

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Monday, the 14th September, 2020

61. ***Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state the steps taken or being taken by the Government to save the dams throughout the country from pollution?

Reply not received.

75. ***Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state the steps taken or being taken so far by the present Government to save rivers throughout the country from pollution at present as well as in future?

Reply not received.

87. ***Mr. Kesoo Mal Kheal Das:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state the number of buildings and houses constructed on the land occupied from the right and left sides of the field protection dykes on river Indus alongwith the province-wise details?

Minister for Water Resources (Mr. Muhammad Faisal Vawda): Flood protection dykes on rivers is primarily provincial subject.

Due to non-existence of proper Flood Plain regulation Laws in the country, huge settlements/encroachments have taken place by the nearby population causing hinderance in flood flows and reduction in waterways of rivers across the country.

After the devastating floods of 2010, Federal Flood Commission formulated “Draft Flood Plain Management Act” under the studies of National Flood Protection Plan (NFPP-IV). The Flood Plain Maps of major rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi & Sutlej) were also updated. Both documents were circulated among the provinces in February 2016, for approval from the respective provincial assemblies and their enactment.

Government of Punjab had prepared its own “Flood Plain Management Act, which has enforced in the province after approval in April, 2016. The province of Sindh, KP & Balochistan besides GB & AJK has informed that the draft “Flood Plain Management Act” had been processed for obtaining approval from their respective provincial Assemblies.

Further, according to WAPDA, Nabeel Hotel at the right side of the Indus River downstream of Ghazi Barrage, District Swabi is exist in ROW of Ghazi Barotha Hydropower Project. The case is under trial in the Honourable High Court, Peshawar.

61. ***Mr. Ali Wazir:**
(Deferred from 23rd Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that funds have been spent by Federal Flood Commission in different schemes;*
- (b) *if so, the details of funds spent during last ten years province-wise and also including merged district-wise?*

Minister for Water Resources (Mr. Muhammad Faisal Vawda): (a) Yes, the Federal Government allocates funds each year under Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for execution of urgent nature flood protection schemes in the four provinces (Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Balochistan) and Federally Administered Areas

(Merged Area, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir) through Normal/Emergent Flood programme. Federal Flood Commission, Ministry of Water Resources is a coordinating body at Federal Government level for approval of proposed schemes from concerned forums (DDWP/CDWP) and for release of funds by the Ministry of Planning, development & Special Initiatives/ Finance Division.

Prioritization of urgent nature flood protection and river training schemes, preparation of PC-Is of these prioritized schemes, tendering, award of contracts, execution and funds utilization is the exclusive responsibility of Provinces/Federal Line Agencies (Provincial Irrigation Departments & Irrigation Directorate, Merged Area, GB-Public Works department and Irrigation & Small dams Organization, Government of AJ&K).

The funds allocated to Normal/Emergent Flood Programme under PSDP are released by the Government of Pakistan through Ministry of Water Resources, Federal Flood Commission to the respective Provincial Governments/Federal Line Agencies.

Federal Government undertakes the field monitoring of these schemes including representatives from FFC, Ministry of Water Resources and PD&SI Division.

(b) Total **Rs. 7521.900 million** were allocated by Government of Pakistan during past ten financial years *i.e.* (2010-11 to 2019-20). Out of which **Rs. 5586.786 million** were released to the Provinces/Federal Line Agencies for implementation of flood protection schemes under Normal/Emergent Flood Programme. Province/Agency-wise detail is as under:

(Rs. in million)

Sr. No.	Province/Region	Detail of Budget Allocation & releases	
		Allocation	Releases
1.	Punjab	2825.868	2074.195
2.	Sindh	2488.176	1783.357
3.	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	844.900	608.250
4.	Balochistan	593.860	466.270

Sr. No.	Province/Region	Detail of Budget Allocation & releases	
		Allocation	Releases
5.	Gilgit-Baltistan	171.312	118.545
6.	Merged Areas	352.715	309.998
7.	AJ&K	245.069	226.171
Total:		7521.900	5586.786

Detail is attached at Appendix-II as supplementary material.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

62. ***Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**
(Deferred from 23rd Session)

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

- (a) *the details of the arrangements/preparation for COVID-19 during the months of February, March, April and May, 2020; and*
- (b) *equipments availability, equipment imported, distributed to the provinces against their demands, numbers of patients position, deaths and recovered, testing capacity and in particular arrangements made for Hyderabad?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The details of the arrangements/ preparation for COVID-19 as under:

