

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 11th March, 2020

158. ***Ms. Nusrat Wahid:**
(Deferred during 18th Session)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that quackery is increasing in the country particularly in ICT; if so, the steps being taken by the Government to stop its rising trend?

Minister for National Health Services, regulations and Coordination: There is a growth of the **monster of quackery** that is ever expanding due to the increasing population & there is mushroom growth of quacks mostly in the rural areas of Islamabad.

The fact that because of Health Care Commission which is existing and is fully functional in adjoining two provinces of Punjab and KPK, the quacks have moved to the district Islamabad and opened illegal clinics in the rural Islamabad. The KPK and the Punjab government have overcome this grave Public Health Hazard through establishing Health Care Commission.

Its difficult to control the quackery by the available skeletal supervisory staff that exists in the District Health Office and in the absence of any available law and rules and arrest those running illegal clinics. The then PMDC was silent in its new edition to provide any authority to check and control the menace of quackery, arrest and present the defaulters in the court of law for punitive action.

The Islamabad Health Care Authority which is to be established will be in a position to seal these illegal clinics alongwith further actions to illegal practitioners.

112. ***Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**
(Deferred during 19th Session)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the number of railways bridges in the country alongwith locations thereof?

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): There are 14021 Railway Bridges in the country. The location wise break up is attached as Annexure-A, B & C.

(Annexure have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

116. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**
(Deferred during 19th Session)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the travel vouchers given to the Members of the Parliament are not allowed to be used in respect of certain trains including Green Line Train of Pakistan Railways; if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to make the vouchers given to Members of the Parliament valid for all of the trains?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) It is informed that travel vouchers given to members of the Parliament are already allowed by all trains including Green Line train.

(b) Information Technology Department of Pakistan Railways, Headquarter Office, Lahore has verified that there is no issue on vouchers for reservation in any train in favour of honorable Members of the Parliament.

123. ***Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**
(Deferred during 19th Session)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of employees working on contract basis in Railways at present alongwith the scale-wise details thereof;*

(b) *whether the said employees are recruited through advertisements in newspapers; and*

(c) *the policy adopted for recruitment of the said employees?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) 3271 employees are working on contract basis in Railways at present. The scale wise details thereof are as under:—

Scale	P.M Package	Invalidation Policy	Contract Basis
1	1363	137	66
2	327	18	91
3	34	0	0
4	6	0	1
5	306	45	4
6	0	0	1
7	21	0	2
8	24	9	2
9	406	71	3
10	0	0	0
11	158	24	45
12	2	0	7
13	0	0	0
14	7	0	3
15	1	0	0
16	0	0	41
17	0	0	43
18	0	0	3
Total	2655	304	312

(b) The recruitment of contract employees of Prime Minister's Assistance Package & recruitment of contract employees fall under invalidation policy is being made since the policy was introduced during the year 2000 and 2005 respectively and the same are made without advertisement. However, other contract appointment is made through advertisements in the newspapers as per policy in vogue.

(c) All codal formalities / policy are observed for recruitment of the said employees circulated by Establishment Division from time to time.

124. ***Ms. Nasiba Channa:**
(Deferred during 19th Session)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date on which the re-construction work of Bahawalpur Railway Station was started and completed; and*
- (b) *the head-wise total amount incurred thereon?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) The construction work of Bahawalpur Railway station was started on 08-06-2016 and completed on 31-10-2019.

(b) The reconstruction work of Bahawalpur Railway station was included in the PSDP Project of “Renovation and Up-Gradation of Major Railway Stations” and funds to the tune of Rs. 307.766/-Million have been incurred on it.

131. ***Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**
(Deferred during 19th Session)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of rail accidents occurred since 2018 alongwith number of casualties and losses incurred by Pakistan Railways in each incident; and*
- (b) *what steps the Government have taken to reduce probability of such accidents?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) Five major train accidents of Passenger/Goods train occurred from August 2018 to December 2019.

110 persons died in the accidents and 123 injured.

Cost of damages sustained by railways in train accidents from August, 2018 to December, 2019

Description	August, 2018 to 2019
Signal	35,000
Rolling Stock	85,071,837
Locomotive	310,649,663
P.Way	7,523,934
Electrical	7,100,380
Total	410,380,814 (410 millions)

It is submitted before this August forum that Pakistan Railways is going to revamp/upgrade the existing Railway infrastructure through ML-1 project of CPEC which will transform the overall organization and ensure safety of the travelling public.

Besides, following steps have been taken to prevent accidents in future:

1. Up-gradation of 550 vulnerable unmanned level crossings throughout Pakistan Railways network in collaboration with the respective Provincial Governments.
2. The Directorate of Public Relations has circulated different video messages over Social Media for the awareness and information of general public regarding crossing the Railway crossings in a safe way.
3. Conversion of old age Kerosene oil based signals with LED's on main line, which have better visibility.
4. Training and refresher courses are being conducted regularly at the Pakistan Railway Academy Lahore.
5. Regular inspections in accordance with prescribed standards and quota are conducted by the officers and officials of Pakistan Railways to maintain safety standards. This process is being constantly monitored at appropriate levels.

6. Special Bulletins/instructions are issued regularly for guidance of staff.
7. Cameras are being installed inside locomotives.
8. On line inspections of officers and staff.
9. 2000 fire extinguishers are under process of procurements and they will be installed in trains by end of March, 2020.

31. ***Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the reasons for declining of automobile industry in the country alongwith the steps being taken by the Government to improve?

Minister for Industries and Production:

- Figures provided by Pakistan Automotive Manufacturing Association, sales of automobiles are as under:
 - FY2017-18 339,772
 - FY2018-19 297,814
- No declining trend can be established at this stage as sales of automobiles are dependent on various economic factors. However, transitory slowdown in automotive sector is mainly due to lack of demand due to increase in prices, fear factor in customers due to documentation of economy and imposition of additional levies. The slowdown of automotive sector is expected to normalize with progression in the economic cycle.
- Federal Government introduced Automotive Development Policy 2016-21 wherein 18 new entrants have been attracted and two closed units have been revived as well. Six manufacturers have started manufacturing of Automobiles in Pakistan, which will improve the sales in future.

32. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that different charges are charged by the authorities of ports to residents of the coastal areas of Karachi to commute in or out to sea or traveling between different icelands either for the purpose of fishing or otherwise; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (b) details of all such charges with any nomenclature, alongwith year-wise collection of each since the imposition of each charge;*
- (c) the purpose of utilization of such charges;*
- (d) is there any proposal under consideration to rationalize the imposition of such charges; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Maritime Affairs (Syed Ali Haider Zaidi):

(a & b) **KPT**

KPT, as a Port Authority impose no charges on Residents of the coastal area to commute in or out to sea or travelling between different Islands.

However, charges namely “Tolls on Fishing Boats & “Hard & Foreshore Fees” & “License Fees” are collected as per KPT Tariff under KPT Bye Laws from the owners of Fishing Boats, passenger Boats. Water, Oil & Cargo Barges etc. regardless of their residential status.

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Korangi Fisheries Harbour Authority only accommodates fishing vessels and not charging any amount /nor collect any fee from residents of coastal areas to commute in or out to sea.

(c & d) **KPT.**

There are no charges from KPT on residents of coastal area specifically, however the details of charges i.e. Tolls on Fishing Boats, Hard & foreshore Fees and License Fees are attached as, **Annexes**

PQA, NIL.

KoFHA. Not Applicable

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

33. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.36 replied on 16-01-2019 and to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite giving several operations of Pakistan Railways to a company PRACS, the PRACS did not deposit any amount to Pakistan Railways as its share for the last several financial years; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) whether giving such operations to PRACS, is tantamount throw-away potential earning of Pakistan Railways to a limited company;*
- (c) if so, what corrective steps are being taken by the Government in this regard;*
- (d) why such operations are not carried out by Pakistan Railways itself; and*
- (e) does Pakistan Railways have not resources, which include human resource and capacity of financial investment, if requires, to perform such operation?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) It is not a fact that Pakistan Railways has given several operations to Pakistan Railways Advisory & Consultancy Services (PRACS). Presently PRACS is only commercially managing 21 Railway Reservation and Information offices over the entire Railway Network at far-flung areas for facilitation of general public. All the revenue generated from these offices is deposited in Pakistan Railways Account and nothing is outstanding against PRACS on this account.

Pakistan Railways, to reduce expenditure, outsourced the commercial management of various trains through competitive bidding process and commercial

management of following trains were acquired by PRACS through such bidding process i.e. Fareed Express (From 15-04-2010 to 31-12-2011), Rohi/Hazara Express (From 15-02-2006 to 30-06-2016), Bolan Mail (From 15-04-2007 to 27-12-2007) & Khushal Khan Khattak (KKK) (From 15-06-2017 to 14-06-2019). Revenue paid to Pakistan Railways was more than it was earning before outsourcing of these trains.

