expenses. Performance also been evaluated on the basis of achieving targets.
18. Implementing effective liaison among all departments especially, finance, engineering and supply chain to have more aircraft in operation which help in expanding the network and flights. In addition, the optimized use of aircrafts is also being ensured to achieve maximum productivity and financial returns.
19. Timely action on acquisition of supplies to reduce extra costs attached.

20. Improvement in flight services, training of crew and regular monitoring.
21. Streamlining the business activities and discipline at Air Port Hotel which was going in losses and now revenues are improving.
22. Effective monitoring and vigilance of all areas to eliminate pilferage and leakages.
23. Improvement in food quality with inclusion of refined menu in the light of recommendations and suggestions received from passengers.
24. Introduction of Executive economy class on European and Gulf sectors which are attracting more customers.
25. Rationalization of fares according to market demand thus helping in increase of seat factor.
26. Delays of flights have been cut down significantly by better planning in engineering, flight operation and ground handling departments.
27. Special emphasis on cargo business with monitoring of performance, rationalization of cargo fares and more effective liaison with all stakeholders.
28. Special focus on Umrah and Ziarats business by introduction of attractive fares and increasing capacity.
29. Complaint/feed back system being used to ensure quality services, redressal of problems and for bringing overall improvement in the system.

(b) Currently, PIA leased fleet includes 20 aircraft acquired on Dry Lease basis:

S.No	Type of Aircraft	Number of Dry Leased Aircraft
1.	Boeing 777-200ER	04
2.	Airbus A320-200	11
3.	ATR 72-500	05
Total		20

43. ***Ms. Naz Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to uplift the industry and how many jobs are being created in this sector?

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication (Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui): Ministry of IT & Telecommunications, under the present Government, is taking the following steps for the uplift of the Telecommunication Sector. These are as under:

1. Sector growth through Policy Interventions:

- (a) Taskforce on IT & Telecom has been constituted to suggest specific interventions in IT and Telecom policies/ regulations.
- (b) Committee of Minister's have been constituted to finalize recommendations to the Federal Cabinet for renewal of Cellular Mobile Licenses.
- (c) Device Identification, Registration & Blocking System (DIRBS) has been launched by PTA to curtail counterfeit mobile market and discourage mobile theft. All stakeholders have been facilitated in revision of policies, to enable import of used mobile phones and prevention of smuggling.
- (d) Formulation of Spectrum Plan is underway.
- (e) Central procurement plan for the entire Federal Government's e-readiness in terms of ICT infrastructure, a key element for digitization.

2. Infrastructure and HRD Projects:

- (f) The unserved and underserved areas of the country are being provided state of the art telecommunication and broadband services (2G/3G), through USF. Additional underserved areas, identified by this Ministry have been recently approved by the Federal Cabinet for provision of Next Generation Mobile Services.
- (g) The Digi Skills Program is underway which is aimed at training 01 million youth, freelancers, etc. with knowledge, skills, tools

& techniques necessary to seize the opportunities available internationally on online market places as well as locally to earn a decent living. The current training enrolments are 81,119.

- (h) ICT for Girls is an endeavor to spur the socio economic uplift by enhancing the employability potential of girls in Pakistan. This project will help in making over 110,000 girl students “Computer Literate” studying in Islamabad’s schools and bringing them at par with students elsewhere in the world. Also, 144 Women Empowerment Centers have been provided with ICT Model Labs. Through this program over 5,000 girls will be trained annually at state of the art computer labs under the coaching and training program of Microsoft. Over 10,000 girls have benefited from this program so far.

44. ***Ms. Zaib Jaffar:**

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

- (a) *whether verification was conducted to check the degrees of employees of PIA;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof and action taken against fake degree holders;*
- (c) *if not, whether there is any proposal to verify degrees of said employees;*
- (d) *if so, the time by which said degrees will be verified?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Muhammad Mian Soomro):

(a) Verification of educational documents of PIACL employees is an on-going process and degrees / certificates submitted by employees at the time of appointment are verified from the concerned boards / universities.

(b) As a result of verification, 700 certificates / degrees of employees were found fake / bogus / tempered. Out of which, 402 employees were dismissed/ terminated, 35 cases are under process of disciplinary proceedings whereas 263 employees approached the court of law and sought stay orders and their cases are currently subjudiced.

