



Pakistan. More than 200 TVET institutes and 1400 training programmes have already been accredited under the programme.

- III. In **curriculum development** and its standardization at the national level, NAVTTC has developed curriculum for more than 100 trades, in accordance with latest technological requirements of the national and international job markets.
- IV. Internationally recognized, **Competency based training (CBT)** modules have been introduced in the country to replace the traditional mode of training. With the introduction of CBT, Pakistan is now able to deliver training in accordance with the internationally demanded and recognized requirements.
- V. Special emphasis has been laid on giving **pivotal role to industry and private sector** in TVET sector development in the country. Three **Sector Skill councils (SSCs)** have been established in the Construction, Hospitality and Textile sectors. **National Skill Council (NSC)** has been established to bring all the stakeholders on board. The concept of **Institute Management Committees (IMCs)** has been introduced for the first time in Pakistan at the TVET institute level, which gives greater representation to private sector in the management and training delivery in the TVET institutes.
- VI. To further strengthen industry and private sector role in TVET, Apprenticeship Bill, 1962 has been replaced with **Apprenticeship Act, 2018**. The new law has a broader scope and is in line with the latest best practices in the field of apprenticeship.
- VII. **Pakistan is now member of the World Skills** which is the collective voice for skills excellence and development in vocational, technological and service oriented careers around the globe.

- VIII. A large number of Pakistani youth acquire training through informal sector, known as the **“Ustad-Shagird” system**. In the absence of a formal certification for their skills, such youth cannot get employment as skilled workers, in both national and international markets. To enhance employment prospects for such youth, the system Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) has been launched as a tool to recognize/certify the skills acquired through informal/unregulated means.
- IX. **Training and capacity building of TVET trainers and managers** has also been given its due importance. Both in-country and foreign training programmes have been arranged for training and capacity building of TVET trainers and managers.
- X. To collect latest market data on skills demands in the national and international job markets and create real time linkages with prospective employers, **National Skills Information System (NSIS)** has been established with state of the art technologies.
- XI. For the first time in Pakistan, a **National Job Portal** has been introduced to link skilled workers with employers. Skill profiles of more than 550,000 youth are available on the National Job Portal. Additionally, NAVTTC has also established **Job Placement Centres (JPCs)** at Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore more than **100 Job Placement and Vocational Counselling Centres (JP&VCCs)** across the country for the benefit of youth.
- XII. **200,000 youth have trained** in the most demanded trade to bridge the demand-supply gap of skilled workforce in the country and enhance employability of Pakistani youth.

(b) No development budget was allocated to NAVTTC during the last three years. However, NAVTTC was assigned the execution/implementation of the Prime Minister Youth Skill Development Programme (PMYSDP). Details of the allocations made and its utilizations under the programme are mentioned below. Expenditures for other activities of NAVTTC were met from donor funded programmes.

Sr	Program / Phases	Financial Year(s)	Allocation as per PC-1	Financial Allocation Rs (M)	Utilization Rs (M)
1	PMYSDP (Phase-I)	2013-14 & 2014-15	800.00	800.00	780.32
2	PMYSDP (Phase-II)	2014-15 & 2015-16	1178.00	1122.42	921.2
3	PMYSDP (Phase-III)	2015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18	2,630.00	2,630.00 *	2,614.53 *
4	PMYSDP	2017-18		2,943.93	2,943.93
5	(Phase-IV)	2018-19	6196.50	2,000.00	1437.47

Rs. 1,252.564 M - (yet to be released)

\* An amount of **Rs. 15.436** millions balance is available in NAVTTC's assignment Account to meet pending liabilities of PMYSDP (Phase-III).

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

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

(a) *the number of vacancies of teachers in Education Department, Islamabad at present; and*

(b) *the number of vacancies of officers and officials in the said department at present and the time by which the same will be advertised in the newspapers?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) The total number of 1449 posts of teachers (direct and promotion) in various cadres are lying vacant in Federal Directorate of Islamabad at present.

(b) The total number 791 post of non-teaching (direct and promotion) are lying vacant. Out of these 42 posts of officers and 749 posts of officials in various cadres are lying vacant in FDE and its educational institutions at present. However, there is no proposal presently under consideration of the Government to fill the vacant posts of teaching and non-teaching in the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad because the matter is subjudice in the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan in form of a CPLA filed against the decision given by the Divisional Bench of Islamabad High Court, in the writ petition No. ICA340/2017. 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 true letter and spirit.

32. **\*Mr. Mohsin Dawar:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the details of new vehicles purchased by various departments by the present Government?*

Reply not received.

33. **\*Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

*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 give special/additional numbers to non-Muslim students as per their religion in the Federally Administered Universities at the time of admission, as such numbers are given to Muslim students for Hifz and Nazra; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to fix special number of seats for admissions in the Universities for non-Muslim students in Islamabad?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government to give special/additional number to non-Muslims students as per their religion in Federally Administrated University at the time of admission.

(b) As per HEC's Model University Ordinance No.CXX of 2002 "the university shall be open to all persons of either gender and of whatever religion, race, creed, class, color, or domicile and no person shall be denied the privileges of the University on the grounds of religion, race, caste, creed, class, color, or domicile". Therefore, all Pakistanis have equal right and opportunity for admission in the universities and no discrimination is possible on the basis of religion.

34. **\*Ms. Saira Bano:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether PIA has conducted an assessment of passenger load from Peshawar to Islamabad and Lahore to Malaysia; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that private national and international airlines carry maximum number of passengers from the said cities to Malaysia;*
- (c) *if so, is there any proposal under consideration to start flights from the said cities to Malaysia;*
- (d) *if so, time by which, such operations of flights will be started and if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Muhammadmian Soomro):**

(a) Peshawar is geographically located near to Islamabad having a travel time of two hours only, therefore, passengers prefer travelling by road. The reason for this is that as the passengers have to report to the airport at least one hour prior to departure and subsequently after landing passengers have to wait at the airport for baggage collection purpose hence the total journey time between the two cities is more than two hours. As an industry practice

flights are not developed within 400 miles and airports are connected through motorways. Presently, PIA is operates 2 weekly flights from Lahore to Malaysia.

(b) Currently PIA operates four weekly flights from Pakistan to Malaysia, two from Karachi and two from Lahore. PIA has majority of market share on this route *i.e.* 44% followed by Malindo Air having only 29% share & Thai airways 13% etc.(Airline sources)

(c) PIACL would like to apprise that, PIA is considering resuming flights from Peshawar to Malaysia. However, PIA is currently facing fleet availability constraints especially of B777 aircraft. Whenever there is an availability of aircraft possible operation from Peshawar to Malaysia will be resumed.