Coordination Mechanism	<input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of National Command and operation center to synergize and articulate unified national effort against COVID-19. The center is one window operation to collate, analyze and process information based on digital input and human intelligence across Pakistan through all provinces, AJ&K, GB & ICT dedicated representatives and centers. Recommendations based on information and data is the processed including health, financing and all matter related to COVID-19 to NCC for real time projections and timely interventions by NCC headed by PM
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of a coordination mechanism between M/o NHSR&C, NIH, HSA and NITB for website/knowledge management regarding COVID 19 response <input type="checkbox"/> Spread of Knowledge pertaining to the pandemic by websites such as: M/o NHSR&C, COVIDI9, NIH, and HSA <input type="checkbox"/> Regular coordination with all provinces/regions, health partners and other stakeholders regarding corona virus outbreak and providing supply chain management system
<p>Screening & surveillance at PoEs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Government of Pakistan is monitoring the situation on daily basis with strict vigilance at the Point of Entries including airports and ground crossings (especially western border). <input type="checkbox"/> From Jan till 7th July 2020 1272556 travelers screened at Airports with 3033 suspects identified from a total of 6697 flights, 381903 travelers screened at land crossings <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of additional logistics <i>i.e.</i> 5 thermal scanners and guns, essential equipment, human resource. PPE and trainings. Standard guidelines & SOPs for PoEs has been developed and circulated. <input type="checkbox"/> The newly acquired thermal scanners and essential equipment have been deployed at Points of Entry in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Multan and Peshawar.
<p>Establishing & Strengthening Sentinel Surveillance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Case Investigation, Contact Tracing and monitoring of close contacts for suspected cases is being done through robust real time surveillance, and for diagnosed cases admitted in health care facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination: Coordination of all case investigation, contact tracing and follow up through a federal — provincial facility involving teleconferencing and single information management systems has been established, 1166 National Helpline established and linked to Rapid Response Teams <input type="checkbox"/> TTQ strategy launched to enhance testing, tracing their contacts and quarantine. Polio surveillance teams and its 13,000 network of hospitals (public & private) supported provincial surveillance teams for referral, testing and tracing <input type="checkbox"/> Under TTQ regime. Geo Fencing technology is being used for contact tracing and isolation / quarantine, and providing help as needed. To date since its implementation started from 24 April the total number of test carried out are 3,83,813 for May, 7,45,864 for June and 4,08,478 -for July are and the number of their contacts traced was 38,748 for last ten days of May, 2,16,785 for June and 1,37,071 for July of their contacts have been traced which helped in significantly reducing the spread of disease. <input type="checkbox"/> Polio EOC has also instituted Integrated Disease Monitoring System (IDMS) for COVID to .improve data quality and flow. Data consolidation takes place at the NCOC level and is reflected in Daily Sitreps

Laboratory Diagnostic Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ 140 laboratories in the major cities across the country have been designated to support COVID-19 diagnostics, and are undergoing trainings to collect the samples from suspected cases on biosafety and biosecurity standards □ The current diagnostic capacity has reached 46,726 tests/day and will be increased further □ Provision of relevant supplies, PPEs and lab reagents for safe collection, storage, packing and transportation of samples according to standardized SOPs being ensured □ Networking with private labs is also being expanded across the country to enhance capacity for early identification and confirmatory diagnosis, while quality assurance of the testing is provided by NIH
Case Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ 209 Quarantine facilities established nationwide with collaboration of public / private sector, hospitals and hotels with provision of logistics, equipment supplies and IEC material. □ 769 Public and Private Hospitals in all major cities and 154 districts of Pakistan are engaged for COVID management and isolation capacity increased. Regular oxygen supply is being ensured for the large number of COVID positive requiring low or high flow oxygen □ 29,700 beds are currently allocated for COVID patients, 3,061 ventilators are available for serious cases of which 25% are currently occupied, while 1,401 non COVID vents can potentially be used for surging capacity □ Efforts are underway to ensure the supply of “Remdesivir” and “Actemra” to manage critical COVID patients in public and private health facilities. Registration of Remdesivir for local production has also been done through DRAP □ Launch of “We Care” program and training of 10,000 Health care providers on Ventilators and other equipment and also ICU management of patients- trainings for doctors and nurses (5000) □ Training on Stress Alleviation for health care providers working in COVID started under “We Care” □ Additional beds equipped: Federal government is ramping up ICT and provincial / area government hospitals by including 2700 additional beds and provision of equipment including ventilators, BiPAP. CPAP, nasal cannula, pulse oximeter, oxygen cylinders and oxygen tanks etc. NDMA has been tasked for fast track procurement and maintain a supply chain on need basis. A new 250 bedded infectious disease hospital has been constructed in Islamabad, which will be operational in near future. □ Overview of Medical Oxygen supply: During May, the number of Covid-19 cases requiring hospitalization increased along with the need of oxygen, which became the mainstay of managing moderate to critical cases. Requirement of Medical Oxygen (gas) across the country for the hospitals was ascertained by making projections of medical oxygen requirement till 31 July,