(b) This is not based on facts. PRACS is a subsidiary company of and its 100 % shares are owned by Ministry of Railways. Such operations are only awarded to PRACS to reduce administrative expenditures etc.

(c) As explained above as there is no loss to Pakistan Railways, hence, there requires no corrective steps.

(d) Outsourcing of commercial management is adopted as a mean to compensate for the shortage of commercial staff and to reduce administrative expenditures, etc. In addition, PRACS is a subsidiary company of Pakistan Railways and 100% of its shares are owned by Ministry of Railways.

(e) As explained above, there is always shortage of required commercial staff, therefore, outsourcing of such operations is adopted to compensate for the shortage besides reducing establishment and administrative expenditure.

34. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that fake and nameless medicines have recovered from different medical stores, including Shaheen Chemist and D-Watson in Rawalpindi/Islamabad, recently; if so, the detail thereof alongwith action, taken against each of above store;*
- (b) *whether despite taking such action against each of above medical store, is it justifiable to let such stores continue to operate; if so, the relevant rules, which permit them to operate despite doing dishonest practice and playing with the lives of the people just to make some more money; and*

- (c) *what steps are being taken to eliminate sale of fake and nameless medicines and make those medical outlets accountable, if they involve themselves in such malafides and create awareness among the general public to keep away from purchasing such medicines?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) DHO's team conducted raid on a house located in F-10/3 area on 03-12-2019 and recovered 93 different medicines including neutraceutical/vitamins, herbal and homeo medicines stocked there by the Shaheen Pharmacy, F-10 Markaz, Islamabad. Out of recovered medicines, around 50 different medicines were not enlisted by the DRAP. Consequently, FIR was registered against the owner of Shaheen Pharmacy, F-10 and the Manager. Currently, the police is investigating the case and final Challan has not yet been submitted. Other major pharmacies operating in Islamabad were also inspected but no fake or un-registered medicines were recovered there from.

(b) The case is still under investigation by the concerned police station and once the investigation report is received, the matter shall be placed before the Quality Control Board, Islamabad to seek permission for prosecution of concerned accused and taking other action, including cancellation or suspension of license.

(c) Regular surveillance of drug sale outlets is carried out to ensure detection of any fake or un-registered medicines. In order to ensure strict vigilance, the number of Drug Inspectors in Health Department, Islamabad has been increased from 1 to 3. The Quality Control Board, Islamabad has been made functional after necessary amendments in relevant rules and all the cases of violation of Drug Act, 1976 shall be placed before the Board for ensuring their prosecution as per law. Exemplary punishments have already been ensured in cases relating to sale of spurious and un-registered drugs. A campaign in this regard is already under the way across Pakistan wherein officers of the DRAP and Provincial Governments are carrying out necessary surveillance. Furthermore, after every such action press releases are also issued by concerned PRO/officers for information of public.

35. ***Mr. Azhar Qayyum Nahra:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the reasons of flour crises and its availability at higher rates in the entire country including Islamabad in the month of January, 2020?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Makhdoom Khushro Bukhtiar): The main reasons of wheat flour price hike during the month of January, 2020 were:

- Disruption in supply chain management due to strike of transporters;
- Lack of Inter-Provincial coordination between Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab on issue of release of wheat;

However, there is no issue of availability of wheat/wheat flour throughout the country. At the end of Food Year (1st May, 2020) it is estimated that around 1.00 million tons stock of wheat would be available with the public sector.

36. ***Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

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

- (a) *the total funds provided to the Federal Government Hospitals to control dengue fever during the last year;*
- (b) *the total funds provided by the Government for research on said fever during the said period; and*
- (c) *the results achieved therefrom during the said period?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:

(a)

Sr #	Item	Amount Received from Ministry	Departmental Funds		Total
			Amount from Development Budget	Amount from Current Budget	
1.	Funds incurred in purchase of Machinery & Equipments etc	-NIL/-	-NIL/-	1,099,858/-	1,099,858/-
2.	POI	119,400/-	750,000/-	1,640,000/-	2,509,400/-
3.	Insecticides	784,000/-	600,000/-	1,950,000/-	3,334,000/-
4.	Training of staff Honoraria	-NIL/-	-NIL/-	891,630/-	891,630/-
5.	Health Education Material	-NIL/-	25,000/-	50,000/-	75,000/-
6.	Payment to Daily wages Staff	-NIL/-	-NIL/-	491,000/-	491,000/-
	Total:-	903,400/-	1,375,000/-	6,122,488/-	8,400,888/-

(b) No funds were allocated to the Department for research purpose during last year.

(c) As a result of above budget and efforts of the teams working for the prevention and Control of Dengue Fever, following were achieved.

- * Dengue epidemic was contained at village Mohra Nagyal, Rawat where **440** cases were reported in August and September 2019. However a major epidemic had appeared in 2019, that was technically handled with joint efforts of all Stake Holders under the leadership of SAPM Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination, EDs and program Heads along with ICT Administration would gather under Federal Coordination Cell in the Ministry of NHSR&C and review the efforts being made in providing technical epidemiological as well as recommended clinical case response to each and every case.

37. ***Rana Iradat Sharif Khan:**

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

- (a) *which law governs safety standards for automobile industry in Pakistan; and*
- (b) *steps taken by the Government to improve safety features in the automobile industry of Pakistan and to promote localization in assembly of vehicles?*

Minister for Industries and Production: (a) As per clause 8(xvi) of the Pakistan Standards and Quality Certification Authority (PSQCA) Act 1996 “framing and publishing, amending, revising or withdrawal of the Pakistan Standards in relation to any article, product, process comes under the mandate of PSQCA.

(b) Four-wheelers are not on mandatory list of PSQCA; therefore adoption of WP 29, which is a set of harmonized regulations for automobiles of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), has been envisaged under Automotive Development Policy 2016-21 which are at par with the international standards. A summary for adoption of WP-29 is approved and accession document has been forwarded by Ministry of Foreign Affairs to our Mission in New York for onward submission to UN Secretariat. List of shortlisted

safety regulations for initial adoption are enclosed at Annex-A. By adoption of harmonized regulations, local industry shall be compatible with international level in respective categories.

Annex-A

Car Type	Airbags	Anti-lock braking Sytem (ABS)
Civic VTIOriel	Yes	Yes
Civic VTII-VTEC	Yes	Yes
City(1.3, 1.5, Aspire	No	Yes
Toyota Corolla XLI	Yes	Yes
Toyota Corolla GLI	Yes	Yes
Altis Grande	Yes	Yes
Swift	No	Yes
Wagon-R	No	No
Wagon-R (AGS)	Yes	Yes
Cultus VXR	No	No
Cultus VXL	Yes	Yes
Alto VX	No	No
Alto VXR	Yes	No
Alto VXL	Yes	Yes
FAW V2	Yes	Yes
United Bravo	No	No
Kia Picanto	Yes (Launched under ADP 2016-21).	Yes
Kia Sportage	Yes (Launched under ADP 2016-21).	Yes

38. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that people do prefer private hospitals instead Government hospitals;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that the quality of health facilities provided at Government hospitals are poor; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to provide quality health facilities upto international standards in hospitals?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:

(a) Preference of private hospitals to government hospitals depends upon the social economic factors and affordability of the patients.

(b) The quality of health facilities provided at Government hospitals is not poor. However, public sector hospital are not able to provide services to their full capacity due to number of factors namely;

- Funding in the Health Sector has traditionally been remained low as expenditure by the government is around 0.5% of the GDP.
- The number of Health care facilities has not been increased as compare to increase in population.
- In addition, there is shortage of human resource, equipment and infrastructure.

(c) Government has introduced number of reforms in Federal Hospital to provide quality health facilities up to international standards in hospital. Accordingly, 'First ever' Health Strategy for ICT developed and approved.

along with National Action Plan in November 2018. Reforms being made are as under:

- (1) Evidence generation for planning:
- (a) Mapping of public & private health facilities in ICT
 - (b) Health Facilities Assessment (urban & rural)
 - (c) Hospital Information Management System (HIMS) in hospitals
 - (d) DHIS (PHC) implementation in Islamabad.