(d) PIACL would like to assure that PIA are keeping a constant eye on market indicators, traffic trends and viability of these routes and will take necessary steps to restart the operation based on commercial merit and availability of aircraft.

35. **\*Prince Muhammad Nawaz Alai:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the present Government has a unique approach for tourism and is desirous to provide access to tourists to the tourism sites of the country;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the valley Choralai has the area of one lac and 64 thousands acre and the respected Prime Minister has visited the said vally and has promised for construction of a road;*
- (c) *if so, whether the Government plans to construct a road to valley Choralai; if not, the reasons therefor?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) In order to promote and develop tourism in the country, the present government has established a Tourism Task Force, which has been assigned the task to explore the possibilities to maximize tourism potential of Pakistan all over the world. On the recommendations of Task Force, establishment of a National Tourism Coordination Board is also in process.

Moreover, after the 18th constitutional Amendment, the provinces are responsible to take steps for promotion of tourism in their respective areas.

(b) & (c) As the Choralai Valley is situated in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, therefore, the construction of access roads is also the responsibility of Provincial Government.

36. **\*Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *when was TV fee included in the electricity bills;*
- (b) *the rate of such fee at the time of its inclusion in the electricity bills, and number of times it was increased thereafter alongwith details thereof;*
- (c) *the legal authority empowering the Government to first charge such fee to general public, include it in the electricity bills and increase its rate;*
- (d) *the details of mutual contract of PTV and electricity companies for collection and deposit thereof in PTV's accounts;*
- (e) *years-wise collection of such fee from each distribution company and deposit thereof in the accounts of electricity during the last ten years; and*



(f) *what is procedure of reconciliation of such collection and deposit by PTV and collecting companies?*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):** (a) TV Licence fee was included in electricity Bills from July, 2004.

(b) The rate of TV fee at the time of its inclusion in electricity bill was @ Rs. 25/- of domestic consumers and Rs. 50/- of commercial consumers per month and increased *w.e.f.* 01-01-2010.

Category	Amount		increase
	01-07-2004	01-01-2010	
Domestic	25/-	35/-	Rs.10/-
Commercial	50/-	60/-	Rs.10/-

(c) The National Assembly empowered the Government to charge TV Fee in electricity bills through Finance Act, 2004-2005.

(d) Agreement between PTVC and PEPCO & K-Electric is enclosed herewith.

(e) As per Annexure "A" attached.

(f) There is no procedure of reconciliation of such collection and deposit to PTV. PTV completely depends on PEPCO data and whatever is remitted to PTV is acknowledged. However, present PTV management is analyzing the whole data provided by PEPCO and observed that there are amounts which have been received by PEPCO but due to some procedural issue, the same have not been remitted to PTV. PTV management is now in touch with PEPCO and trying to reconcile and collect the unpaid amounts.

## ANNEXURE-A

STATEMENT SHOWING COMPANY WISE YEARLY TV FEE COLLECTION  
FOR THE YEARS 2008-09 TO 2017-18

(IN MILLION)

Co. Name	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
LESCO	568.110	697.127	886.597	915.036	844.371	891.939	1,241.371	986.122	1,336.984	1,305.025
GEPCO	396.269	488.683	616.377	655.449	610.895	620.418	899.413	776.184	954.758	943.859
FESCO	437.370	541.092	676.382	704.526	676.115	685.013	990.520	890.233	1,091.473	1,094.652
IESCO	311.068	397.138	500.680	524.013	489.689	506.772	730.459	638.575	775.157	778.877
MEPCO	550.413	683.379	833.587	898.228	891.536	920.476	1,337.838	1,190.292	1,447.415	1,518.886
PESCO	255.729	281.233	369.617	383.743	381.916	410.586	558.101	465.026	561.246	554.625
HESCO	198.557	185.458	209.823	137.823	120.791	139.784	167.003	130.976	158.187	146.957
SEPCO	-	-	14.986	74.174	65.750	73.152	96.687	86.003	93.542	82.623
QESCO	44.706	51.555	62.329	65.220	57.682	58.747	81.377	73.025	88.313	89.247
TOTAL =	2,762.222	3,325.665	4,170.378	4,358.212	4,138.745	4,306.887	6,102.769	5,236.436	6,507.075	6,514.761
K-Electric	318.487	376.273	433.459	516.422	542.385	592.573	627.376	654.640	675.226	828.466
Bulk Meter	9.792	22.601	33.679	33.928	35.549	40.567	74.427	58.647	53.236	55.141
TOTAL =	3,090.501	3,724.539	4,637.516	4,908.562	4,716.679	4,940.027	6,804.572	5,949.723	7,235.537	7,398.358

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by : \_\_\_\_\_

37. **\*Syed Javed Husnain:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any plan to connect Gwadar with Chabahar of Iran by Railways line;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any such plan under consideration of the Government alongwith the time by which said Railways track will be constructed?*

**Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed):** (a) No.

(b) Nil.

38. **\*Mr. Abdul Majeed Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the promotion of accountants in the Federal Directorate has not been made since long;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government or the Ministry in this regard; and*
- (c) *whether the promotion policy of non-teaching staff of other cadres is under consideration of the Government ; if yes, details; if not, reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) Promotion of Accountants (BS-16) has never been stuck up and it is a regular feature of service matters. There are two different promotion lines for Accountants which are posts of Bursar-BS-17 (05 posts) and Admn Officer-BS-17 (14 posts) in the streams of FDE (HQ) and Colleges.

(b) With reference to para above all 05 posts of Bursar (BS-17) are filled (50% by promotion and 50% by direct recruitment). Out of 14 posts of Admn Officer-BS-17, 12 posts are filled and only 02 posts are vacant. The cases for promotion against these 02 vacant are under process in the Ministry.

(c) Under the revised promotion policy circulated by the Establishment Division in 2016, the promotion cases of various cadres are being prepared and presented in Department Promotion Committee (DPC) whenever called.

39. **\*Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

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

- (a) *the annual fund in Pakistan Bat-ul-Mall and the fund disbursed to the deserving persons during last five years; and*
- (b) *the amount so far disbursed to the poor therefrom by the present Government?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The detail of annual funds received by Pakistan Bait ul Mal; and detail of funds disbursed to deserving persons during last five years is enclosed at Annex-A.

(b) The detail of amount so far disbursed to the poors by the present Government is enclosed as Annex-B.