	<p>based on the total consumption of medical oxygen per day in order to ensure its availability as per requirement for the country. Arrangements are in place to import oxygen relatively quickly, if required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Resource Management System (RMS): Federal government in order to support provincial and area governments, institutionalized RMS which is designed to capture essential data from 490 Covid designated hospitals vis a vis total no hospitals; total beds, ICU beds, ventilators, BiPAP /CPAP, high & low flow oxygenated beds etc. By using Application Programming Interface from provinces, RIMS is able to integrate with their provincial systems and synchronize data. RIMS is being used as live data indicating total and available. Beds in various categories in all hospitals for efficient policy level response. RIMS is gradually being turned into a central health repository that will be beneficial for Pakistan in the coming years.
Stock piling & Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Import of essential equipment and supplies facilitated in collaboration with Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) by waiving import duties on 61 items (Laboratory, ICU and Medical equipment) defined in the essential equipment list generated by M/o NHSRC □ Detailed quantification and costing of essential equipment, supplies, etc. that were anticipated to be required was done. The essential equipment lists generated also supported the NDMA procurements, which are being financed through various partners and donors □ These same quantifications reflected in a World Bank financed Pandemic Response Effectiveness Project (PREP) whose Concept Note was subsequently cleared by CDWP on 20th March 2020 □ PPE Calculator developed to assist all responding stakeholders with quantification which are being revised as per need
Infection Prevention & Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ As part of the overall concept of IPC, the Frontline Health Workers are being trained on donning/doffing procedures for PPEs along with receiving a sustained supply of these items □ Cognizant of the shortage of protective gear in the global market and to promote intelligent and restrict inappropriate use of the same, trainings on Awareness and use of PPEs- Frontline Health Workers have also been initiated □ Efforts are being made to implement the National IPC Guidelines recently developed by the M/o NHR&C in all health facilities managing COVID-19
Advisories & Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ 60 SoPs and Guidelines developed and issued, Public health advisories being updated and circulated regularly Annex-A □ M/o NHSRC has also developed and issued an advisory on Corona Mitigation Strategy for health sector. Includes mitigation measures such as early case detection (including case definition), contact tracing protocols, Infection prevention SOPs, IEC material, 1166 helpline, social distancing measures,

	<p>quarantine / isolation protocols and best practices to educate masses on avoiding transmission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ “Smart lockdown” is being instituted on the basis of numbers of positive cases being reported from various areas and is intended to meet the dual requirements of reducing unrestricted spread and opening of the economy in light of economic imperatives. □ Guidelines and SoPs for the upcoming religious festival of Eid-ul-Azha. This is being done proactively to ensure that the event proceeds in a managed fashion and to limit the spread during this critical time
<p>Risk Communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ A strong risk communication and outreach mechanism has been established with a multi- partner Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) taskforce notified in early March 2020 □ The Risk Communication and Community Engagement Strategy has also been developed by the RCCE Taskforce. □ Public awareness messages developed and are being regularly aired, while a National Health Helpline (1166) for COVID-19 has also been established □ IEC and informational material has been developed and distributed with support of WHO to all provinces and regions with precautionary measures described in regional languages. Further strengthening of this outreach is being worked out with WHO □ Multiple media formats (print, social and mass media) being used to disseminate key messages including in regional languages □ Development of COVID-19 Health Advisory Platform (http://covid.gov.pk/) for Real-time Pakistan and Worldwide COVID-19 statistics and situation to direct information seekers to trusted and reliable sources of knowledge and information about different aspects of the Coronavirus disease outbreak. This platform provides information regarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Signs and Symptoms o Basic Protective Measures o Travel advisories o Common FAQs on COVID-19 o National Sources o International Sources o United Nations o Latest News o Guidelines/ SoPS □ Development of National Guidelines / SOPS for COVID-19 effective response on following areas that have been endorsed on official website of Ministry of NHR&C, NIH and HSA after approval from higher authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ http://covid.gov.pk/ □ http://www.nhsr.gov.pk/ □ https://www.nih.org.pk/novel-coronavirus-2019.ncov/ □ http://www.hsa.edu.pk/