(c) & (d) verification of employees’ degrees/certificates are being carried out as narrated above.

45. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether biometric system is functional in all the Government Educational Institutions in Islamabad to ensure timely arrival and departure of teachers?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): In order to ensure the timely arrival and departure of teachers in educational institutions, Federal Directorate of Education has taken following steps:—

- i. Face Detection Biometric System has been installed in all the educational institutions working under its administrative control. Attendance is directly supervised by the FDE, through dash board facility.
- ii. FDE has a mechanism of supervision of the institution through field officers (AEOs), who are duty bound to pay visits the educational institutions to evaluate their academic activities and administrative affairs.

46. ***Mr. Muhammad Hashim:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is only one weekly return flight of PIA from Karachi to Dalbandin which is not enough;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to start two weekly flights on the above mentioned route?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Muhammad Mian Soomro):

(a) PIA was operating twice weekly flights between Karachi & Dalbandin in the past. However, the flights were reduced to one per week due to limited market demand, the passenger load between Karachi and Dalbandin was not enough to justify route economics. Currently one weekly flight is effectively meeting market demand.

(b) PIACL is however, keeping a constant eye on market indicators, traffic trends viability of this route, and will take necessary steps to expand the operation between Dalbadin-Karachi based on commercial merit and market demand.

47. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan ranks 7th in the list of countries most affected by the climate change;*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to counter the climate change challenges, so far; and*
- (c) *whether there is any concrete policy/plan under consideration to deal with the threat of the global warming and climate change?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) On November 08, 2016, at COP22 in Marrakech, German watch in its Global Climate Risk Index 2017, listing countries most affected from the impacts of extreme weather events occurred in 1996-2016 placed Pakistan at 7th position. The latest Global Climate Risk index 2019 for the period between 1998-2017 places Pakistan at 8th position.

(b) Ministry of Climate Change has undertaken the following steps to counter climate change:—

1. Ministry of Climate Change has got approved many policies *i.e.* National Climate Change Policy, National Forest Policy, Pakistan Climate Change Act 2017.
2. Realizing the importance of forests in mitigating the impact of climate change and on the basis of experience gained in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's billion tree tsunami, the Ministry of Climate Change initiated 10 Billion Tree Plantation Campaign which was launched on 2nd September 2018 by the Prime Minister of Pakistan.
3. Similarly under the "Green Pakistan Program-Revival of Forest Resources in Pakistan" it was planned to plant one hundred million trees in five years (2017-21) at a total cost of Rs 3.652 billion. So far a total of about 27 million plants have been planted in the provinces and territories. This scheme is being revised and dovetailed with Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Campaign.
4. The Ministry has got funding of US \$ 37.46 million from Green Climate Fund for Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) project in Gilgit Baltistan and KP.

5. The “Clean Green Pakistan Movement” has been launched by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 8th October, 2018 and Ministry of Climate Change is co-ordinating its implementation with all the provinces including AJK and GB . The key components of Clean Green Pakistan (CGP) Movement are:
 - i. Tree Plantation
 - ii. Solid Waste Management
 - iii. Liquid Waste Management / Hygiene
 - iv. Total Sanitation / Toilets
 - v. Safe Drinking Water
 6. Prime Minister’s Committee on Climate Change has been notified having key ministers on members.
 7. Climate Change Council under the chairmanship of Prime Minister has also been notified. The council includes Federal Ministers, Provincial Chief Ministers and other relevant official and non-official members.
 8. Green Climate Fund has approved funding for Karachi BRT Project.
- (c) Ministry of Climate Change has framed the following policies and plans to deal with the threat of global warming and climate change.
1. **Climate Change Policy.** National Climate Change Policy has been prepared and approved in 2012. The Policy provides a framework for addressing the issues that Pakistan faces or will face in future owing to the changing climate. In view of Pakistan’s high vulnerability to the adverse impacts of climate change, in particular extreme events, adaptation effort is the focus of this policy. The vulnerabilities of various sectors to climate change have been highlighted in this policy, and accordingly appropriate adaptation measures have been spelt out.
 2. **Implementation Framework for Climate Change Policy** Implementation Framework for National Climate Change (2014-2030) has been prepared by the Ministry of Climate Change and meetings with provinces are regularly being held twice a year.
 3. **National Forest Policy** The National Forest Policy has been approved by the Council of Common interests and it is expected to be issued soon after approval from the competent forum.