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

40. **\*Mahar Irshad Ahmad Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether the Federal Government have noticed that Muzaffargarh having population of more than 45 lacs has*

*neither any University nor campus of any recognized University overthere; if so, the reasons thereof; and*

- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to establish a University or campus of any University of the Federal Government overthere by naming the said University or campus in the names of famous deserving personalities of Muzaffargarh?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) It is a fact that Muzaffargarh having population of over 45 lacs, neither has a university nor a sub-campus of any recognized university. To fill the gap Bahauddin Zakriya University (BZU), Multan was requested to submit a feasibility report for establishment of its sub-campus at District Muzaffargarh. Bahauddin Zakriya University (BZU), has submitted the report for the Establishment of its sub-campus at an estimated cost of Rs. 1927.225 million. The project is required to be included in Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP 2019-20) for implementation.

(b) The question of naming a Higher Education Institution after deserving personalities can be decided by the Government after approval of the project.

41. **\*Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

*Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the precautionary measures/ protective steps being taken by the Government regarding increase in environmental pollution and hazards to water life due to flow of polluted water in the rivers?*

**Minister of State for Climate Change (Ms. Zartaj Gul):** The subject has been transferred to the provincial EPAs under 18th Constitutional Amendments. However, Ministry of Climate Change is mandated to oversee the issues of climate change in the country and respond to the International agreements, protocols and conventions related to climate change. It is pertinent to mention here that the climate change and environment has inextricable nexus. In this connection the following

threats have been identified in the National Climate Change Policy 2012, in the context of environmental pollution.

- Projected recession of the Hindu Kush-Karakoram-Himalayan (HKH) glaciers due to global warming and carbon soot deposits from trans-boundary pollution sources, threatening water inflows into the Indus River System (IRS);
- Increased intrusion of saline water in the Indus delta, adversely affecting coastal agriculture, mangroves and the breeding grounds of fish;

2. Moreover, the projects i.e. short term, mid term and long terms actions have been identified in the Implementation Framework (2014-2030) to protect water resources from further environmental degradation are given below:

- Identify the sources and estimate the amount of wastewater available for recycling in the country including AJK.
- Install waste water treatment plants at all the urban sewerage system.
- Make allocation of water from the existing gross national water availability to minimum environmental river flow, downstream of Kotri.
- Undertake a study to identify the potential environmental threats to the watershed and catchment areas of the rivers flowing into Pakistan.
- Enhance capacity of relevant departments for silt and salt management in Indus Basin.
- Undertake periodic proper de-siltation of the canal system.
- To identify the environmental threats to the uphill watershed and catchment areas of the rivers flowing in the plain regions of Pakistan.

- Effectively enforce all environmental laws, concerning water conservation and water protection, through provincial/ state EPAs.
- Review the existing laws related to industrial and domestic waste.
- Management practices and update if needed to protect environment, in particular, water resources from further degradation.
- Identify Government Departments and Private Sector Organizations that will process solid and liquid industrial waste before it is mixed with existing water resources like lakes, rivers and aquifers.
- Identify local line departments that will legislate and enforce proper solid and liquid waste management laws.

4. Moreover, Ministry of Climate Change has under taken policy measures in context of drinking water and sanitation and forwarded the same to the provinces for implementation. The measures are as follows:—

- I. The National Environmental Quality Standards for Waste Water, the standards are to be implemented by EPA.
- II. The sanitation Policy of 2006 clearly guide on the end pipe treatment for the sewerage water and municipal waste. After the devolution the implementation of interventions for waste water treatment is with the provincial government (LGCDFHUD&PHED).
- III. Ministry of Climate Change has reviewed the existing Sanitation Policy and developed the sanitation guidelines which are aligned with the SDG. The guidelines highlight the aspects of sanitation that includes offsite and onsite treatment.
- IV. MoCC has organized a national consultation in December, 2018 and established the base line and targets for safe drinking water

and safe sanitation along with the annual costing for the targets. The baseline for safe drinking water is 36% and for safe sanitation is 0%. The annual target for access to safe drinking water by 2030 is set to be 95% and for access to safe sanitation is 72%. Provinces will develop the safe sanitation and safe drinking water plans and budgets based on the baseline and finalized targets.

5. Furthermore, Sindh Environmental Protection Agency has mandated for enforcement of Sindh Environmental Protection (SEP) Act 2014 and Rules & Regulations made there under. Industrial monitoring has been initiated to check individual industrial units located in various industrial areas in Sindh for compliance of environmental laws, in perception to restrain disposal of untreated wastewater and air emissions into the water streams and ambient air to prevent contamination of air, water bodies and the sea. Individual industries units are therefore ensure in house arrangement for treatment of wastewater prior to disposal and air pollution controlling equipments. Legal action would be initiated against the violators, including prosecution under the provision of Sindh Environmental Protection Act 2014.

6. In exercising the functions prescribed under the act and rules and regulations, during the year 2017-18 **152** complaints have been filed before the Environmental Protection Tribunal (EPT) as well as **384** complaints have been filed in the various courts of judicial magistrate throughout Sindh province against violators / contraveners of environmental laws. SEPA also imposed penalties against **27** industrial units to an amount of Rs. **14.5 millions**.

7. Sindh EPA recently completed the Industrial survey of Sindh in which industries were categorized according to their source of waste. The industries which requires for installation of wastewater treatment plant four (04) months and septic tank two (02) months time given.

8. Till date more than 130 industries have established wastewater treatment plants. All Sugar Industries will install wastewater treatment plant before the next crushing season *i.e.*, 2019-20.



42. **\*Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

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

- (a) *the increase made in the railways fares by the Government and the route-wise fares thereof;*
- (b) *the number of modern trains planned by the Government to ply on tracks in Pakistan in future; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make reduction in the fares?*

**Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed):** (a) There are 132 passenger trains operating over the system in which the fare of only 20 trains has been increased between 3.8% to 15 % and that of only one train has been increased by 17%. The route wise fares increased are enclosed as annexure-A. The increase in fares has been driven by the increase in fuel prices from Rs. 88.89 to Rs. 110.15 per litre during last one year.

(b) Pakistan Railways plan to operate two Non-stop trains with modern facilities in the near future by the names of Jinnah Express & Sir Syed Express.

(c) No, at present there is no such proposal under consideration of Government to reduce passenger fares. Passenger fares are generally revised after every three months but it is ensured that the fares of Railways are fixed lower than the road to attract public.

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

43. **\*Mr. Abdul Majeed Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether steps have been taken for the revision of promotion policy and Four Tier Formula, on the pattern of the Khyber*

*Pakhtunkhwa for the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Federal Education and Professional Training Division to increase the number of promotees expeditiously; if not, reasons thereof; and*

*(b) the time by which the promotion policy will be revised?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) Four Tier structure for teachers in FDE has been taken up for revision with Ministry of Federal Educational and Professional Training, Islamabad. Accordingly the revision of four tier promotion formula is referred to the Establishment Division and FPSC for their concurrence.