(2) Infrastructure development:

- (a) Infrastructure schemes in PIMS (Non-radiation services, MCH extension, haematology)
- (b) Infrastructure schemes in Polyclinic (MCH services, Cath lab, MRI, Trauma Center, Neuro Surgery and Oncology)

(3) Strengthening service delivery:

- (a) Hepatitis-C camps; TB screening and treatment camps
- (b) Provision of EPI services in all hospitals/Clinics
- (c) Family planning services by all health facilities

(4) Human Resource for health:

- (a) Filling of all vacant positions through promotion and recruitment through FPSC

(5) Regulatory environment:

- (a) Enforcement of standards for blood safety
- (b) Activation of Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority
- (c) Islamabad Healthcare Facility Management

39. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that complete amount of Hajj is being received from Hujjaj at the time of Form submission, while the process of lucky draw is being managed after the months delay;*

- (b) *if the answer to part (a) is in affirmative, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *steps being taken by the Government, as immediate after lucky draw the amount may be received from the successful person?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony (Mr. Noor-ul-Haq Qadri): (a) Yes. Full amount of Hajj dues is received from the applicants Hujjaj at the time of submission of Hajj forms through designated banks. The ballot is held within one week of the closing date of receipt of Hajj applications.

(b) Process for hiring of accommodation, food, transport & allied services start immediately after conclusion of previous Hajj operation, Advance payments have to be made to the owners as contractual obligations.

(c) It is not possible to get payment from successful pilgrims after lucky draw as advance payment is required to be made to different contractors and Saudi departments, therefore, Hajj dues from the successful applicants cannot be received after ballot.

40. ***Ms. Mehnaz Akber Aziz:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that during the previous year 148 cases of polio virus were reported in Pakistan; and*
- (b) *what measures are being taken by the Government to eradicate polio virus in the country?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:

(a) The number of wild Polio virus (WPV1) cases rose sharply in Pakistan from 12 in 2018 to 146 in 2019 that included; 92 in KP, 30 in Sindh and 12 each in Balochistan & Punjab.

(b) The Government of Pakistan is committed to ensure a polio-free future for the coming generations. A thorough analysis of 2019 crisis was accordingly conducted and based on the same, transformation process has been started under

the National Emergency Action Plan (NEAP) for 2020. The reinvigorated efforts are focused on taking the initiative forward as a shared priority across the political divide and promoting sense of collective responsibility, regaining 'One Team' approach, strengthening delivery of Essential Immunization (PEI-EPI Integration), delivering Integrated package of Polio plus services in Super High Risk UCs. contextualizing programme's communication approaches according to specific needs of communities, and optimizing quality of door to door Polio vaccination campaigns through transformations in structure, processes, data & human resource. Moreover, to simultaneously interrupt virus transmission in shared corridors, stronger coordination with Afghanistan is also being ensured.

- ✿ The reinvigorated highest level political commitment across Parties and other segments of society led to the successful nationwide door to door polio vaccination campaigns in December 2019 & February 2020 and a special response round in high risk districts during January 2020. A total of around 40 million children were vaccinated across the country in each of the nationwide rounds and 9 million children in the response campaign. Community at large was quite receptive and resultantly a significant reduction of missed children was witnessed at the end of these campaigns.
- ✿ The country programme is thus getting back on track by maintaining a constant and vigilant look at remaining gaps and challenges and undertaking a collective approach to strategically overcome them. The Government of Pakistan in coordination with provinces is fully committed to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the polio eradication efforts; and enhance demand for vaccination against all preventable diseases. Whereas the additional focus on strengthening health service delivery and other basic services will be a focus as well, ensuring that every child under five years of age in Pakistan receives two drops of the vaccine in routine as well as in every campaign will be the mainstay of our success.
- ✿ The programme urges every segment of the society to come together as a nation to achieve a Polio free Pakistan for future generations.

41. Disallowed on Re-Consideration.

42. ***Syed Hussain Tariq:**

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

- (a) when was first locust attack reported in 2019 alongwith efforts, which had been made by the Federal Government to tackle the attack of locust;*
- (b) the volume and value of crops, which have been destroyed in the recent attack of locust;*
- (c) the contribution of both Federal and Provincial Governments with regard to tackle the attack of locust;*
- (d) whether it is a fact that an emergency has been declared, recently; if so, the features of such emergency and date upon such emergency was declared; and*
- (e) what steps are being taken by the Government to handle attacks of locust in future?*

Reply not received.

43. ***Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja:**

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

- (a) list and prices of essential food items as on January 1st, 2020;*
- (b) the prices of said essential food item which were fixed after January 1st, 2020;*
- (c) the prices of said essential food items as on February 15th, 2020; and*
- (d) the increase or decrease made in the prices of said item since January 1st, 2020?*

Minister for Industries and Production: (a) List and prices of essential food items as on 01-01-2020 is as under:-

S.N	Item	Unit	USC Price
1	Atta 20 kg Bag	1 Bag	830-1030
2	Sugar	1Kg	75
3	Ghee		
	Hayat	1 Kg	175
	Maan	1 Kg	190
	Dastak	1 Kg	200
	Barkat	1 Kg	190
	Manpsand	1 Kg	190
4	Pulses		
	Dal Channa - Unpolished/Kori	1 Kg	182
	Dal Masoor	1kg	135
	White Gram - 7mm+	1Kg	135
5	Rice		
	Super Basmati	1 Kg	150
	Sella Rice	1 Kg	149
	Tota Rice	1 Kg	88

(b) The rices fixed after 1st January, 2020 is as under:

S. N	Item	Unit	USC Price
1	Atta 20 kg Bag	1 Bag	800
2	Sugar	1 Kg	68
3	Ghee		
	Hayat	1 Kg	170
	Maan	1 Kg	170
	Dastak	1 Kg	170
	Barkat	1Kg	170
	Manpsand	1 Kg	170
4	Pulses		
	Dal Channa - Unpolished/Kori	1 Kg	160
	Dal Masoor	1 Kg	130

S. N	Item	Unit	USC Price
5	White Gram - 7mm+	1 Kg	125
	Rice		
	Super Basmati	1 Kg	140
	Sella Rice	1 Kg	139
	Tota Rice	1 Kg	76

(c) The price of essential food items as on February 15th 2020 is as under:

S. N	Item	Unit	USC Price
1	Atta 20 kg Bag	1Bag	800
2	Sugar	1 Kg	68
3	Ghee		
	Hayat	1 Kg	170
	Maan	1 Kg	170
	Dastak	1 Kg	170
	Barkat	1 Kg	170
4	Manpsand	1 Kg	170
	Pulses		
	Dal Channa - Unpolished/Kori	1 Kg	160
	Dal Masoor	1 Kg	130
	White Gram - 7mm+	1 Kg	125
5	Rice		
	Super Basmati	1 Kg	140
	Sella Rice	1 Kg	139
	Tota Rice	1 Kg	76

(d)

S. N	Item	Unit	Decreased (Rs.)
1	Atta 20 kg Bag	1 Bag	30-230
2	Sugar	1Kg	7
3	Ghee		
	Hayat	1 Kg	5
	Maan	1 Kg	20

S. N	Item	Unit	Decreased (Rs.)
	Dastak	1 Kg	30
	Barkat	1 Kg	20
	Manpsand	1 Kg	20
4	Pulses		
	Dal Channa - Unpolished/Kori	1 Kg	22
	Dal Masoor	1 Kg	5
	White Gram - 7mm+	1 Kg	10
5	Rice		
	Super Basmati	1 Kg	10
	Sella Rice	1 Kg	10
	Tota Rice	1 Kg	12

44. ***Mr. Muhammad Jamal-Ud-Din:**

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

- (a) *total number of Government employees with names, CNIC number and spouse names granted service visas on the recommendation of the Ministry of Religious Affairs during Hajj Operation 2019;*
- (b) *total number of employees recommended by the Provincial and Federal Governments to perform duties as Mauvineen in the above Hajj Operation;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the spouses of the Mauvineen were also sent during the said Hajj Operation;*
- (d) *whether it is further a fact that ticket expenses of the spouse thereof were also borne by the Government;*
- (e) *if the answers to part (c) and (d) above are in affirmative, the reasons and justification thereof and the criteria under which such spouses of Mauvineen were sent?*

Reply not received.

45. ***Mr. Muhammad Anwar:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether Kurram Tangi Dam has been approved;*
- (b) *if so, the budget allocated for it alongwith the time by which it will be completed?*

Minister for Water Resources (Mr. Muhammad Faisal Vawda):

(a) Kurram Tangi Dam Project is located across Kurram River at about 14 Km upstream of Kurram Garhi Headwork and 30 Km North of Bannu City in North Waziristan agency, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The project has been divided into two stages i.e Stage I & II.