	<p>Utilization of Sehat Tahaffuz 1166 as COVID-19 Helpline Centre at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) for COVID-19 basic information and primary symptoms. As part of emergency response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the government has expanded the centre to help people get information on how to stay safe and connect them to a doctor when required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Development of Resource Management Systems (RMS), which generate COVID-19 related data on public sector hospital stock, equipment and HR.RMS capturing data of COVID and Non-COVID Hospitals. Current number of Hospitals are 3,567, 1,142 frontline doctors, 19,074 paramedic staff, 204,958 N95 Masks, 4,197 total ventilators, 1,546 ventilators for COVID, 603 ventilators used for COVID, 111,345 total beds capacity, 22,729 beds allocated for COVID, 85,70 beds used for COVID in RMS □ COVID-19 Gov PK mobile based application (Android & IOS) developed that can download and give information on current statistics, PAK Neghayban, radius alert, COVID tracker, self-assessment and awareness messages features
Resource Generation & Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Government has mobilized domestic resources of PKR 50 Billion as Emergency Health Financing at Federal Level for Covid Response, in addition PKR 85 Million for strengthening of PoEs (63 million) and NIH (22 million) also disbursed at onset of outbreak, further funding is routed directly to NDMA □ PKR 70 Billion allocated in current budget for COVID-19 □ An umbrella PC-I has been develop amounting to PKR 32.4 billion for COVID-19 response and to address and prepare for any other such situation for whole country with support of world bank. The same is under process of approval

(b) Strengthening of health care capacities (oxygenators, equipment distribution to provinces and regions). The detail is attached as **Annex-B**. The details of patients from Hyderabad and testing capacity is placed below:

	Confirmed cases	Re-covered	Deaths	Male	Female	Testing Capacity
Hyderabad	3,992	2,272	55	2,892	1,233	1 laboratory

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

64. Lapsed under rule 247 (3).

70. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred from 23rd Session)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the number of Pakistanis affected from hepatitis disease at present in Islamabad and other cities?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: According to the one and only National Hepatitis Survey done by Pakistan Medical Research Council in 2008, Pakistan has a national prevalence of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection as 2.5% and of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) infection as 5%. Applying this prevalence to current population estimates shows that there are almost 5 million people are affected with hepatitis B and more than 10 million with hepatitis C. The province wise prevalence of hepatitis B and C was as follows:

Table 1: Province wise prevalence (%) of HBV and HCV in 2008

Disease	Islamabad	Punjab	Sindh	KPK	Balochistan
Hepatitis B	5.6%	2.4%	2.5%	1.3%	4.3%
Hepatitis C	4.1%	6.7%	5%	1.1%	1.5%

Since the 2008 hepatitis survey was the only national hepatitis B and C survey conducted in Pakistan, therefore, it also showed the district wise disease burden of hepatitis B and C infections in the country. According to the 2008 survey, there are almost 25 high hepatitis risk districts in the country those are shown below in the table 2.

Table 2: Names of Twenty-Five Districts High Risk Districts

Province	District wise prevalence (%)			
	Hepatitis B		Hepatitis C	
Federal	*Islamabad	5.6%	*Islamabad	4.1%
Punjab	D.G. Khan	5.7%	Vehari	13.1%
	R. Y. Khan	4.7%	Hafizabad	12.9%
	Jhang	4.1%	Pakpattan	10.6%
	Rajampur	4.0%	Bahawalnagar	10.1%
			Bahawalpur	9.9%
			Okara	9.5%