(b) Once the concurrence is received from FPSC, the same will be implemented by the FDE in true letter and spirit.

44. **\*Syed Hussain Tariq:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:*

*(a) whether there is any plan to re-assess the policy of open skies by the Government recently; if so, when such re-assessment was made alongwith details thereof;*

*(b) whether a fact that the said plan was detrimental to PIA, as several domestic and international routes, previously operated by the PIA, were captured by other airlines;*

*(c) if so, is there any proposal under consideration of the Government to conduct a forensic audit and identify negative details/impact thereof to PIA and fix it for corrective measures;*

*(d) if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

45. **\*Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

(a) *the number of new recruitments made during the last five years; and*

(b) *the number of daily wages employees therein?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Recruitments in the Federal Government are made at department level subject to the availability of post in each department of every Ministry / Division. The record of recruitments is maintained by the concerned department of each Ministry / Division. All Ministries / Divisions have been requested to provide information regarding number of new recruitments made during the last five years. Out of 43 Ministries / Divisions only 14 Ministries / Divisions have provided required information so far, while remaining Ministries / Divisions have been requested again to provide the information on priority. According to provided information, the summary for number of recruitments is at **Annex-I**. However, detail of Ministries / Divisions is as under:

<b>Total Divisions</b>	<b>Divisions Replied</b>	<b>Awaited Reply</b>	<b>No. of Recruitments made during last 5 years.</b>
43	14	29	1629

(b) The number of daily wages employees = 12252. Detail is at **Annex-II**.

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

46. **\*Ms. Naz Baloch:**

*Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to create jobs in the IT sector?*

**Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication**

**(Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui):** i. Number of policy measures have been taken-1 by MoIT and few are in pipeline. Digital Pakistan Policy 2018 is a well-crafted policy document which covers almost every stream of IT Sector in holistic terms. This policy document is also aligned with Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and talks about cross-sectoral National ICT agenda.

ii. Digiskills program which was conceived by Ministry of IT, has been launched across the country, to train one (1) million people in the future of work using technology. Virtual University of Pakistan has been selected to execute this mega training program under the auspices of Ministry of Information Technology and Telecom through Ignite-National Technology Fund (formerly National ICT R&D Fund). The DigiSkills Program is aimed at equipping our youth, freelancers, students, housewives, professionals, etc. with knowledge, skills, tools & techniques necessary to seize the opportunities available internationally on online marketplaces as well as locally to earn a decent living.

iii. ICT FOR GIRLS is a signature project of MoIT to spur the socio economic uplift of this very important segment of the society. The primary purpose of the project is to provide with digital skills training through Information Communication Technology (ICT) Infrastructure with latest hardware, high speed Internet, software and trained human resource, to the prescribed centers. Through this Mega project, Ministry of IT & Telecom through Universal Service Fund aims to increase the employability potential of the girls in Pakistan, so that they are financially empowered to take care of their families and themselves. Under this project 226 Schools of Islamabad have been provided with Digital Labs. In addition to the equipment, 202 teachers have also been placed at these institutions. These teachers have been trained by Microsoft under Train the Trainer program on 21st Century 4C Skills. 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.

As part of this project 150 Women Empowerment Centers of Bait-ul-Mal have been provided with Digital Labs. Women empowerment Centers is an initiative of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal devoted to capacity building of women in un-served and underserved areas of Pakistan. 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.

iv. MoIT, through Universal Service Fund, is also working to connect the unserved and underserved areas of the country which will provide access to backward areas of the country thereby increasing their productivity and employability.

v. Prime Minister has constituted a Taskforce on IT & Telecom, consisting of IT & Telecom subject experts along-with representatives of stakeholder Public organizations. Subject Taskforce is currently working on detailed review of IT & Telecom sectors and recommendations to boost ICT sector will be submitted to Federal Cabinet for its promotion and growth, accordingly. Job creation in ICT sector is also a key agenda for the subject deliberations.

47. **\*Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the names of countries in which PTV is being telecasted?*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):** PTV Transmission can be watched *via* satellite PakSat-IR in 60 countries, the list of which is hereby enclosed at **Annexure-A**.

Annex-A

2.	AUSTRIA	22.	IRAQ	42.	SAUDIA ARABIA
3.	ARABIAN SEA	23.	INDIA	43.	SUDAN
4.	BAHRAIN	24.	ISRAEL	44.	SOUTH AFRICA
5.	BANGALADESH	25.	IRELAND	45.	SYRIA
6.	BOTSWANA	26.	ITALY	46.	SPAIN
7.	BURMA	27.	KENYA	47.	SLOVAKIA
8.	BULGARIA	28.	KAZAKHISTAN	48.	SARILANKA
9.	CHAD	29.	KARGYZSTAN	49.	SOMALIA
10.	CHINA	30.	LEBANON	50.	TANZANIA
11.	CZECH REPUBLIC	31.	LYBYA	51.	TURKMENISTAN
12.	C. AFRICAN REP	32.	MASQAT	52.	TUNISIA
13.	DR CONGO	33.	MADAGASCAR	53.	TURKEY
14.	EGYPT	34.	MONGOLIA	54.	UAE
15.	ETHIOPIA	35.	MOZAMBIQUE	55.	UGANDA
16.	FRANCE	36.	MYANMAR	56.	UZBEKISTAN
17.	GREECE	37.	NEPAL	57.	UNITED KINGDOM
18.	GEORGIA	38.	OMAN	58.	YEMEN
19.	GERMANY	39.	PAKISTAN	59.	ZAMBIA
20.	HYNGRY	40.	QATAR	60.	ZIMBABWE

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

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

- (a) *the details of educational fields in which the funds are provided for higher education in Pakistan and the procedure prescribed for the selection of new fields as per new demands; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to enhance the education of Artificial intelligence?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** a) Federal Government is providing annual recurring and development grants to the public sector Universities/ Degree

Awarding Institutions (DAIs)/ Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) through Higher Education Commission (HEC) as per funding mandate enunciated in HEC Ordinance No.LIII of 2002 under section 10(g), the funds shall be provided on '**need and performance**' basis. Annual recurring grant to universities are allocated under three main components in the line with funding policy approved by the Commission:

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Base Grant (65%)	Discipline-wise enrollment with difference weightages
Need Grant (20)	4 Parameters
Performance Grant (15)	6 Parameters

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Recurring funding is not based on selection of fields rather on specified parameters including total enrollment of the university in various disciplines, remoteness/location of the university, PhD faculty, research and publication etc. students enrolled in 'Artificial Intelligence' programs (classified under overall discipline of Computer Science) are counted twice while allocating funds under the base grant component.