4. **Paris Agreement** Pakistan has ratified the Paris Agreement on climate change in November, 2016 and Nationally Determined Commitments (NDC) has been prepared and submitted to the Secretariat of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
5. **Pakistan Climate Change Act, 2017** Pakistan Climate Change Act, 2017 provides for the constitution of a policy making organization, Pakistan Climate Change Council as the apex, chaired by the Prime Minister, and the establishment of Pakistan Climate Change Authority to prepare and supervise implementation of adaptation and mitigation projects in various sectors. Both the Council and Authority will further coordinate, monitor and supervise implementation of the National Climate Change Policy and the Sustainable Development Goals. In addition, the act provides for establishment of climate change fund.
6. To address the issue of food and energy security, Ministry of Climate change has designed a project “Recharge Pakistan” with the aims to restore underground water level. The flood water which drained off will be utilized in wetlands to increase the level of the underground water and will also be used for restoration of ecological resources.

48. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is correct that some Vice Chancellors (VCs) of the Universities are more than 70 years old;*
- (b) *if so, the prescribed age for V.C and the names qualifications and age of the existing V.Cs alongwith reasons for appointing over age VCs if any, during the last five years?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Yes, only one Vice Chancellor (VC) of Federal Urdu University Arts, Science and Technology, Karachi is 70 years old, whereas rest of VCs of Federally Chartered Public Sector Universities are below 70 years old. The university-wise detail is attached at Annex-A.

(b) The detail of Vice Chancellor of Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology alongwith with reasons is attached at Annex-B.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

49. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the special transportation facilities available for disable persons to travel by air, land and sea?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): Disabled persons are entitled to avail 50% concession in air and rail fare in the light of President's Announcement made on 10th August, 2009 at **Annex-I**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

50. ***Ms. Nusrat Wahid:**

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government regarding collaboration of both private and public institutions collectively to work together for improvement in the education system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; if not, is there any proposal therefor?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) There is no specific proposal under consideration of the government regarding collaboration of both private and public institutions collectively to work together for betterment in the Education System. However like any other society, public private partnership is a booster to development of education promotion. Civil Society Community Organization, Trade/professional groups are partnering with government for the promotion of quality education in Federal Capital. Introduction of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) is being sponsored by such like organizations. Community is also involved in the shape of school management committee's (SMCS).

(b) As explained above.

51. ***Ms. Munawara Bibi Baloch:**

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

- (a) *the percentage of quota if any, for admissions of Balochistan students in the Universities of Islamabad;*
- (b) *whether the said quota is not according to the number of Baloch students; if so, whether the Government intends to increase the said quota; and*
- (c) *the percentage of quota allocated for Baloch students in the Medical Colleges and Universities of Islamabad?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) The University-wise quota for admission of Balochistan students in Universities of Islamabad is attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) The quota of all HEIs for Balochistan students is followed as per their University Act. Each University response against the question is also attached at **Annex-I**.

(c) There are three Medical Universities operating in Islamabad, percentage of quota allocation for Balochistan students is as under:

- i. National University of Medical Sciences, Islamabad, 2.5% quota.
- ii. Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad, 6% quota.
- iii. Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University, Islamabad Open Merit (Private Sector University).

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

52. ***Ms. Nuzhat Pathan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that out dated education system needs reforms for its better quality;*
- (b) *if so, is there any proposal under consideration of the Government in this regard; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Reforms is a dynamic process and is constantly in motion. As a result of 18th Amendment, the subject of curriculum, syllabus and

standards of education have been devolved to the provinces. Now it is the responsibility of the Provincial Governments to bring improvements in the education system. Therefore, both Federal Government and Provincial Governments are working together to improve the overall working and quality of education system in Pakistan.