Stage-I (Kaitu Weir Irrigation and Power Project)

According to the details obtained from WAPDA being the executing agency construction activities are in progress as per following details:

		Rs. in million
Sr. No.	Description	Details
1.	Initial estimated cost as per PC-I (April 2014)	12,662
2.	Revised cost as per 1st Revised PC-I (22-4-2016)	21,059
3.	Date of award of Contract	07-06-2016
4.	Physical Progress	45%
5.	Expected date of completion	June 2021

Silent Features:

- * Kaitu Weir
- * Spaira Ragha Canal, command area 4,080 acres

- * Sheratalla Canal, command area 12,300 acres
- * Feeder Channel / Tunnel
- * Power House IV & V 18.8 MW
- * 132 kV Transmission Line

Stage-II (Main Dam, Appurtenant Structures, Irrigation and Power Components)

Silent Features:

- * Main Dam
- * Saddle Dam
- * Weir-II & III
- * 4 Nos. Tunnels, 02 at Main Dam Site, 01 at Weir-I&I at Weir-III.
- * Three Power Houses having total installed capacity of 65 MW.
- * New Thal Canal, command area 68,000 acres
- * Remodeling of Civil and Marwat Canal, command area 278,000 acres

Updated PC-I for KTDP Stage-II is under preparation. ADB has shown financing of about US\$ 300-800 million. Project will be implemented after approval of the PC-I.

(b) An amount of Rs. 600 Million (LC Rs. 100 Million and FC Rs. 500 Million) have been allocated in PSDP 2019-20 for Stage-I and Project will be completed by June 2021.

46. ***Syed Javed Husnain:**

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

(a) *the reasons for not marking the date and price of production on fertilizer bag; and*

- (b) *the steps taken by the Ministry/Government in this regard and the time by which both will be printed on fertilizer bag?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

47. ***Ms. Naureen Farooq Ibrahim:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present status of Kachhi Canal;*
- (b) *the phases and period during which the same will be completed; and*
- (c) *the advantages of this project accrued to Pakistan especially Balochistan in agriculture therefrom?*

Minister for Water Resources (Mr. Muhammad Faisal Vawda):

(a) * Govt. of Pakistan through WAPDA made 363 km main canal and 81 km distributaries operational and released water on 31-08-2017 for irrigation of 72,000 acres land of District Dera Bugti under the provision of PC-I (Phase-I). The remedial/ outstanding works out of canal prism are under execution.

- PC-I for remaining works of Phase-I from RD 1193 to RD 1322 (40 Km) and 32 Km Distributaries for irrigation of 30,000 acres land of District Dera Bugti was discussed in CDWP meeting held on 30-10-2019 and recommended for its approval of ECNEC at the cost of Rs. 22,921 million.
- The provision for detailed design, survey & investigation and preparation of PC-I for Phase-II & III from RD 1322 to RD 1645 has been made in the PC-I for Remaining works of Phase-I.
- PC-I of Phase-II & III will be considered after updation of detailed design review.

(b) Kachhi Canal Project is being executed in phased manner and Phase-I of the Project is being implemented.

Phases	Command Area	Date of Completion
Phase-I (RD 0 to RD 1193) 363 Km	72,000 Acres District Dera Bugti	30-06-2020
Phase-I Remaining (RD 1193 to RD 1322) 40 Km	30,000 Acres District Dera Bugti	Three years after commencement of works.
Phase-II (RD 1322 to RD 1512) 58 Km	267,000 Acres District Nasirabad & Bolan	Two years after commencement of works.
Phase-III (1512 to 1645) 39 Km	344,000 Acres RD Distt Nasirabad, Bolan & JhalMagsi	Three years after commencement of works.

- (c) *
- Command Area Development of 713,000 acres land of Balochistan Province.
 - Recurring agricultural benefits @ 17 Billion per annum.
 - Increase in cropping intensity from 4% to 80%.
 - Drinking water facilities for people in Project area.
 - Development of agro-based industry.
 - Enhancement in the value of land/cost of land to about 200%.
 - Creation of new job opportunities.
 - Poverty alleviation.

- Increase in export and foreign exchange earnings due to agriculture products.
- Reduction in migration of population.

48. ***Ms. Munawara Bibi Baloch:**

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

- (a) whether agriculture is being badly affected due to shortage of water in Balochistan and the production of the province is decreasing persistently; and*
- (b) what steps are being taken by the Federal Government in this regard; and*
- (c) the details of any proposal under consideration of particularly Federal Government to provide solar system for agricultural tube well to the poor farmers of Balochistan?*

Reply not Received.

49. ***Ms. Shaista Pervaiz:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that administration of PARC and NARC has failed to pay pensionary benefits to their retiring employees for the last many years; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) details of such retired employees arrears/dues are pending at present alongwith time of such each pendance; and*
- (c) time by which, payment of such dues will be made to each employee?*

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): (a) Yes. It is a fact that due to insufficient budget provided by Finance Division, GoP, PARC (inclusive of NARC being one of the Research Centers of PARC) has failed to pay pensionary benefits to its employees during 2019-20 which includes liabilities for previous financial years also. Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) is dependent on Funds received from Ministry of Finance, Govt. of Pakistan through Ministry of National Food Security & Research (M/o NFS&R) for payment of Pension / commutation to its pensioners. The Council is facing accumulated budgetary shortfall of Rs. 2.020 billion for the financial year 2019-20 which includes shortfall of Rs. 806.585 Million on account of Pensionary benefits. To meet the above short-fall, the case for supplementary grant is under process.

(b) * There are 472 retired / retiring employees who are suffering / affected due to non-provision of funds. The detail of retired / retiring employees arrears/dues is at **(Annex-A)**.

- * Time of pendency: -The dues/arrears become payable as per date of retirement as given against each in the enclosed lists at **(Annex-B)** & **(Annex-C)** and as per date of approval in restoration cases in list at **(Annex-D)**. It may be noticed that in some of the cases of pending commutation, there is delay of payment in the range of even 12 to 18 months due to non-provision of funds from Finance Division , GoP.

(c) The payment is subject to availability of funds by the Finance Division.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

50. ***Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of all the trains accidents took place during last year clearly mentioning the cause of accident, place, time, trains names, people injured and died, monetary loss incurred and payment made to injured and deceased if any; and*
- (b) *steps taken by the Government to reduce the increasing number of train accidents in the country?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) & (b) Five major accidents occurred during last year. Their details are tabulated as annex-A.

- (a) Following steps have been taken to prevent accidents in future.
1. Up-gradation of 550 vulnerable unmanned level crossings throughout Pakistan Railways network in collaboration with the respective Provincial Governments.
 2. The Directorate of Public Relations has circulated different video messages over Social Media for the awareness and information of general public regarding crossing the Railway crossings in a safe way.
 3. Conversion of old age Kerosene oil based signals with LED's on main line, which have better visibility.
 4. Training and refresher courses are being conducted regularly at the Pakistan Railway Academy Lahore.
 5. Regular inspections in accordance with prescribed standards and quota are conducted by the officers and officials of Pakistan Railways to maintain safety standards. This process is being constantly monitored at appropriate levels.
 6. Special Bulletins/instructions are issued regularly for guidance of staff.
 7. Special attention is being paid to the surfacing of roads, clearance of check rails, maintenance of cross level, clearance of visibility zones and maintenance of the level crossings.
 8. Warning signs in Urdu language have already been clearly displayed to sensitize the road users at unmanned/manned level crossings.
 9. 2000 fire extinguishers are in process of procurement and will be installed in trains by the end of March 2020.
 10. The office of the Chief Commercial Manager has issued instructions regarding the safety of passengers and to streamline the procedures for the safe travelling of special groups. The instructions have been circulated to all operating divisions and to Railway Police in which special precautionary measures are directed to be adopted regarding checking of luggage and passengers by walk through gates and scanners and ensuring that no dangerous, explosive and inflammable articles will be carried.