(b) Artificial Intelligence is one of the most important areas of computer science and engineering disciplines. It has the ability to create impact in industrial and strategic production. Realizing the importance of the subject area, HEC has established National Research Center in the field of Artificial Intelligence, approved by the CDWP in its meeting held on May 09, 2017 at a cost of Rs. 10988.387 million. The project was awarded on competitive basis where maximum relevant human resource, researchers, support department, labs, and other allied facilities are available.

49. **\*Mr. Abdul Shakoor:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the railway's track from Peshawar to Torkham Border laid during British era are not in use at present;*
- (b) *if so, whether the Government intends to restore the said railway's track particularly for business and tourism purpose;*
- (c) *if so, when; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed):** (a) It is a fact that Railway Tack from Peshawar to Torkham Border is not in use mainly due to the fact that track was damaged/ washed away at places in the flash floods during 2007.

(b) A proposal is under consideration and negotiations are being made with tourism department of KP to revive this track for running of tourist train.

(c) Feasibility study will be examined and on arrangement of mode of financing through different options in consultation with KP tourism department, the project will be executed.

50. **\*Mr. Faheem Khan:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the Government has closed the SFDAC department which had been granting the Textile degrees with the affiliation of Hamdard University from 2004 to 2017 and it has been handed over to National Textile University after 2017; and*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that no one is paying attention to textile degree holders, who received their degrees till 2017, specially SFDAC degree holders are not being given the membership by Engineering Council; and*

(c) *the time by which Government will address this matter alongwith complete details thereof?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) It is fact that from year 2004 to 2017, Synthetic Fiber Development and Application Center (SFDAC) was affiliated with Hamdard University and working under Ministry of Commerce and Textile, Islamabad, had been granting the textile degrees. Incompliance to the direction of Prime Minister of Pakistan, the SFDAC was liquidated and



handed over to National Textile University (NTU) in year 2017, and now it is functioning as NTU Karachi campus.

(b) It is the fact that Textile degree holders who received Textile degree till year 2017 from SFDAC are under the attention of NTU. The communication of Director, NTU Karachi campus is in progress with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) to resolve the matter of those degree holders who have not been awarded registration by the PEC.

(c) The NTU is in process with PEC and Hamdard University to resolve the matter at earliest.

51. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the number of students studying in each public and private University in the country at present, separately?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** As per enrollment record for the year 2017-18, 1.581 million (1.272 million in Public and 0.309 million in Private) students are studying in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of the country. The University-wise breakup is shown at **Annex-I**.

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

52. **\*Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to implement the order of Supreme Court to adopt Urdu as an official language in letter and spirit;*
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) if no, the departments/offices/institutions/organizations where Urdu has been adopted as official language?*

**Minister for National History and Literary Heritage (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) The Government has taken numerous initiatives for the adoption of Urdu as official language. In this regard the then Honorable Prime Minister Islamic Republic of Pakistan had approved ten points agenda on 6th July 2015 as under:

1. All the departments (govt. and semi-govt.) working under the administrative control of the Federation will publish Urdu translation of their policies within 3 months.
2. All the administrative departments (govt. and semi-govt.) working under the administrative control of the Federation will publish Urdu translation of all laws within 3 months.
3. All the departments (govt. and semi-govt.) working under the administrative control of the Federation will publish Urdu translation of all kind of forms along with English within 3 months.
4. Sign Boards in both Urdu and English will be displayed at all places of public importance *i.e.* courts, police stations, parks, educational institutions, banks etc. for the guidance of the general public within 3 months.
5. All the documents of passport office, income tax department, AGPR, Auditor General of Pakistan, WAPDA, Sui Gas, Election Commission of Pakistan including Driving Licenses and Utility bills will be provided in Urdu within 3 months. All the contents of 71, passport will be given in Urdu and English.
6. All the departments (govt. and semi-govt.) working under administrative control of the federal government will host their websites in both Urdu and English.
7. All the sign boards fixed along road sides of highways and small roads will be installed in both Urdu and English for the guidance of general public within 3 months.

8. Proceedings of all the official ceremonies/ receptions will be initiated in Urdu in due course of time within 3 months.
9. President, Prime Minister and all federal Govt. representatives/ officers will deliver their speeches in Urdu within and out of country. This process will be started gradually within 3 months.
10. National Language Promotion Department will be given main focus with respect to implementation and promotion of Urdu, so that the obstacles in the way of accomplishment of this national objective can be removed effectively at the earliest possible.

The Federal Government constituted a committee for the implementation of the national language as on 1st September 2015 which consisted of the federal cabinet members. Later on the same committee was reconstituted for the implementation of the national language as on 28th November 2018, which now consists of the following members:

1. Mr. Shafqat Mahmood, Federal Minister for National History and Literary Heritage, Chairman
2. Mr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, Federal Minister for I.T. & Telecom, Member
3. Syed Ali Haider Zaidi, Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Member
4. Ms. Zartaj Gul, Federal State Minister for Climate Change, Member
5. Secretary, National History and Literary Heritage Division, Member/ Secretary

The aforementioned Committee on the Implementation of Urdu had conducted five meetings to review the implementation process and to propose further long term measurements. The committee's proposed long term recommendations are attached at **Annex-A**.

The National Language Promotion Department (NLPD) had translated 3000 pages of various 56 ministries/divisions/departments and organizations. The NLPD had also reviewed and standardized 3583 pages of various 28 ministries/divisions/departments and organizations with reference to the Apex Court decision.

As per the directives of the Apex Court, the National History and Literary Heritage Division communicated and initiated for the availability of the facility in Competitive Examination in Urdu with Federal Public Service Commission. Special written memorandum has been issued to all federal and provincial organizations regarding Uniform Nastaleeq Script use. The M/o Information Technology has also ensured the division about the availability of Urdu Language in E-Office Suit.

(b) The Federal Government has taken various initiatives in this regard positively to progress as per the decision of the Apex Court.

(c) The policy level initiatives detail has been listed under sub-heading (a) as above. The implementation report received from various departments / offices/ institutions/ organizations attached at **Annex-B**.

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

53. **\*Ms. Naz Baloch:**

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to improve the railways service?*

**Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed):** 1. The Government is focusing on Improvement of basic amenities such as the train lighting, ensuring watering, toiletries and cleanliness of the coaches and station Platforms.

2. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been devised for cleanliness of Trains and Stations by the Headquarters office to ensure clean and green Pakistan.

3. Pace of refurbishment of coaches has been enhanced to provide better travelling facilities to the travelling public.

4. Policy for indigenization of manufacturing of coaches at Carriage Factory, Islamabad is vigorously being pursued.

5. 15 New Power Vans (300 KVA) has been introduced to ensure uninterrupted supply to the coaches.