Province	District wise prevalence (%)			
	Hepatitis B		Hepatitis C	
Sindh	Khairpur	6.3%	*Ghotki	12.7%
	*Ghotki	5.9%	Sanghar	7.8%
			Dadu	7.2%
KPK	Upper Dir	5.0%	Hangu	6.4%
	Lower Dir	3.2%	Swat	3.0%
Balochistan	*Musakhel	14.7%	*Musakhel	5.3%
	*Loralai	7.4%	Jaffarabad	5.2%
	Sibbi	7.3%	Barkhan	3.8%
			Zhob	3.7%
			*Loralai	3.3%
*Common Districts with high prevalence of Hepatitis B & C				

In 2018, Punjab Government has carried out another Hepatitis B and C seroprevalence Survey in the Punjab. The survey showed the overall prevalence of HBV and HCV in Punjab was (2.2%) and (8.9%) respectively.

Table 3: Punjab Hepatitis B and Sero-survey in 2018

Disease	Punjab
Hepatitis B	2.2%
Hepatitis C	8.9%

1. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the test reports have not been made online in PIMS and Federal Government Polyclinic, Islamabad;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that for receiving the said reports thousands of patients have to stand in queues and wait for hours daily; and*

- (c) *the amount allocated in the current financial year to make the said reports online and the present stage of this process; and*
- (d) *the time by which the same will be completed alongwith the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The test reports are being made online in PIMS while, providing to those patients/attendants who have their emails and submit at the time of their registration. The Federal Government Polyclinic (FGPC) have not available online test reports system at present.

(b) Yes, but the reports can be obtained from the wards/email as well in PIMS. In Federal Government Polyclinic (FGPC), the patients have to wait for giving samples. The reports are issue the next day or as per schedule. Anyone other than patient can also collect reports on provision of receipt.

(c) No funds were allocated for the purchase of hardware during the current financial year 2020-21 for PIMS Hospital. However, it is in process that the demand of hardware (purchase of computer, CPU and printers) will be provided by Ministry of Information.

Special fund online reposting system in FGPC has not been allocated in the budget of the current financial year.

(d) It is an ongoing process, update day by day. As stated above currently this issue has already been taken up with Ministry of Information Technology for the better facilitation of patient as well as their attendants at PIMS.

The FGPC does not have an IT Department or any IT personnel who can develop and maintain the online services. However, for such facility a proposal has been initiated for provision of it department along with personnel and budget.

2. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state whether swarm of locust has ended completely in the country?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Syed Fakhar Imam): At present, the locust presence has been curtailed to only 2 districts, out of 61 affected districts of Pakistan, through effective control strategy by Federal Government and with the support of Provincial Governments, Armed Forces and NDMA.

3. ***Shazia Marri:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that losses of public sector enterprises have considerably increased by in the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 as compared to previous financial year;*
- (b) *if so, is it tantamount to failure of the plans of the incumbent Government to revamp such enterprises and make them profitable;*
- (c) *whether the incumbent Government has assessed causes behind its failure to revamp such enterprises in the year 2018-19 and in the current fiscal year; if so, the details thereof;*
- (d) *the actual plan of revamping of each of above enterprise; and*
- (e) *how will the incumbent Government ensure its guarantee to the Parliament that such losses will not increase in the current fiscal year?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) The performance of the Public Sector Enterprises under the Industries and Production Division has been observed to be varying/mixed with reference to profits and losses. The entity wise details are as at **(Annex-I)**

(b) No. The Federal Government, specifically the Industries and Production Division has been alive to the issues and has initiated restructuring / revamping of the PSEs in pursuance of recommendations of Implementation Committee and decision of the Cabinet. The details are at **(Annex-II)**.

(c) **Pakistan Industrial & Technical Assistance Centre (PITAC)**

Government has notified PITAC as an Autonomous Body vide Cabinet Division's Memorandum dated 14-04-2020 (**Annex-III**). The Government will not bear the financial expenditure of the Centre in future. The Centre will be responsible for managing its financials through self-generation in future.

Pakistan Institute of Management (PIM)

Government has notified PIM as an Autonomous Body vide Cabinet Division's Memorandum dated 14-04-2020 (**Annex-III**). The Government will not bear the financial expenditure of the Institute in future. The Institute will be responsible for managing its financials through self-generation in future.