DETAIL OF MAJOR ACCIDENTSAnnexure - A

S#	Date	Train number	Place of accident	Time of accident	cause	Number of people injured	Number of people deceased	Monitory loss to Railway (Rs)	Monitory payment made to injured (Rs)	Payment made to deceased (Rs)
1	17.03.2019	40-Dn Jaffer Express	Dera Murad Jamali – Nuttal	10.25	Sabotage un-known miscreant plant the bomb on the track	06	04	0.68 million	0.20 million	6 million
2	20.06.2019	31 Up Jinnah Express	Out side Hyderabad	17.15	Negligence of train Driver	01	03	70 million	0.05 million	4.5 million
3	11.07.2019	24 –Dn Akber Express Walhar	DN Loop line Walhar Station	04.35	Human failure driver of 24 DN failed to observe danger aspect	73	23	290 million	2.7 million	36 million
4	18.09.2019	8-Dn Tezgam	Kharian Stations	10.35	Negligent Driving on the part of role user	02	03	Nil	Nil	No Compensati on negligence of road Driver
5	31.10.2019	7-Up Tezgam	Liaquatpur – Chani Goth	06.30	Human failure&Gas Cylinder burst	46	76	100 million	2.0 million	87 million

51. ***Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**

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

- (a) why the employees of Cardiac Centre, PIMS, Islamabad were recruited during execution of building;*
- (b) what measures have been taken for their regularization, why these employees have not been regularized in last 15 years, who is responsible;*
- (c) how many employees of the centre have been regularized and why discrimination done with these employees; and*
- (d) how many liver transplants, bypass and bone marrow transplant done, how is the performance of these employees, whether PIMS wants to utilize their experience for patients care?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The PC-1 of the cardiac centre PIMS was approved by the executive Economic council (ECNEC) in December 2004. Later PC-1 was revised and approved by ECNEC on 29 January 2008, According to Phase-1 of the approved PC-I during the execution of building of cardiac centre PIMS, The PIMS and Ministry of Health recruited 38 employees on contract basis after open advertisement, competitive process was completed, including Test/ Interview / recommendations of the Departmental Selection Committee (DSC) and approval of the Competent Authority. Then in the 1st year they had given training during execution of the building that when building gets completed they will run this cardiac centre. Relevant Para of PC-I is reproduced herein below for kind perusal.

“This would involve purchase of equipment as well as recruitment (on ad hoc / contract basis initially) and training of the staff in the 1st year. This would enable us to begin phase one of the cardiac surgical procedures and cardiac interventional procedure immediately. This staff would also be able to supervise the selection and installation of the equipment. Any training required of the existing or new staff would also be carried out in the first year”.

(b) PIMS administration has already taken various step at various occasions for their regularization, meanwhile, in 2011, the Government of Pakistan

introduced a policy for regularization of employees working in different Government organizations. Thus, the case of these employees was referred for regularization to the Cabinet Sub-Committee on 14-12-2011 and 24-09-2012, Put the cases were deferred for regularization for being project employees on 11-03-2013. However an employee of BPS-20 Professor of Cardiology was regularized on the recommendation of the Cabinet Sub-Committee and approval by the Competent Authority on 14-03-2013, who was appointed on same advertisement with these employees, only his services.

That the matter of the regularization was brought into discussion several times at different forums which includes National Assembly Secretariat. Senate of Pakistan and the Senate Standing Committees. However, in 2015 after completion of the project, these employees needs to be regularized therefore the administrative incharge of the CADD and the University (PIMS) administration asked 31 employees to continue their services in the interest of patients. This arrangement was made on the basis of assurance from the higher authorities and complying with the direction of the authorities concerned, these employees continued to perform their duties and they did not stop rendering their services in the larger public interest. After completion of the project in 2015 if they had stopped from performing their duties, Cardiac Centre would have been closed down causing an irreparable loss to public at large and deserving cardiac patients as well. These employees of cardiac centre performed their duties without salaries for around 34 months, These employees were over age for any fresh appointment and cannot compete with fresh graduates therefore keeping in view of their experiences and Realizing severity of the situation, In January 2016 the Ministry of CADD moved a Summary to the Prime Minister for regularization of service on permanent basis through Establishment Division with the approval of the Federal Minister of CADD, in order to run the affairs of Cardiac Centre smoothly. Relevant para of the said Summary is reproduced below for kind perusal:

“These professionals are serving from almost 9 years (2005) quite diligently and devotedly, now they have crossed the age limit for fresh appointment. Therefore, keeping in view the exigencies of services of these trained employees / Professionals, it has been recommended by PIMS that their services may be regularized” Doctors / paramedics having been selected on merit after due legal process have sufficient experience in running the cardiac centre efficiently, Thus, it is in public interest if their services are regularized on permanent basis.

That in the meeting of the Ministry of CADD held on 17th August 2015 in the Cabinet Division for regularization of services of the contract employees, the concerned Ministry & Division submitted its views as under:

“c. View & Comments of Ministry & Division: There is huge investment of the institute (PIMS) on employees of bone marrow and cardiac centre in development of these skilled/Professional human resources not only in terms of money but also in terms of time. Abandoning these trained people at this stage will be a serious set-back to the institute and irreparable loss to the career of these highly skilled persons too.

That on 22-12-2016, the Administrator of PIMS sent a letter to the Ministry of CADD, mentioning that “It is pointed out that earlier the contract services of Prof. Shahid Nawaz Malik were regularized (who simultaneously joined cardiac centre). And RIMS administration strongly recommended for the regularization of these trained and experienced staff:

It is pointed out that a number of doctors are undergoing postgraduate training in field of cardiology and cardiac surgery. These training programs are being supervised by these doctors. In case of the services of the senior doctors are not regularized. The training program will be derecognized this will not adversely affect the career of the future specialists but also will seriously hamper the services at Cardiac Care Centre.

The Supreme Court took SUO Moto on 05-04-2018 & 24-04-2018 and called Mr. Fawad Hasan Fawad, Secretary to PM and directed that Cardiac Center in PIMS shall continue to function without stoppage of even a single day and if so happens, the person responsible shall be taken to the task.

It is pertinent to mention here that Federal Public Service Commission has to fill the vacancies of BPS 16 and above on permanent basis but these employees are over age now and cannot compete with fresh graduates. The Prime Minister is the competent authority to frame and relax the rules, to regularize the services of these experienced employees in view to gainfully utilize the practical experience of these trained health professionals, these recruitment were done after completing all codal formalities and they have sufficient experience to run the cardiac centre.

The employee of BPS 20, Professor of Cardiology were regularized in 2013 by cabinet sub-committee, while the 22 employees of BPS 1 to 15 were regularized by the regularization Committee headed by Mr. Haseeb Athar, on 27-12-2017

and the committee has given following recommendation for these remaining employees of BPS 16 and above who were waiting for regularization:

“3. A question arose before the Committee whether the petitioners were discriminated against. The Administrator, Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) vide letter dated 22-12-2016 revealed that the services of one (01) of the contract employees namely Professor Shahid Nawaz Malik, Professor of Cardiology (BS-20), who joined the Cardiac Centre of PIMS simultaneously along with the petitioners under the same advertisement and recommended by the same board for recruitment, was subsequently regularized on the recommendation of the Cabinet Sub-Committee. In addition, The Capital Administration & Development Division (CA&DD) have regularized the services of three hundred seventy seven (377) employees working on contract basis vide notification No,F.6-11/2011- Coord Dated 09th July and 16th July 2011. However, the services of these ten (10) petitioners have not been regularized. Prima Facie, regularization of some employees and denial to others in similar circumstances seems discriminatory. The Ministry of Capital Administration & Development (CADD) may look into the matter to address the issue of discrimination, if any, in the instant case.”

The employees of bone marrow transplant are also not regularized yet, Federal government has to relax and frame the rules for the regularization of these employees through cabinet or parliament to resolve the issue of the discrimination. As already mentioned in Supra Para PIMS administration has already taken various steps for their due right of regularization and to utilize their experience for the better care of the patients of very sensitive specialty.

(c) As stated in reply (b) above.

(d) Only one Liver Transplant was carried out by a U.K team in May 02, 2012. The recipient could not make full recovery, died on fifth post operative day. The Liver Transplant Center PIMS, Islamabad will be functional only after the availability of trained & professional human resource such as Liver Transplant Surgeon, Hepatologist, Anesthetist and Intensive Care Specialist. There is shortage of these professionals in Pakistan. Moreover, they are not ready to join any institution on BPS salary because their services in Private sector are hired on high paid financial return. PIMS advertised these posts for recruitment 2-3 times but failed to employ any of these professionals. CA&DD moved a summary to Prime Minister Secretariat for granting permission of hiring these professionals on special salary packages. Action in this regard is awaited.

149 Bone Marrow Transplant have been done *w.e.f.* 2011 to till date, the performance of the employees of Bone Marrow is remarkable, satisfactory and success rate is more than 90%.

Regarding Cardiac Surgery, more than 3500 all sorts of open heart surgeries (BY PASS) and closed heart surgeries has been done with very good success rate, on 11-12-2019 in Senate Standing Committee of the cabinet the Secretary . Health and Executive Director has categorically mentioned in his views that:

“Dr. Faridullah and other doctors are highly skilled professionals and brilliant people with Vast experience and highest rate of success in heart surgery, and they are assets for the country, their other colleagues were regularized earlier but somehow they could not be compensated, and they are over age now”

As the contract employees of Cardiac Centre were initially recruited during execution of building and trained in 1st year on government expenses. They have already served in PIMS for more than 14 years without any break and with full dedication and to the entire satisfaction of their superiors, Now they all became over age for any other fresh job, They have sufficient experience to run the cardiac centre and bone marrow centre, therefore Keeping in view of their exigencies and experience, PIMS administration recommend to utilize their vast experience for the large public interest, better care of the patients and the smooth functioning of the Department.