6. Special and dedicated focus on the punctuality of trains to save the valuable time of the passengers.

54. **\*Ms. Munawara Bibi Baloch:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:*

(a) *whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to increase PIA flights for Balochistan in order to facilitate traveling within province;*

(b) *whether there is any proposal to bound the PIA to sell air tickets at fixed rates, so that in emergencies the people of the province would not be compelled to purchase the air tickets at higher rates; and*

(c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to exempt extra luggage of the Hujjaj from extra payment during Hajj?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Muhammadmian Soomro):**

(a) PIA operates flights to/from Quetta, Zhob, Turbat, Panjgur, Dalbadin and Gawadar. PIA is operating flights international destinations like Muscat, and Sharjah from Baluchistan. Historically flights to/from Jiwani, Khuzdar, Ormara, Sibi and Pasni were also operated by PIA, however there were certain operational and economic constraints which led to the suspension of these flights.

(b) PIA also has implemented Revenue Management System through which passengers are offered low fares when there is substantial time to flight departure and fare increases when the flight is close to departure *i.e.* “earlier you buy, cheaper you fly”. Furthermore, not only all leading

airlines of the world have implemented revenue management system but other Pakistani carriers are also managing their flights through this system.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration. One of the important ingredients of air fare is the fuel cost which has direct proportion to the payload an aircraft carries. The more weight it carries the more fuel it consumes as burn off thus increasing the cost of operation. All *Hujjaj* have the facility to carry extra baggage in return of paying extra fare for the same.

55. **\*Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that cargo staff of PIA is accused of theft of valuables from the luggage of passengers;*
- (b) if so, the number of employees against whom actions have been taken since June 2015;*
- (c) the details of the actions taken against them; and*
- (d) the steps being taken to prevent such theft?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Muhammadmian Soomro):**

(a) There were Baggage Attendants found accused of theft of valuables from the luggage of passengers.

(b) As per record 64 Baggage Attendants found involved in taking out valuables from the luggage of passengers since 2015.

(c) Out of 64 cases 45 were terminated and 19 were removed from place of duty and transferred. It is to be mentioned that action was also taken against those who were recommended by other security agencies working at the airports mainly, ASF (Air Port Security Force).

(d) The steps being taken by the Government/PIACL to control the said stealing by the staff are as following:

- i. The security has been beefed up by re-posting/adjusting the manpower pickets as per the complaints received.
- ii. Duty Roster are adjusted and duties are re-arranged on monthly basis to break any cell / interlink at lower level if any.
- iii. CCTV Cameras have been installed by CAA and ASF at all premises / important locations for monitoring.
- iv. As per practice/procedure all individuals are thoroughly searched/checked physically while entering/leaving the premises.
- v. Where ever the complaints are received verbally / in writing the ground checks are carried out immediately and culprits (if any) are given due punishments as mentioned in PHS record.

56. **\*Dr. Haider Ali Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that for the establishment of Swat University announcement was made eight years back and the University came into formal existence in July 2010;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that since eight years even today the promise for its own campus remained unfulfilled;*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the land was purchased and funds were provided by the HEC;*
- (d) *if so, why the construction work has not yet been started as the students are still studying in the rental buildings in various parts of Swat; and*
- (e) *whether there is any comprehensive plan of the Government to build the University building?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) The announcement for establishment of University of Swat was made by the then Prime Minister of Pakistan during his visit to Swat on May 29, 2010. The University of Swat was formally notified on July 07, 2010 *vide* Regulation by the Governor of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa *vide* No Legis:1(7)08/12723.

(b) The construction of purpose-built campus of a university requires multiple steps like identification and acquisition of land, taking possession of the land, approval of PC-1 for its infrastructure development, hiring of consultants for design and supervision of civil work, awarding civil work to contractors etc.

Land of the University of Swat measuring 1114 Kanal was acquired by the Provincial Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for its permanent campus. The land was handed over to the University of Swat on July 02, 2012.

For development of university a project titled “**Establishment of University of Swat (Phase-I)**” was approved by CDWP meeting held on January 27, 2015 on cost sharing basis at a total cost of Rs.2,420.263 million (CDWP share: Rs.923.581 million, ADP share: Rs.1,496.682 million). The civil work of University of Swat is in progress. Recently, the provincial share of project has been revised to Rs.1,640.465 million resulting in increase in overall budgetary provision, of Rs.2,564.046 million.

(c) No, the land was purchased by the Provincial Government through District Administration Swat and funds for this purpose were also provided by the Provincial Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

(d) The construction work at newly acquired site of Charbagh has been started in 2014. At present, the construction of Girls Hostel has been completed while work on Academic blocks is at advance stage. Work on Boys & Faculty Hostels, Boundary Wall, Main Gate, Roads and Allied Facilities etc. are in progress. The work on the project remained slow due to non-appointment of regular Vice Chancellor for two years from 03-12-2015 to 20-12-2017.



(e) The development project presently under execution envisaged to provide necessary infrastructure and other facilities required for the operation of a University. These include two Academic Blocks for 7000-8000 students, Admin block, two Students Hostels one each for male and female with capacity of 200 students (each), faculty hostel for 40 teachers, residences and flats for faculty and staff, library, students service center etc. It is expected that the university will be able to partially utilize these facilities by 2020.

57. **\*Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

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

- (a) *the date by which factory for the manufacturing of railways engines was established in Mardan; and*
- (b) *the number of engines manufactured in said industry since its inception till date?*

**Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed):** (a) No any factory was established in Mardan for manufacturing of railways engines. However, a factory named “Pakistan Locomotive Factory” had been established at Risalpur in 1992 which was commissioned in 1993 with the capacity of assembling 25 locomotives/engines per annum on single shift basis.

(b) Since inception, it has assembled 102 new locomotives and rehabilitated 26 locomotives up till now.

58. **\*Prof. Dr. Shahnaz Baloch:**

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

- (a) *the steps taken or being taken by the Government to promote awareness in the province of Balochistan to promote the media education through Print and Electronic media;*

- (b) *the number of scholarships awarded by the Government for media education to the students and Journalists of Balochistan;*
- (c) *whether there is any specific Quota for the people of Balochistan for media education in the Universities of Pakistan;*
- (d) *if so, the details thereof; if not, the steps being taken by the Government to enhance the capacity of the deprived people of Balochistan?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) Government has launched different Scholarship programmes for the deprived areas of Balochistan to promote awareness through Higher Education. Under the initiative of Aghaz-e Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package (AHBP) Higher Education Commission (HEC) launched 600 MPhil Leading to PhD Scholarships including (200 overseas and 400 indigenous). These scholarships also include Media Education (Journalism, Mass Communication, etc.).