Karachi Tools Dies & Moulds Centre KTDMC

Government has notified merger of KTDMC with PIDC, vide Cabinet Division Memorandum dated 23-12-2019 (**Annex-IV**). Hence Operational expenditure of KTDMC will be reduced in future.

Technology Up-Gradation & Skill Development Company (TUSDEC)

Government has notified merger of KTDMC with PIDC, vide Cabinet Division Memorandum dated 23-12-2019 (**Annex-IV**). Hence Operational expenditure of KTDMC will be reduced in future.

National Fertilizer Corporation (NFC)

Government has decided to privatize NFC vide Cabinet Division's letter dated 07-05-2020 (**Annex-V**).

Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM)

The plan of the incumbent government has not failed as revamping is a time taking process. In the light of decisions of the ECC of the Cabinet and CCoP dated 3rd May and 17th June, 2019, respectively, the Government has been making continuous efforts for the revival of PSM. After the publication of Expression of Interest (EoI), firms (local & foreign) have shown interest in the revival of PSM. Moreover, after the due process, Privatization Commission (PC) Board has finalized the transaction model / structure for the privatization of PSM on 2nd September, 2020.

(d) The actual plan is at (**Annex-VI**)

(e) The losses are to be checked certainly due to reduction of number of Board of Directors and restructuring of the remaining entities like PIDC for improved efficiency.

Utility Stores Corporation (USC)

Increase in sale of USC shows decrease in loss of the entity. USC has set the sale target of Rs.115,000 million during the current Financial Year 2020-21

Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM)

After the due process of Privatization Commission and subsequent working of Financial Advisor, when the management of PSM would be handed over to new administration, it shall make plans to ensure that losses may not increase in current fiscal year.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

4. ***Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo:**

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

(a) whether a policy has been formulated to purchase wheat;

(b) if so, the price fixed for “Irry” and “basmati” types of rice with details.

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Syed Fakhar Imam): (a) Purchase policy of wheat would be formulated on the eve of wheat sowing season *i.e.* by mid October, 2020.

(b) The Government do not fix price for any type of rice.

5. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *the detail of present capacity of NIRM Hospital with respect to number of beds, indicating also its patients existing influx per day;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the number of this facility at present; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) NIRM is 160 bedded hospital, its existing influx is 450-500 patient per day on average.

(b) NIRM is planning to expand its physical infrastructure and bed capacity from 160 beds to 300 beds to cater the increasing load of patients and referral cases. The newly acquired land measuring 4167 sq-yards will be utilized for enhancement of accommodation facilities of indoor patients and establishment of new essential departments for provision of best possible medical treatment / health care services and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.

The PC-II of the said project has been approved. Bidding is under process for conducting of feasibility study, soil testing, topographic mapping and preparation of PC-I according to needs of the target population. The new building will be used among others for the following purposes:—

1. **Establishment of new departments**
 - Dentistry
 - Neurology
 - Rehabilitation
 - Prosthetic & Orthotic departments
2. **Extension of Existing Departments**
 - Anesthesia and Operation Theatre
 - Orthopaedic Surgery Unit
 - Paeds Surgery Unit
 - Physiotherapy gym
 - Speech Therapy
 - Psychology & Psychotherapy
 - Pathology Laboratory

6. ***Sardar Ayaz Sadiq:**

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

- (a) *steps taken by the Division to prepare subject-wise list of titles of all laws and rules made there under with reference to the business allocated to the said Division and its attached departments under the Rules of Business, 1973;*
- (b) *present status of and provide subject-wise list of titles of said Laws/Rules;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that steps have been taken by said Division to consolidate and amend said Laws/Rules to keep pace with changes in Society; if so, details; if not, reasons thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that steps have been taken by said Division to determine anomalies, inconsistencies and difficulties in the administration and implementation of said Laws and Rules; if so, provide copy of latest post legislative scrutiny made by said Division; and*
- (e) *names of officers/branches appointed/designated thereof?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) The details of public sector companies/ entities under the Industries and Production Division are established and regulated under different legal/regulatory frameworks. The details are given as under:

(1) **Small Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA)**

SMEDA Ordinance, 2002

- i. SMEDA Employees Services Rules, 2015
- ii. SMEDA (Employee Recruitment) Regulations, 2017
- iii. SMEDA (Employees Performance, Promotion & Increment) Regulations, 2017
- iv. SMEDA Financial Regulations, 2007

(2) **Gujranwala Business Centre**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 42)