52. ***Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether there is any proposal in under consideration to establish a new hospital on the pattern of NIRM Hospital, Islamabad?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: No, presently there is no proposal under consideration of M/o NHR&C to establish new hospital on the pattern of NIRM hospital, Islamabad.

However, the proposal for extension of NIRM hospital is under consideration in M/o NHR&C and an amount of Rs. 22.824 million has been proposed in PSDP 2020-21 for undertaking feasibility study for extension of NIRM hospital. The PC-II titled “Feasibility Study, Design Services, Environmental Impact Assessment for Expansion/ up-Gradation of National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine from 160 Beds to 300 Beds at G-8/2, Islamabad” was approved by

DDWP in its meeting held on 02-08-2019 and administrative approval was issued on 02-09-2019.

Moreover, another project titled “Replacement of the Obsolete Equipment and procurement of New Electro-Medical Equipment at National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM)” has also been approved by DDWP in its meeting held on 07-10-2019 at a cost of Rs. 222.000 million. An allocation of Rs. 100.000 million was made in PSDP 2019-20 and Rs. 122.00 million has also been approved through re-appropriation to ensure completion of the project by 30th June, 2020.

53. ***Ms. Rubina Irfan:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that faecal waste management is increasing in Balochistan;*
- (b) *whether Federal Government has taken the notice of decreasing level of safe drinking water in Balochistan;*
- (c) *if so, steps being taken by the Government to halt depletion of water resources by collaborating with the provinces of Balochistan?*

Minister for Water Resources (Mr. Muhammad Faisal Vawda):

(a) Does not pertain to MoWR.

(b) The Federal Government is very concerned about the decreasing level of water in Balochistan. Government of Pakistan and Government of Balochistan are doing their best for improvement of decreasing level of water. In this regard several water sector projects are in progress and in planning.

Government of Pakistan through Ministry of Water Resources is sponsoring a number of water sector projects being implemented by Irrigation & Public Health Departments, Balochistan to conserve the flood water for irrigation and drinking purpose otherwise being wasted.

These projects will significantly contribute towards development of agriculture, drinking purposes, economic and social sectors in the province besides alleviating poverty in the project area.

(c) The Federal government has taken vital measures in collaboration with the Irrigation and Public Health Departments, Balochistan to deal with the depletion of water resources in Balochistan province.

Federal Government is financing amounting Rs. 111.889 billion for construction of various small and medium dams in the Balochistan province besides, delay action and recharge dam projects through Federal Public Sector Development Program. These projects aim at to overcome the surface and sub-surface flows of water to provide water in drought and / recharging of underground water table.

List of ongoing and un-approved small and medium dams along with delay action dams being sponsored by the Federal Government and executed by provincial Irrigation & Public Health Departments in the Balochistan under the PSDP are given at Annexure A & B. Cumulative capacity of small/medium/large dams is as below:

Sr. No.	Small/Medium/Delay Action Dams	
1.	Execution stage	701,666 Acre-Foot
2.	Un-approved/ under approval	390,991 Acre-Foot
	Total	1,092,657 Acre-Foot

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

54. ***Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam:**

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

- (a) *facts about number of psychiatric patients in Pakistan; and*
- (b) *facts about number of public institutions which deals with psychiatric patients?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) According to Global Burden of Disease Study Pakistan, the prevalent cases of psychiatric patients are 10,802.89 per 100,000 population in 2017. The number of patients with mental disorders are 23.149,231.12.

(b) There are five mental hospitals available in the country with a strength of 1.9 beds per 100,000 population while Psychiatric departments are attached in few secondary level hospital and all tertiary level hospitals of Pakistan.

1. Punjab Institute of Mental Health Lahore.
2. Giddu Mental Hospital, Hyderabad.
3. Armed Forces Institute of Mental Health, Rawalpindi.
4. Government Mental and General Hospital Dadar, KP.
5. Government Sarhad hospital for psychiatric diseases, Peshawar.

55. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government provides free of cost medicines to the entire registered patients of aids in the country?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: Yes, the National AIDS Control Program, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination provides free of cost testing and treatment facilities (Anti-retroviral medicines-ARVs) to all HIV cases in the country.

56. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *the number of Pakistani Pilgrims who died during Hajj 2019; and*
- (b) *the details of per head financial assistance provided to them by Saudi and pakistani Government?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Mr. Noor-ul-Haq Qadri): (a) Total 105 Pakistani pilgrims expired of natural causes during Hajj-2019.

(b) As per Hajj Policy 2019, legal heirs of 101 deceased pilgrims out of 105 have so far been compensated @ Rs.500,000/-under Hujjaj Muhafiz Scheme.

(Annex-I) However, remaining four cases are under process for want of succession certificate. The same shall be cleared as soon as requisite documents are received.

As far as Saudi financial compensation is concerned, they never extend it except Diyyat, if accidental death occurs.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

57. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trains daily arrived/departed from Hyderabad; and*
- (b) whether the said trains are insufficient; if so, the time by which Government would increase their number?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) At present there are 25 up and Down trains arriving & departing from Hyderabad.

(b) These trains are sufficient to cater the needs of travelling public and there is no proposal under consideration to increase the number of trains till induction of new coaches in the system.

58. ***Mrs. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**

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

- (a) whether applications were invited by the Ministry for allotment of apartments to the Federal Government employees; if so, the project-wise applications received thereof; and*
- (b) total number of officers to whom apartments will be allotted alongwith the grade-wise detail including time/date thereof?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema): (a) Yes, the applications, consent were invited through press from registered members of FGEHA. The last date of submission of forms for apartment scheme was 14-02-2020. Presently the process of receipt of Consent / Member ship

forms from banks (Askari Bank & Bank of Punjab) is going on. The FGEHA has received 7495 forms till 25-02-2020 against five projects. The detail of project wise applications is at **Annex-A**. Besides PHA-Foundation is currently processing two projects and 1350 housing units are under construction (**Annex-B**).

(b) Since the scrutiny of the applications is yet to start we are unable to give detail of grade wise allottee. However, total 12347 housing unit will be allotted to successful applicants.

Annex-A

Statement showing number of Consents forms received till 25-02-2020

1. Kashmir Avenue Project

Type of apartment	No. of apartment	Consent received.
20—22	710	714
16—19	677	3579
Total		4293

2. Chaklala Heights

Type of apartment	No. of apartment	Consent received.
20—22	240	92
16—19	312	517
10—15	1040	350
1—9	2000	346
Total		1305

3. Skyline Apartments

Type of apartment	No. of apartment	Consent received.
18—22	860	278
10—17	1195	490
1—9	1890	309
Total		1077

4. Indus Vista

Type of apartment	No. of apartment	Consent received.
18—22	375	113
10—17	396	232
Total		345

5. Lifestyle Residency

Type of apartment	No. of apartment	Consent received.
20—22	517	97
16—19	399	239
1—15	386	73
Total		409
Unspecified		66
G. Total		7495

Annex-B**ONGOING PROJECTS OF PHA FOUNDATION**

In Kuchlak Road Project, Quetta, the share of Government officers / officials is as under:-

Federal Government	30%
General Public	30%
Provincial Government	30%
Shuhada of Hazara Community	05%
PHAF/M/o H&W Employees	05%

Location	Project	Type	No. of Units	Eligibility	
				F.G.	G.P.
Quetta	Kuchlak Houses	Cat-I	55	30%**	30%
		Cat-II	80	30%**	30%
		Cat-III	361	30%**	30%
		Cat-IV	218	30%**	30%
		Apt-2Bed.	420	30%**	30%
		Apt-3Bed	216	30%**	30%
Total Units			1350		

2. In Peshawar, the share of Government officers / officials is worked out in consultation with the Provincial Government

*FCFS = First Come First Serve

**Includes Shuhada as well

59. ***Ms. Nuzhat Pathan:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to improve the quality of food in the country?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): Each province has its own food safety authority to monitor and ensure food quality. However MNFS&R through PARC/DPP involve in quality testing of food and food products. The following steps have taken to improve the quality of food in the country:

- Two Labs working at NARC Islamabad and SARC Karachi are involved for testing of food grains and food products for quality and nutrition.
- Established and strengthened six Pesticide Residue Analysis Labs throughout the country to test fruits, vegetable and grain samples for pesticide residues.
- PARC also developed new varieties to meet the nutritional requirements of under-nourished population i.e. “Zincol” (Wheat variety with high content of Zinc), **QPHM-200** and **QPHM-300** (Quality Protein Hybrid Maize with Lycine+Tryptothan). Started work on Bio-fortified **Tomato** with high content of Vitamin A).