(b) In the aforesaid scholarship programme, so far no application has been received in HEC for media education.

(c) There is no specific quota for the media education in the Universities of Pakistan.

(d) Government has launched different scholarship programs to support deprived/under developed areas of Pakistan including Balochistan. Following are the scholarship initiatives taken under HEC:

- i. Master leading to PhD Scholarship Program (Indigenous and Overseas) for the students of Balochistan (AHBP)
- ii. Provision of Higher Education Opportunities for Students of Balochistan & FATA (President Directives)”
- iii. Provision of Higher Education Opportunities for Students of Balochistan & FATA (President Directives) Phase-II

- iv. Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement Scheme for Less Developed Areas
- v. Scholarships awarded to Students of Balochistan from all scholarships schemes under HEC based on government quota policy.

59. **\*Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**

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

- (a) *whether pharmacy shops are being opened by the Government at railways stations in the country;*
- (b) *if so, the details of procedure and standards thereof?*

**Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed):** (a) We are going to open Pharmacy shops at major Railway stations in the country through invitation of bids as per PPRA rules.

(b) **PROCEDURE.**

The bids will be offered as per single stage two envelope procedure. Technical and financial proposal will be submitted by the bidders.

**STANDARDS.**

The specific terms and conditions, mandatory requirements for establishment of pharmacy will be a valid Pharmacy License. Technical evaluation criteria, scoring procedure for the bidders has been included in the bidding documents.

60. **\*Sardar Nasrullah Khan Dreshak:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the income and expenditure of the Pakistan International Airlines during the year 2017-18;*

- (b) *the deficit suffered by PIA during the said period;*
- (c) *the total borrowing of the PIA as on 30-06-2018;*
- (d) *the details of total number of grade-wise employees in the PIA establishment;*
- (e) *if the airline is suffering loss, the remedial measures proposed by the airline for consideration by the Government?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Muhammadmian Soomro):**

(a) Summary of Revenue & Expenses is as under:

PKR in Million	
<b>Jan-Dec (2017)</b>	
Revenues	90.352
Operating Expense	(120.091)
Operating Loss	(29.739)
Finance Cost & Exchange Loss	(17.861)
Loss Before Tax	(47,600)

(b) The deficit suffered by PIA during the year 2017: PKR (47,600) Million.

(c) The total borrowing of the PIA as on 30-08-18: PKR 229,681 Million

(d) The details of total number of grade-wise employees in the PIA establishment are as under:

S.No.	Grade / Pay Group	Total
1	Special	12
2	Cockpit Crew/Cabin Crew	481
3	X	38

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Grade / Pay Group</b>	<b>Total</b>
4	IX	174
5	VIII	877
6	VII	534
7	VI	1750
8	V	1818
9	IV	4853
10	III	1502
11	II	471
12	I	9
13	Local Employees at Foreign Station	142
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>12661</b>

(e) The present management of PIA took over on 26th October, 2018. Since then it is striving vigorously to take and implement effective measure towards Austerity and Cost Cutting as envisaged by the Federal Government. In this regard, following remedial measures have been taken for improvement of the airline:

- (i) Reduction in Management HR compensation.
- (ii) Reduction in additional allowance on acting/officiating charge.
- (iii) Reduction in Booking/ Reservation Expenses by switching over to HITIT from Sabre
- (iv) Strict control of travel on company expenses.
- (v) Strict control on Telephone Expenses.

- (vi) Strict control on provision of free tickets.
- (vii) Office Entertainment Expenses Accountable.
- (viii) Savings on stationery expenses.
- (ix) Retrieve vehicles and to curtail the fuel allowances where being used without proper justification.
- (x) Expansion of network by opening of new routes.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 20th February, 2019*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*

**(8th Session)**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Thursday, the 21st February, 2019**

23. **Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan:**  
*(Deferred during 7th Session)*

*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?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) Universities are being regulated by their respective charters and functions through their statutory bodies. Higher Education Commission (HEC) is regulatory body for higher education sector, which facilitates and performs its functions as per section (10) of Ordinance L-III of 2002. The universities being corporate bodies may acquire and hold property, both moveable and immovable. The detail of availability of hostel facilities in universities of Islamabad is attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) HEC recognize only those universities that fulfill the minimum criteria as prescribed by the Federal Universities Ordinance (FUO) of 2002 captioned “**Ordinance No. CXX of 2002**”.

(c) The universities provide hostel facilities to its students as per resources available to the universities. HEC provides financial support to these universities for their infrastructure development including Hostels.

**Annex-I**

**SUMMARY**

SN	Funding Source	No. of Hostels	No. of Students
1	HEC (PSDP Funded)	30	6,984
2	Universities (Own Resources/ Donation	38	10,254
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>17,238</b>

**HEC (PSDP FUNDED)**

SN	Funding Source	No. of Hostels	No. of Students
1	Institute of Space Technology, Islamabad	1	250
2	Bahria University	1	200
3	PIEAS	5	652
4	International Islamic University, Islamabad	4	1300
5	Air University	1	350
6	Quaid I Azam University	9	2260
7	National University of Science and Technology	8	1772
8	National University of Modern Languages	1	200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>6984</b>



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**UNIVERSITIES (OWN RESOURCES / DONATION)**


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SN	University Name	No. of Hostels	No. of Students
1	Institute of Space Technology, Islamabad	3	650
2	Bahria University	1	150
3	PIEAS	5	540
4	International Islamic University, Islamabad	11	4240
5	Air University	1	150
6	Quaid I Azam University	6	1500
7	National University of Science and Technology	8	2484
8	National University of Modern Languages	2	290
9	COMSATS	1	250
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>10,254</b>

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@24. **Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan:**  
(Deferred during 7th Session)

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting 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?*

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

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In 1990 the functions of National Film Development Corporation (NAFDEC) was deregulated, resultantly all the assets of NAFDEC were liquidated in 2002.

(b) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting through National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa) and Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) is conducting research, collection, documentation, preservation and dissemination of Pakistan's traditional culture. Whereas, both the organizations have also arranged number of activities in the performing arts and promoting Pakistan living culture both locally and internationally. The details of these cultural activities are also being provided at **Annex-A & B**.

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

10. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Junior Assistants working in the National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC) since 2003 are not being promoted as per NTC's services rules;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that NTC is not being extended benefit of increase in conveyance allowance @ 5% which was announced by the Government in 2014 for their employees;*
- (c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, what steps are being taken to upgrade the incumbents of the posts of Junior Assistants to next pay scale and grant conveyance allowance in line with the employees of the Government expeditiously?*

**Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication (Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui):** (a) Since the Year 2003, 80 promotions have been made in the cadre as per details at **Annex-A**.