(b) The proposal of curriculum revision/reform is in implementation phase by the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training through National Curriculum Council. In this regard, it has under-taken revision of National Curriculum 2006. The purpose of revision is to address the gaps in existing curriculum and make it consistent with International standards, modern trends of assessment and teaching methodology. The content of each subject from class pre-I to VIII are updated keeping in view the changes science and technology, socio-cultural and environmental changes. This revision would reform the school education by offering quality education.

53. ***Ms. Saira Bano:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that PIA has recently abandoned its operation to USA; if so, the reasons thereof and annual income and expenditure thereof prior to abandoning it;*
- (b) *the names of airline (s) operating on the said routes at present; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to restore said operations; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Muhammad Mian Soomro):

(a) PIA suspended its operation for New York USA on 28 October, 2017. Flight operations was suspended due to continuous loss on this route. Income and expenditure for JAN.-OCT. 2017 are as under:

(i)	Revenue	(PKR Million)	1,618
(ii)	Cost	(PKR Million)	3,866
(iii)	Loss	(PKR Million)	-2,248

(b) No direct carrier operating from Pakistan to USA. However, traffic between USA and Pakistan is being carried by PIA and US airlines through code sharing with Gulf and other carriers as marketing airline.

(c) All routes on PIA network are evaluated on regular basis to establish operational and economic viability. PIACI, would like to assure that PIA concerned teams are keeping a constant eye on the market indicators, traffic trends prevalent on this route and will take necessary steps if at any stage it is revealed that loads and yields for both passengers and cargo justify subject operation.

54. ***Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether the Ministry plans to establish the Media Tribunal in Pakistan on the pattern/precedents of the 12 existing Tribunals/Special Courts already established under Article 212 of the Constitution of Pakistan?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):

The Ministry is presently working on establishing a Pakistan Media Regulatory Authority which envisages a proposal of formation of a tribunal to address the grievances of matters related to media.

55. ***Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**

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

- (a) *what are the monthly salaries alongwith perks and fringe benefits of the Senior Executive Directors, Executive Directors and Managing Directors of Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) at present; and*
- (b) *the date of appointments alongwith education, experience, duties and their present postings/station?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) OGRA comprises a Chairman and three members *i.e.* Member (Oil), Member (Finance) and Member (Gas). There is no post of Managing Director in OGRA. A statement showing the monthly salaries alongwith perks and fringe benefits of the Senior Executive Directors, Executive Directors of OGRA, at present, is attached at **Annex-A**.

(b) The date of appointments alongwith education, experience, duties and their present posting/station have also been given at **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

56. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to promote industrial research in Pakistan; and*
- (b) any ground breaking research under taken by the Universities during the last five years which has helped manufacturing or production?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training

(Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan through generous support of Ministry of Planning and Development launched a PSDP project (worth of Rs. 2,905 millions) “Establishment of Technology Development Fund (TDF)” in 2016 to support joint venture research projects of industry and academia to develop products, prototypes, and solution to industrial problems. The ultimate goals of the project are:

1. Technology transfer (academic research to industry)
2. Value creation and addition in existing businesses or services
3. Flourishing R&D based industry
4. Employment generation (engagement of fresh graduates, scientists and technicians through these projects experience join industry as agreement of technology transfer)
5. Connect the missing dots between academics and industrial requirements
6. Trust building of industry and academia
7. Commercialization of new products and prototypes through Licensing which is happening for the first time in Pakistan

The benefits are not limited to above but quite tangible outcomes have started emerging (details are at **Annex-I**).

Rs. 1.16 billion have been released to **124** approved projects against first two calls (**35 projects in FY2016-17 & 89 projects in FY 2017-18**), while industry contribution has been Rs. 257.259 million for approved projects. As the completion time for each project is two years hence 124 approved and awarded cases are under progress.