- i. Public Sector Corporate Governance Rules, 2013
- ii. Article of Association
- iii. Memorandum of Association

(3) **FURNITURE PAKISTAN**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 42)

- i. Public Sector Corporate Governance Rules, 2013
- ii. Article of Association
- iii. Memorandum of Association

(4) **Pakistan Hunting & Sporting Arm Development Company (PHSADC)**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 42)

- i. Public Sector Corporate Governance Rules, 2013
- ii. Article of Association
- iii. Memorandum of Association
- iv. HR Manual (Employees Policy)
- v. Financial Rules

(5) **Pakistan Gems & Jewellery Development Company (PG&JDC)**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 42)

- i. Public Sector Corporate Governance Rules, 2013
- ii. Article of Association
- iii. Memorandum of Association
- iv. Finance Policy
- v. Procurement Policy
- vi. HR Policy

(6) **Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC)**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 42)

- i. Public Sector Corporate Governance Rules, 2013
- ii. Article of Association
- iii. Memorandum of Association
- iv. Procurement Policy
- v. IT Policy

(7) **Leather Crafts Development Company**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 32)

- i. Article of Association
- ii. Memorandum of Association

(8) **Spun Yarn Research Development Company**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 32)

- i. Article of Association
- ii. Memorandum of Association

(9) **KCDC Textile & Vocational Institute, Multan**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 32)

- i. Article of Association
- ii. Memorandum of Association

(10) **SPEI Institute for Fashion and Professional Edification**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 32)

- i. Article of Association
- ii. Memorandum of Association

(11) **Agro Food Processing (AFP) Facilities**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 42)

- i. Public Sector Corporate Governance Rules, 2013
- ii. Article of Association
- iii. Memorandum of Association
- iv. Financial and Accounting Procedure and Manual
- v. Human Resources Policy
- vi. Human Resources Recruitment Rules

(12) **TECHNOLOGY UP-GRADATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (TUSDEC), LAHORE**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 42)

- i. Public Sector Corporate Governance Rules, 2013
- ii. Article of Association
- iii. Memorandum of Association

(13) **KARACHI TOOLS DIES AND MOULDS CENTRE (KTDMC) KARACHI**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 42)

- i. Public Sector Corporate Governance Rules, 2013
- ii. Article of Association
- iii. Memorandum of Association

(14) **PAKISTAN INDUSTRIAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTRE (PITAC), LAHORE**

- i. PITAC is an autonomous body under administrative control of Ministry of Industries & Production constituted by Resolution No. C&P-9(11)/62 dated 26-05-1962.

(15) **PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT (PIM)**

- ii. PIM is an autonomous body under administrative control of Ministry of Industries & Production set up vide SRO 1113 (1)/76 dated 15-11-1976.

(16) **National Fertilizer Corporation (NFC)**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 32)

- i. Article of Association
- ii. Memorandum of Association.

(17) **Engineering Development Board (EDB)**

- i. Auto Development Policy (ADP-2016-21) regulations. The policy is to be reviewed after completion of its tenure.
- ii. Tariff Based System (TBS) SRO.655, SRO.656 and SRO.693 regulations.
- iii. Regulations regarding list of locally Manufactured red Goods (CGO-02/2007), the CGO is updated by EDB and recommended to FBR for notification.

(18) **Utility Stores Corporation (USC)**

Companies Act, 2017 (Section 42)

- i. Public Sector Corporate Governance Rules, 2013
- ii. Article of Association
- iii. Memorandum of Association
- iv. USC Service Rules, 1992

The USC has its own management which operates under the Managing Director and exercises its specified executive authority, whereas its Board of Directors take policy level decisions. The term 'Utility Stores Corporation', has not been integrated, as such, in SI. No 15 of Schedule-II of Rules of Business, 1973, that otherwise defines the distribution of business for Industries and Production Division. However, the work related with supply of essential commodities, is included in

Sl. No. 15, which is the assigned domain of USC. However, this Division specifically directs USC, to prepare a consolidated list containing titles of all relevant statutes, laws, rules, regulations etc. to upload on the official website of USC, for general information of the public.