Ministry of Science and Technology has the mandate to develop food standards in consultation with Ministry of National Food Security and Research and other stakeholders and Provincial Food Authorities implementing them accordingly.

60. ***Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**

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

- (a) *details of taxes which are imposed or collected from each Hujjaj by the Government at present;*
- (b) *head-wise rate of tax, which charged to each Haji in Hajj, 2020;*

(c) *is there any proposal under consideration by the Government to waive off such taxes at least up to maximum extend to reduce the Hajj fairs in year 2020?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Mr. Noor-ul-Haq Qadri): (a) No taxes are imposed on Hujjaj. However, Saudi Government has imposed Value Added Tax (VAT) @ 5% on each component of Hajj Package since Hajj 2018. This year Visa Fee @ Saudi Riyal 300/- and Accidental Insurance @ SR 110/- has also been imposed by the Government of Saudi Arabia.

(b) As above.

(c) No taxes imposed on Hujjaj as such no proposal for waive off is under consideration.

ISLAMABAD:
The 10th March, 2020

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Wednesday, the 11th March, 2020

46. **Syed Agha Rafiullah:**
(Deferred during 19th Session)

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

- (a) *the names and designations of employees of Pakistan Public Works Department (PWD) died in service during the last ten years; and*
- (b) *the names of employees out of them whose children were recruited in Pak PWD under Prime Minister’s Assistance Package and whether they have been regularized; if not ,why?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema): (a) It is informed that 415 employees of Pakistan Public Works Department (Pak. P.W.D) died in service during the last ten years. A list indicating the name, designations, basic pay scale and date of death of each of the employees who died in service is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

(b) The list indicating the name, designation, basic pay scale, date of appointment of the children of the deceased employees appointed in Pak. P.W.D under Prime Minister’s Assistance Package is enclosed at **Annex B** The appointments were made on contract basis as per the provisions of the Prime Minister’s Assistance Package. These employees were not regularized as the Package ibid does not contain any provision for regularization of these employees.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

48. **Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:***(Deferred during 19th Session)**Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bio-Metric System is not available in Sargodha for the Hajj pilgrims due to which the people of this city, have to go Khushab for this purpose;*
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the same will be established in Sargodha?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Mr. Noor-ul-Haq Qadri): The Government of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and its embassy has outsourced bio-metric of all intending pilgrims to M/s Etimad to cater for the need of Hujjaj from far flung areas. This service is only for Hajj. It does not extend to Umrah.

49. **Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:***(Deferred during 19th Session)**Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state the electricity which will be generated from the under construction dams in the country?*

Reply not received.

50. **Mr. Salahuddin:***(Deferred during 19th Session)**Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that encroachments on railway land in the entire country have been removed;*
- (b) the location-wise area of land in the country recovered from occupants as yet;*
- (c) the area in Circular Railway Karachi that has been recovered as*

yet and the area of land that has to be recovered; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to shift and rehabilitate the affectees?

Minister for Railways Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) No, however it is apprised that regular anti-encroachment operations are carried out on all over the Railway Divisions with assistance of Railway Police and District Administration and managed to retrieve **177.889 acres** of Railway land during 2019.

(b) Railway land is spread over 08-Railways Divisions in the country. The division wise detail of recovered/regularized Railway land from unauthorized occupants during 2019 is as under:

S.No	Division	Area of land recovered (in acres)
1	Peshawar	35.642
2	Rawalpindi	4.969
3	Lahore	19.827
4	Moghalpura	0.512
5	Multan	63.565
6	Sukkur	8.357
7	Karachi	39.650
8	Quetta	5.367
Total	177.889	

(c) 37.70 Km out of 43.12 Km Right of Way (ROW) has been recovered from encroachment and remaining 5.42 Km will be recovered soon, for which measures are being taken.

(d) Pakistan Railway is fully on board with Government of Sindh. The process regarding shifting/ rehabilitation of affectees will be supported by Pakistan Railways in all steps which will be taken by Government of Sindh.

52. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Deferred during 19th Session)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to refer to the Un-Starred Question No.39 replied on 15-01-2020 and to state:

- (a) *details of allotments of Category "C" in terms of number of each allottee in General Waiting List (GWL), date of issuance of offer/ consent letter, date upon which each employee had given his consent, date of allotment alongwith date upon which each of such accommodation were supposed to be occupied and date of actual occupation by each allottee since 11th December, 2017; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that Estate Office has been ignoring GWL and allotted Government accommodation in violation of GWL?*

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

(a) The requisite information is placed as Annex-I. 38 "C" Type accommodations have been allotted since 11th December, 2017. Details of number on GWL, allotment and date of occupation are given at Annex-A. The allotments had been made on subject to vacation basis, therefore supposed dated of vacation cannot be given.

(b) No, it is not a fact that Estate Office is ignoring the General Waiting List and allotted government accommodation in violation of General Waiting List. In fact Estate Office is strictly adhering the orders of Supreme Court of Pakistan in CP No.1498/2011 and makes allotment of government accommodation to the senior most Federal Government Servants on maturity of turn.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

20. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *facts about water quality of Rivers, Dams and Lakes alongwith water quality monitoring programme; and*
- (b) *steps taken by the Government to ensure treatment of industrial and domestic waste?*

Reply not received.

21. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

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

(a) facts about eligibility criteria of Sehat Sahulat Card; and

(b) facts about empanelled hospitals under the said programme?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Sahulat Program, a social health protection initiative by Federal and participating Provincial / Regional Governments, is working to provide financial health protection to poor, marginalized and vulnerable families against extra-ordinary health care expenditure. Through this program free of cost “Sehat Insaf Card” is provided to each enrolled family to access cashless quality indoor health care services from any empaneled hospital across Pakistan with dignity and respect.

For the purpose of identifying poor beneficiaries for the program, Sehat Sahulat Program is using the household National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER) database of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) of PMT (Proxy Mean Test) 32.5 and below. With the support of NADRA, CNICs of the beneficiaries are verified and families are composed. These families are being enrolled in the program through biometric verification at Beneficiary Enrolment Centers (BEC), developed at Union Council (UC) level, while indoor health care services are being provided to enrolled families through network of empaneled health care facilities by State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan.

As a special benefit package by Honorable Prime Minister, the ambit of Sehat Sahulat Program has also been extended to all permanent resident families of newly merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (x-FATA), district Tharparkar - Sindh along with personal with disabilities and transgenders, who are registered in NADRA and has special CNIC for the purpose. Database of these marginalized and vulnerable families are extracted from NADRA’s national repository.

Any Pakistan can check his or her beneficiary status and location of beneficiary enrolment center by texting CNIC number to 8500 or by visiting SSP web site www.pmhealthprogram.gov.pk

Detail statistics of beneficiary families in each districts of Pakistan is placed in **Annex-A**.

Keeping in view the 18th Constitutional amendment of 2010, where financial and administrative aspect of health is being devolved to all provinces, Sehat Sahulat Program was designed in such a way where economy of scale can be achieved through Federal and Provincial unified procurement of insurance company and where program implementation in each province is managed by respective Provincial Government, independently with 100% contribution in health insurance premium.

Due to non-contribution in finances by the provincial governments, Sehat Sahulat Program has not yet been implemented in the districts of Balochistan and Sindh (other than Tharparkar). It will be implemented as soon as provincial governments confirm their financial contribution for the provision of social health protection to their families.

(b) Sehat Sahulat Program provide free of cost indoor health care services to enrolled families by empaneling public and private sector health care facilities on pre-negotiated packaged rates.

Program also provide inter-districts and inter-provincial portability through which each enrolled family can access indoor health care services from any empaneled hospital across Pakistan.

List of empaneled health care facilities in the program is attached in **Annex-B**.

Benefit package which are provided to each enrolled family through network of empaneled hospitals is placed in **Annex-C**.

As a policy matter, Sehat Sahulat Program empanel only those private sector hospitals who are registered with local health care commission. For the regions and provinces where local health care commission is not fully functional, Sehat Sahulat Program has its own hospital empanelment criteria to evaluate hospital and to empanel those who attain certain level of quality services.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

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

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

- (a) the names of automobile companies working in Pakistan indicating also the details of vehicles being manufactured by each of them; and*
- (b) the percentage of increase in price made by the said companies in the prices of vehicles during the last year?*

Minister for Industries and Production: (a) The names of automobile companies working in Pakistan indicating also the details of vehicles being manufactured by each of them is at **Annex-A**.