(b) A consolidated list of Research Projects under taken by the Universities during last five years which has helped manufacturing or production is attached at **Annex-II**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

57. ***Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise details of number of aeroplanes of PIA since 2007; and*
- (b) *the names and seating capacity of each aeroplane, separately?*

Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Muhammad Mian Soomro):

(a) Year-wise details of number of aircraft of PIA since 2007 is as under:

S.No	Year	No. of Aircraft
01	2007	42
02	2008	43
03	2009	40
04	2010	40
05	2011	42
06	2012	40
07	2013	36
08	2014	32
09	2015	44
10	2016	38
11	2017	38
12	2018	32

(b) The names and seating capacity of each aircraft of PIA from 2007 to 2018 are placed at **Annexure-I**.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Wednesday, the 16th January, 2019****12. Syed Mehmood Shah:***Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *tehsil-wise total number of persons to whom wheel chairs have been provided by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal since August, 2018; and*
- (b) *the procedure/criteria adopted therefor?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal does not maintain Tehsil-wise data of beneficiaries. However 73 persons have been provided wheel chairs since August, 2018. District-wise detail is attached at Annex-A.

- (b) Procedure/criteria to provide wheel chairs is as under:

Application on prescribed Proforma supported by copy of valid CNIC, photograph (showing disability) and disability certificate. Wheel chair is issued after approval of competent authority.

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal provides wheel chairs to the disable applicants having income upto Rs.15,000/- per month.

Annex-A

**District-wise detail of Wheel Chairs Provided by
Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal since August, 2018**

Sr. No.	District	No. of wheel chairs provided
1.	Rawalpindi	12
2.	Islamabad	5

Sr. No.	District	No. of wheel chairs provided
3.	Mianwali	3
4.	Gilgit	2
5.	Swabi	1
6.	Attock	2
7.	Kotli	2
8.	Noshehra	2
9.	Hatian Bala	2
10.	Gujranwala	2
11.	Sadhnoti	1
12.	Jhelum	2
13.	Abbottabad	4
14.	Swat	3
15.	Mardan	1
16.	Charsadda	3
17.	Bahawalpur	1
18.	Lower Dir	2
19.	Layyah	1
20.	Hyderabad	2
21.	Multan	1
22.	Karachi	1
23.	Jafarabad	1
24.	D.G. Khan	1
25.	Lahore	1
26.	Mirpur AJK	2
27.	Faisalabad	1
28.	Bannu	1
29.	Khoshab	1
30.	Pishin	9
31.	Narowal	1
Total		73

13. **Syed Mehmood Shah:**

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

- (a) *tehsil-wise total number of persons to whom financial assistance has been provided by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal since August, 2018 alongwith the amount thereof; and*
- (b) *the procedure/criteria adopted therefor?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Tehsil-wise total number of persons to whom financial assistance has been provided by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal since August, 2018 along with the amount is attached at Annex-A.

- (b) Procedure/criteria adopted is as under:

i. IFA - Medical:

Applications on plain paper supported by copy of CNIC, diagnostic reports and treatment expenditure estimate from Government Hospital along with affidavit. A crossed cheque is issued in the name of the Hospital after processing of the case and approval. Unspent amount is returned by the Hospitals to PBM.

ii. IFA - Education

Applications on plain paper supported by valid copy of CNIC, Bonafide certificate and affidavit attested copies of educational documents and fee structure from the College/University are received at the PBM. A crossed cheque is issued in the name of the Institute after processing of the case and approval.

iii. IFA - Special Family Project (SFP)

Applications are received on prescribed Proforma supported by copy of CNIC, photograph (showing disability) and disability certificate, issued by social welfare department. A crossed cheque is issued in the name of the applicant after processing of the case and approval of the competent authority.

iv. IFA - General

Application on plain paper supported by copy of valid CNIC is submitted to the PBM. A crossed cheque is issued in the name of the

applicant after verification, processing and approval of the competent authority.

Criteria is as under:

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal provides financial assistance to the applicants having income upto Rs.15,000/- per month.

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14. **Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state tehsil-wise total number of persons to whom financial assistance for medical treatment facilities has been provided by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal by the Government?

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: Tehsil-wise total number of persons to whom financial assistance for medical treatment has been provided by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is attached at Annex-A.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

15. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Basic Education Community Schools (BECS) are functioning in the four provinces since 1995 and imparting education to the large number of children;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Government intends to regularize them and to give service structure to them and to make the payment of their dues according to its promise;*
- (c) if answer to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the time by which it will be implemented?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training

(Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) Basic Education Community Schools (BECS) are working since 1995 across the country with a large network of 12,175 schools having an enrollment of 463,198 learners (211,615 Male & 251,583 Female). A detailed brief of the project is attached at **(Annex-A)**.