(b) NTC has its own Pay Scales. Pay Allowances admissible to the employees of Federal Government are not applicable on the employees of NTC. NTC adopted increases in Pay & Allowances with the approval of NTC Management Board with the concurrence of Standing Committee of Ministry of Finance (Regulations Wing). NTC has not adopted 5% increase in conveyance allowance.

(c) As explained above.

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

11. **Mst. Shaheen Naz Saifullah:**

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

(a) *the present status of special education system; and*

(b) *the school facility arranged for junk picking children?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) The Directorate General of Special Education, an Attached Department of Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, is providing Medical Rehabilitation, Education and Training to 1516 Children / persons with disabilities through 13 Centres/ Institutions **(Annex-A)**. In addition to that, trainings are imparted to in service staff from public and private sectors.

(b) Directorate General of Special Education (DGSE) is not providing school facilities to junk picking children. However, free pick & drop facility is provided to 1188 children with disabilities.

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

12. **Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that corporal punishment in schools has put negative impacts on mental and physical health viz poor moral internalization, increases antisocial behaviour, aggression, increases violent and criminal behaviour in children;*
- (b) *the punishment for teachers found involved in corporal punishment in the schools in Islamabad;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that complaints are lodged against teachers habitually giving corporal punishment in IMCB, F-7/3, Islamabad from class 6th to 10th;*
- (d) *the number of complaints reported to the Principal of said school against teachers; if so, the details of action taken against said teachers; and*
- (e) *the steps being taken to train the teachers of said schools to avoid giving corporal punishment?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training**

**(Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** (a) It is a fact that Corporal punishment has negative impact on mental and physical health of students, leading to violent and criminal behavior. It has been taken care of in legislation as well as in practices in educational institutions working under Federal Directorate of Education (FDE). Corporal punishment is strictly prohibited in all Educational Institutions working under the administrative control of FDE. The same has been implemented vide Education Code 2006 as well as legislative cover in Article 25-A of constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

(b) Whenever a teachers is reported and substantiated to be guilty of defiance of the circulated instructions, he / she is proceeded against under the relevant disciplinary provision contained in the government Servant Conduct Rule. 1964 and this Efficiency and Discipline Rules, 1973 accordingly.

(c) No such complaint received by the FDE against teachers of IMCB, F-7/3, Islamabad.

(d) As mentioned in para C above.

(e) Instructions to the Head of the institutions under FDE have been passed from time to time that to instruct their staff to refrain themselves involving in corporal punishment / assault.

13. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state that why Pakistani female students are morally policed by the administration on dress code?*

**Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training (Mr. Shafqat Mahmood):** The impression that the Pakistani female students are morally policed by the administration on dress is not supported. However, some Higher Educational Institutions (Air University, Bahria University, and Institute of Space Technology, Islamabad etc.) have prescribed the dress code to the extent that the dress should be sober, decent, and in accordance with the cultural values of Pakistan. Such dress code is equally applicable to the students of either gender.

14. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the biopic on Sadat Hassan Manto is banned in Pakistan; if so, reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that it has already been released throughout the world and has won many accolades;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that a controversy has disappointed the fans of Manto appreciating all his works throughout his life and beyond, especially in his own country that refuses to own one of the finest and most searing writers of the Urdu being National Language?*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Fawad Ahmed):** (a) A biopic titled “**MANTO**” (Urdu)(Feature Film) on Sadat Hasan Manto, produced by Asif Raza Mir has already been granted a censorship certificate bearing No. 146/M-I/15, dated 31-08-2015 for public exhibition under the provisions of the Motion Pictures Ordinance, 1979. However, a foreign feature film titled “**MANTO**” (with Indian cast and crew) produced by Vikrant Batra, AjitAndhare and others has been declared unsuitable by a panel of CBFC members for public exhibition for the reasons communicated to the Importer vide letter dated 4th December 2018 that the film contains “*anti-partition narrative theme and explicit scenes, which is against the norms of Pakistani society*”(Annexure “A”) but they have neither replied nor made a request to place the matter before full Board for final verdict so far.

(b) Since production of film has been made in India. We are not in a position to give a definite answer.

(c) The Urdu featured film “**MANTO**” produced by Asif Raza Mir, has been exhibited in Pakistan and widely appreciated.

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

15. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**

*Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:*

(a) *whether it is a fact that number of ghost employees were found in PIA recently; if so, their details; and*

(b) *whether the administration of the PIA investigated issues of ghost employees; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Aviation Division (Mr. Muhammadmian Soomro):**

(a) The 184 employees were hired through Manpower Service Provider and they were not under any direct employment of PIA CL. Detail list of 184 staff is-attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) The laid off 184 staff through Manpower Service Provider were not reporting for duty as they were unauthorized absent for last 03 months or

more than this. Neither their monthly wages were disbursed by the Service Provider nor their Bill/Invoice generated, verified and cleared by PIACL. This report was submitted to the Service Provider based on which 184 employees were laid off by them.

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

16. **Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**

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

- (a) the terms and conditions under which Thalassemia Centre Sundas Foundation has been handed over to Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal; and*
- (b) the name of authority which ordered and approved it?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Pakistan Bait ul Mal (PBM) handed over Thalassemia Centre to Sundas Foundation. As per following TORs:

**CLAUSE-1.**

- i. For the efficient administration of the center the administrative control of the Centre will rest with Sundas Foundation.
- ii. The building and the office infrastructure shall be handed over by PBM to Sundas Foundation subject the conditions mentioned in this MoU. All subsequent rooms renovation / expansions, civil works, utilities, furniture for blood bank transfusion couches at Thalessemia and Hemophilia Centre shall be the responsibility of Sundas Foundation at his own cost and expenditure. The PBM will only pay utility bills (electricity, gas & water).
- iii. Sundas Foundation will be responsible for arraignment of all type of blood, for the treatment of Thalassemia / Hemophilia patients.

- iv. Sundas Foundation will ensure that any kind of charges will not be received from patient.
- v. Party-II shall be responsible to manage all the financial resources and shall meet all other direct / indirect expenses against the treatment of Thalassemia / hemophilia patients.
- vi. PBM shall be authorized to conduct an audit or review / inspect financial and other record relating to the activities stated in the project document, at any time.
- vii. The agreement executed can be terminated by either side, by serving three.

**CLAUSE-2**

- i. Sundas Foundation will contribute in other allied activities such as awareness and blood collection campaigns / seminars.

PBM will have no objection on the activities whereby Sundas Foundation shall be at liberty to extend blood bank / product to the outdoor Thalassemia / Hemophilia patients.

(b) Managing Director PBM is approving authority under PBM Act-1991.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 20th February, 2019.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*