(b) The available information regarding percentage of increase made by the said companies in the prices of their, vehicles during the last one year is at **Annexure-B**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

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

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

- (a) what steps have been taken so far regarding the prevention of corona virus;*
- (b) what is the status of Pakistani students living in the affected areas; and*
- (c) details of those who are already landed/arrived in Pakistan?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The steps taken/being taken by the Ministry regarding the prevention of Corona Virus are asunder:

- * Activated Emergency Operation Center (EOC) at NIH, M/o NHR&C since 22nd Jan. 2020 and is monitoring the global situation.

- Ministry of NHSRC is constantly in liaison with Chinese authorities in Pakistan and China.
- Regular Inter-ministerial/multi-sectoral meetings are ongoing at the M/o NHSRC for a coordinated response, preparedness plan for Pakistan and to disseminate the national guidelines.
- Designated hospitals for isolation of suspected patients have been linked with airport health authorities.
- Multiple advisories for novel Corona Virus (2019-nCoV) Issued by NIH/MNHSRC
- National guidelines for mitigating the risk of spread developed and circulated.
- Developed and disseminated guidelines, SOPs and waste management protocol for airports and hospitals.
- Established close liaison with relevant stakeholders like Provincial Health Departments, Directorate of Central Health Establishment (CHE), NDMA, IFRC and other relevant stakeholders.
- Conducting follow-up calls for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 to all passengers coming from outside country. Calls are made after 24 hours of their arrival and then after every 28 hours till 14 days.
- Helpline 1166 at NEOC Polio has been operationalized to answer the queries of general public on coronavirus disease (COVID-19) also.

Provision of thermal scanners, thermal guns, & PPEs at the Points of Entries.
- Activated screening of passengers on all international airports in coordination with Directorate of Central Health Establishment.
- Providing 24/7 ambulance facility for international airports.

- Capacity building on risk assessment of all relevant stakeholders in scenario of outbreak.
 - Mechanism and facilities for quarantine and isolation of suspected travelers has been established.
 - Streamlined mechanism for sample collection and testing at NIH and selected provincial public health labs.
 - Trained workforce of PPHRLs of Quetta, Peshawar and Lahore. The PCR kits have been provided to these labs
 - Carried out 05 trainings of IPC in 02 hospitals of Islamabad and trained 120 personnel including doctors, paramedics and , sanitation staff. More trainings are in process.
 - Carried out training of 200 personnel on 06 point of entries including Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta, and Gwadar regarding health measures, screening procedures, and infection prevention & control practices.
 - Developed information, education & communication (IEC) material in collaboration with CHE and WHO
 - Established health information desk at arrival and departure lounges of all international airports
 - NIH providing VTM to relevant stakeholders
 - Formulated RRTs at institutional level
 - NIH has initiated free of cost testing for 2019-nCov suspected cases.
 - Multiple inter-ministerial and inter-sectors meetings conducted to take all stakeholders onboard for enhanced coordination and to prepare for preparedness response.
- (b) Status of Pakistani students living in the affected areas is as under:

Total Pakistani Students in China	28,000,
In Hubei	1,094 (824 Males and 270 Females)
In Wuhan	620 (482 Males and 138 Females)
Infected with corona virus	5 (have been recovered)

(c)

International Airports	Direct from China	Indirect from China
Jinnah International Airport, Karachi	432	942
Islamabad International Airport, Islamabad	2684	468
Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore	0	2585
Bacha Khan International Airport, Peshawar	0	35
Faisalabad International Airport, Faisalabad	0	5
Multan international Airport, Sialkot	0	16
Sialkot International Airport, Sialkot	0	8
Total	3,116	4,059

24. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to refer to the Un-Starred Question No.39 replied on 15-01-2020 and to state:

(a) *the date and time by which allotted House to said employee is going to be vacated;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that Government accommodation which has been allotted to said employee is not going to vacate in near future by present allottee;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that such allotment is equal to pacify the said employee and it is tantamount to malpractice on the part of Estate Office; and*
- (d) *what steps are being taken by the Government to allot first available House to said employee?*

Reply not received.

25. **Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

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

- (a) *the details of those employees of the Utility Stores are not being given annual increment for the last two years; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not paying dues for the year 2017 and 2018 thereof?*

Minister for Industries and Production: (a) The total numbers of employees working in USC, at present are 9411 (Regular 5605 + Contractual 3806 = total 9411).

The Annual Increment for the Calendar Year 2018, has already been incorporated in the salaries of USC employees.

However, the Annual Increment for the Calendar Year 2019 has not yet been given to USC employees, as the USC Board of Directors decided that any financial enhancement will require approval of the USC BOD. Therefore case for grant of Increment for the Calendar Year 2019, will be placed before the BOD in its forthcoming meeting.

The Increment for the Calendar Year 2019 will be incorporated in the salaries of USC employees as and when BOD's approval gets received.

- (b) The USC BOD had decided in its 146th meeting held on 25-10-2018

that arrears of the increase since July 2017 will be paid when the Company comes out of financial losses and achieves the breakeven level. Thus, the arrears will be paid as and when the company achieves breakeven point.

26. **Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the increase made by the present Government in the fares during the years 2018 and 2019; and*
- (b) *whether there is any planning or proposal under consideration of Government made for reduction in the fares?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): The percentage increase made in the fares of trains during the year 2018 and 2019 is as under:

- i. In year 2018 the fares of 40 out of 132 trains were increased by an average of 6% w.e.f 07.12.2018.
- ii. In year 2019 the fares were increased by an average of 6% w.e.f 01-07-2019.

(b) Pakistan Railways has decided to reduce 10% fare on Single Journey and 25% on return Journey of AC/ Standard and Business class of all those trains where filling/ occupancy is not up to the mark, from 9th March-2020.

27. **Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

- (a) *the names of the employees of the Ministry and its attached departments who went abroad on Government expenditure during the last five years alongwith the dates and reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the amount spent on each of the said employees?*

Reply not received.

28. **Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the locations of railways workshops and factories for the repair of defective and non functional railways engines in the country at present?

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): The location of Railways Workshops and Factories for the repair of defective and non-functional Railways engines in the country at present is as under:-

- i. Central Diesel Locomotive Workshop, Rawalpindi.
- ii. Loco Workshop / Mughalpura.
- iii. Diesel Shop / Karachi Cantt.
- iv. Pakistan Locomotive Factory, Risalpur.

29. **Mrs. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether salaries of employees of SWH WAPDA, Dasu Kohistan and Diamer are not being given since long; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which salaries will be given to said employees?*

Reply not received.

30. **Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of employees of the Ministry and its attached departments proceeded abroad on official expenses during the last five years;*
- (b) *the dates of their visits abroad alongwith the reasons; and*
- (c) *the amount incurred on each employees therefor?*

Reply not received.

31. **Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the names of trains which are running in losses at present alongwith the names of those which are posting profits?

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): Presently 23=46 Mail/Express trains are running over the Railway network to cater for the need of the different urban and rural areas.

These are long lead trains, which are facilitating the people of four provinces.

The Major starting Points of these trains are Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Quetta and Karachi. Out of 23=46 Mail/ Express Trains, 17= 34 are posting profit and 6=12 are below their variable cost. All out efforts are being made with the coordination of Divisional Superintendents to make all trains profitable.

The trains posting profit are given below:

- I. 1Up/ 2Dn (Khyber Mail)
- II. 5Up/ 6Dn (Green Line)
- III. 7Up/ 8Dn (Tezgam)
- IV. 9Up/ 10Dn (Allama Iqbal Express)
- V. 13Up/ 14Dn (Awam Express)
- VI. 15Up/ 16Dn (Karachi Express)
- VII. 17Up/ 18Dn (Millat Express)
- VIII. 25Up/ 26Dn (Baha-un Din Zakria Express)
- IX. 27Up/ 28Dn (Shalimar Express)
- X. 31 Up/ 32Dn (Jinnah Express)
- XI. 33Up/ 34Dn (Pak Business Express)
- XII. 35Up/ 36Dn (Sir Syed Express)
- XIII. 37Up/38Dn (Fareed Express)
- XIV. 41Up/42Dn (Karakoram Express)
- XV. 43Up/44Dn (Shah Hussain Express)
- XVI. 45Up/46Dn (Pakistan Express)

VII. 47Up/48Dn (Rehman Baba Express)

The trains which are not meeting their variable cost are given below:

MAIL / EXPRESS TRAINS

- i 3Up/4Dn (Bolan Mail)
 - ii 11Up/12Dn (Hazara Express)
 - iii 19Up/20Dn (Khushal Khan Khattak Express)
 - iv 23Up/24Dn (Akbar Express)
 - v 29Up/30Dn (Thal Express)
 - vi 39Up/40Dn (Jaffer Express)
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ISLAMABAD:
The 10th March, 2020.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.