(b) Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training has issued a written assurance to the BECS teachers that no teacher will be removed arbitrarily. Ministry will expedite payment of dues and consider BECS teachers for Regularization (Copy is attached at **(Annex-B)**). The dues shall be paid soon as PC-I is approved by the competent forum i.e. Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC).

(c) Teachers shall be considered for regularization within a year's time.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

16. **Mr. Ali Wazir:**

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

(a) *the present status of mobile network and internet facilities of 3G and 4G in District South Waziristan; and*

(b) *the measures taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication

(Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui): (a) Owing to security situation in the past, there is **1** site of Jazz is currently serving South Waziristan for mobile communications and **11** more are planned for the same but permissions from relevant security agencies are awaited. Beyond license conditions CMOs expand networks depending upon market demand, business case etc. Sparse population, Security/Law and order issues are highly common in such areas. Commercial Power availability, load shedding and outages are also challenges hindering the network rollouts.

(b) Realizing the fact that, there may exist certain population or geographical areas that would remain un-served or under-served due to commercial viability. Federal Government has established a Universal Service Fund (USF)

under Ministry of IT & Telecom, to extend services of operators in those areas.

In this regard, USF Co. has also completed coverage analysis both in South Waziristan Agency and FR Tank, 411 unserved mauzas have been identified under Broadband for Sustainable Development project namely “South Waziristan Lot” and tender for the project will be launched on 15th January 2019.

Currently, USF Co. has been focusing to provide coverage to unserved mauzas in the different areas of FATA, the details of projects which have already launched are placed at Annex-I.

Annex-I

USF Project	Type of Services	Unserved Mauzas	Unserved areas in	Project Progress
Khyber Lot	3G	503	Khyber Agency, FR Kohat, FR Peshawar, Kohat, Karak & Hangu	Contract signed and 25% achieved
Mohmand Lot	3G	684	Bajaur Agency, Mohmand Agency & Malakand	Contract signed and Work in Progress
DI Khan Lot	3G	335	DI Khan, FR D.I. Khan & Tank	Contract signed and 50% achieved
North Waziristan Lot	3G	401	North Waziristan, FR Laki Marwat & FR Bannu	Tendering process completed. Implementation Contract to be signed in January 2019.

17. **Mr. Ali Wazir:**

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

- (a) *the present status of the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Office (PBM) branch in district South Waziristan; and*
- (b) *the province-wise financial assistance provided by the PBM during the last five years till date for medical treatment?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) There is no Agency Office, School for Rehabilitation and Child Labour (SRCL)/Women Empowerment Centre (WEC)/Pakistan Sweet Home (PSH) are functional in South Waziristan.

(b) The province wise detail of financial assistance provided by PBM during the last five years is attached at Annex-A

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18. Syed Agha Rafiullah:

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

- (a) the number of people who submitted applications for financial assistance from the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal from 1st December, 2017 to 30th November, 2018 in district Pisheen;*
- (b) the number of people to whom financial assistance was given alongwith their names and amount;*
- (c) the time by which assistance will be given to those who have not yet been given;*
- (d) the number of applicants to whom financial assistance will not be given alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (e) the category-wise details of financial assistance given to the poor from the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) 92 applications for financial assistance from the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal from 1st December, 2017 to 30th November, 2018 in District Pisheen were submitted.

(b) The detail of 92 people from District Pisheen to whom financial assistance was given with their names and amount is attached at Annex-A.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable

(e) The category wise details of financial assistance given to the poor is attached at Annex-B.

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19. **Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**

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

- (a) *the total number of applications submitted in the City School, F-8 Branch and the City School Main Campus, Islamabad for fee concession of sibling students alongwith details thereof, since 01-01-2017; and*
- (b) *the time by which the concession will be given to those students alongwith details thereof?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) As stated by the management of The City School, applications of sibling concessions are received through various channels. However, the management only processes the case of deserving students for award of sibling concession. Moreover, only record of approved cases is maintained. Till now, the management has given sibling concession to 65 students of F-8 Branch and 441 students of Capital Campus of The City School.

- (b) As stated above.

20. **Ms. Shams Un Nisa**

Will the Minister for National History and Literary Heritage be pleased to state whether it is a fact that for preservation and maintenance of historical site of Mehrgarh in Balochistan sufficient work has not been done?

Minister for National History and Literary Heritage (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): Since inception the Department of Archaeology and Museums (DOAM), Government of Pakistan has taken necessary steps for preservation, conservation and upkeep of Mehrgarh site located in Balochistan. Due to the efforts of the DOAM, the Mehrgarh site has been elevated to one of the most conspicuous archaeological site and subsequently it was inscribed on the UNESCO Tentative List of Pakistan in the year 2004.

The Administrative control of Mehrgarh site has been handed over to the Government of Balochistan as all archaeological sites stood devolved to respective

provinces in the wake of 18th Constitutional Amendment, 2010 (Act No. X of 2010) w.e.f. 5th April, 2011. As such the Balochistan Government is now responsible for protection of this archaeological site.

21. Admisibility is being re-considered.

22. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is correct that refreshment/entertainment charges for the officers of BS-21 and above are being decreased under the austerity/saving policy;*
- (b) *if so, the existing and the proposed decreased rates thereof?*

Transferred to Finance Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

23. **Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that all the Universities are being regulated under the charter of Higher Education Commission prescribing all the details including the land/areas facilities like hostels, etc. which are not available in all the Colleges/ Universities of Islamabad having students coming from the entire country;*
- (b) *whether these Universities fulfill the criteria of HEC which is a regularity authority; and*
- (c) *whether the authorities concerned will ensure the facilities of hostels; if so, details; if not, reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

24. **Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan**

Will the Minister for National History and Literary Heritage be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that all the Cinema Houses including NAFDEC Cinema have been closed since long; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for the promotion of our culture?*

Reply not received.

25. **Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the total number of new Sweet Homes established by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal by the present Government alongwith the locations thereof?

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has established one Sweet Home during the present government on 20th December 2018 in **Tehsil Jamrud, District Khyber, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.**

26. **Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to cope with the adverse effects of Global Warming and climate change on Pakistan?

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): Pakistan makes a tiny contribution to total global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (among the lowest in the world) but it is among the countries most vulnerable to climate change, and it has very low technical and financial capacity to adapt to its adverse impacts. For Pakistan to continue on a development path to achieve the goals. It is imperative to prepare the ground to enable it to face this new challenge. While Pakistan is working on a strategy that seeks to conserve energy, improve energy efficiency and optimize fuel mix to support global efforts for reduction in GHG emissions, the more immediate and pressing task is to prepare itself for adaptation

to climate change. Only by devising and implementing appropriate adaptation measures will it be possible to ensure water, food and energy security for the country as well as to minimize the impact of natural disasters on human life, health and property.

As per a study carried out by the Ministry of Climate Change in collaboration with United Development Programme (UNDP) and Ministry of Finance, Pakistan incurred an expenditure of 8.4% of its budget for the year 2017-18 on Climate Change.

Ministry of Climate Change has got approved National Climate Change Policy, National Forest Policy, Pakistan Climate Change Act 2017. Ministry has also prepared implementation framework for National Climate Change policy (2014-2030).

- I. Recently Ministry of Climate Change, has notified Prime Minister's Committee on Climate Change and Climate Change Council.
- II. Ministry of Climate Change realizing the importance of forests in both adaptation and mitigating the impact of climate change and on the basis of experience gained in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Billion Tree Tsunami, has initiated 10 Billion Tree Plantation Campaign which was launched on 2nd September 2018 by the Prime Minister of Pakistan.
- III. Similarly under the "Green Pakistan Program-Revival of Forest Resources in Pakistan" it was planned to plant one hundred million trees in five years (2017-21) at a total cost of Rs 3.652 billion. So far a total of about 27 million plants have been planted in the provinces and territories.
- IV. The Ministry has got funding of US\$ 37.46 million from Green Climate Fund for Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) project in the Northern Areas and KP.
- V. The "Clean Green Pakistan Movement" has been launched, by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 8th October, 2018 and Ministry of Climate Change is co-coordinating its implementation with all the provinces besides AJK and GB.

- VI. To address the issue of food and energy security, Ministry of Climate Change has designed a project “Recharge Pakistan” with the aims to restore underground water level. The Flood water which drained off will be utilized in wetlands to increase the level of the underground water and will also be used for restoration of ecological resources.
- VII. Pakistan is also eligible for National Adaptation Plan (NAP) under UNFCCC. In this regard, Ministry of Climate Change has finalized its proposal for NAP with the support from UN-Environment Programme.
- VIII. National Ozone Unit, Ministry of Climate Change has been working on Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) phase down and Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) phase out. HCFCs and HFC are refrigerant gases which have high global warming Potential due to which they are considered as contributors to global warming. Pakistan has taken the following steps:—
 - (a) Signing of Kigali amendment in October, 2016;
 - (b) Letter of endorsement issued to UNEP for Enabling activity for ratification of Kigali Amendment; and
 - (c) Consultative process for ratification of Kigali Amendment initiated.

27. **Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the details of the scholarship programmes and the agreements signed with foreign Universities for higher education in the country?

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): Higher Education Commission (KC) has started a total of 36 (thirty six) Foreign Scholarships Programs to date.

Under these programmes 37 Document of Understanding (DoU) have been signed with foreign Universities, so far.

The details of these scholarship programmes and DoUs are placed at **Annex-I & II**, respectively.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

28. **Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government for the protection of rare animals extinguishing due to environmental changes;*
- (b) whether the business of bee keeping has been harmed by forest cutting and military operations in Swat and South Waziristan because the honey bees migrated from these areas due to diseases;*
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard as bee keeping is a source of earning foreign exchange for the families residing there?*

Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul): (a) The steps taken by the government for protection of rare animals are as follows:

1. All the provinces have enacted wildlife protection laws which give adequate protection to wild animals. These are:
 - i. The Punjab Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Act, 2007
 - ii. The Sindh Wildlife & Protected Areas Act, 2010
 - iii. The Balochistan Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation And Management) Act 2014 (ACT NO. XIV OF 2014)
 - iv. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Wildlife and Biodiversity (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 2015

- v. The Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 2011
 - vi. Wildlife Preservation Act Northern Areas 1975
2. The Federal Government passed Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 which is followed by all provinces.
 3. Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act 2012 was passed by the Parliament and is being implemented in letter and spirit.
 4. Government of Pakistan is also fulfilling all its obligations under international conventions viz:
 - Convention on Biological Diversity
 - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
 - Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
 - Convention on Wetlands (the Ramsar Convention)

(b) & (c) relate to Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Food Security and Research

29. **Mr. Abdul Majeed Khan:**

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

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to regularise the daily wages of teaching and non-teaching staff working in Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that said employees are facing restlessness since long; if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood): (a) There is no proposal presently under consideration of the Government to regularize the daily wage of teaching and non-teaching staff, working in Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad, because the matter is subjudiced in the Honourable, Supreme Court of Pakistan through a CPLA filled against the decision given by the Divisional Bench of Islamabad High Court in the writ petition No.ica340/2017.

(b) Once the matter pertaining to the regularization of Contract and Daily Wage Employees, gets decided by the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan, the directions given by the Apex court will be implemented in letter and spirit. However, an amount of Rs. 306 million have been allocated by the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training for payment of these daily wage employees and their bills are being submitted to AGPR, Islamabad, which will remove their restlessness to a great extent.

30. **Ms. Nooreen Farooq Khan:**

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

- (a) *the details of provincial employment quota in Federal Government; and*
- (b) *the details of appointment on quota of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan alongwith the vacant posts?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) The Establishment Division has issued administrative instructions for provincial employment quota in Federal Government, amongst provinces and regions vide O.M. No 4/I0/2006-R-2, dated 12-02-2007. **(Annex-I)**

(b) The details of actual strength of employees belonging to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan working in main Ministries / Divisions, Attached departments and Autonomous bodies is placed at **(Annex-II)**.

Quota is calculated on rotational basis, the detail of vacancies cannot be calculated in advance as the quota calculation varies from post to post as per

quota roster for each post. However, total 4095 posts are under process regarding enhancement from 3.5 % to 6 % quota reserved for Balochistan province under “Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package (AHBP)” in various Ministries / Divisions / Departments etc.

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