(b) As above

(c) **Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC)**

PASDEC has recommended following to be incorporated to keep pace with changes in society:

1. To incorporate “Ban on blasting in the Dimensional Stone sector to reduce wastage of natural resources in section 3.3 (Waste Management) of the National Environment Policy 2005.
2. To recommend to the Provincial Ministries/Departments to incorporate “Ban on blasting in the Dimensional Stone sector to reduce wastage of natural resources except controlled blasting for the road development and removal of overburden” in the Provincial Environment Protection Acts.
3. Recommend to the Provincial Mines & Mineral Ministries/Departments to incorporate “Ban on blasting in the Dimensional Stone sector to reduce wastage of natural resources except controlled blasting for the road development and removal of overburden” in the Mineral Sector Governance Bills and Mineral Rules.

National Fertilizer Corporation (NFC)

NFC is at privatization list and will be privatized in near future

Utility Stores Corporation (USC)

Yes. This Division *vide* letter No. 3 (15)/2018-USC dated 13-02-2020, has directed USC to carry out an exercise in this regard.

(d) To inspect anomalies, inconsistencies and difficulties in the administration and implementation of the said laws/rules, appropriate

committees are being constituted with representation of officers concerned in the Ministry and Company CEO. The process of the completion of the said committees is under process.

Utility Stores Corporation (USC)

Yes. Vide referred letter, this Division has directed USC to formulate a rational and comprehensive structure of the organization, allocate functions and authority at each level, revise service rules and clearly set out the direct recruitment and promotion quota for various posts which may inter-alia, serve as the necessary checks on irregular practices and help streamline the human resource management in the Corporation.

(e) As per directions of the Secretary, MOIP, the process to constitute a committee as stated above is underway.

Utility Stores Corporation (USC)

Human Resource Branch of USC.

7. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that last year NIRM hospital had retrieved its 4176 square yard plot for the hospital from CDA;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the hospital administration was working on the PC-2 of the extension project; if so; and*
- (c) *what is the present status of approval of this project?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Yes, It is a fact that the complete possession of the plot adjacent to NIRM's existing building measuring 4167-sqre-yard has been taken from the CDA last year.

(b) Yes, the PC-II of the said project has been approved. Bidding is under process for conduction of feasibility study, soil testing, topographic mapping and preparation of PC-I according to needs of the target population.

(c) Funds allocation for the said project has also been approved. NIRM administration is giving top priority to this project and vigorously following all possible measures for early commencement of the project.

8. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) *as to when the construction work of apartments of Category-I at Kashmir Avenue Mauve Area in G-13, Islamabad has been stopped and whether the same was to be constructed by the Federal Government Employees Housing Corporation;*
- (b) *what are the reasons of stoppage of such work thereon;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the work of the said construction has been stopped because the said land has been declared as commercial area by the CDA; if so, under which law the land has been declared as commercial area and the time by which the same will be cleared; and*
- (d) *the percentage of concession being given for the said project under the Prime Minister's New Pakistan Programme?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

9. ***Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam:**

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

- (a) *category-wise details of employees alongwith their post, grade, and name of departments who were allotted Government accommodation in lieu of General Waiting List, however, they could not get possession of their allotted house, at present;*
- (b) *the reasons of not getting the possession of allotted house in each of above case; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Estate Office to enable aforesaid allottees to get the possession of their allotted House?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

10. ***Sardar Ayaz Sadiq:**

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

- (a) *steps taken by the Division to prepare subject-wise list of titles of all laws and rules made there under with reference to the business allocated to the said Division and its attached departments under the Rules of Business, 1973;*
- (b) *present status of and provide subject-wise list of titles of said Laws/Rules;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that steps have been taken by said Division to consolidate and amend said Laws/Rules to keep pace with changes in Society; if so, details; if not, reasons thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that steps have been taken by said Division to determine anomalies, inconsistencies and difficulties in the administration and implementation of said Laws and Rules; if so, provide copy of latest post legislative scrutiny made by said Division; and*
- (e) *names of officers/branches appointed/designated thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

11. ***Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is no agriculture research institution of PARC is working in southern Punjab at present; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to establish a research institution of PARC in southern Punjab especially in Multan in order to bring revolutionary in agriculture sector in the region?*

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Syed Fakhar Imam): (a) It is not a fact that there is no, agriculture research establishment of PARC working in southern Punjab at present. Currently, following research establishments of PARC are functional in Southern Punjab:

1. Arid Zone Research Institute (AZRI) at Bahawalpur
2. PARC-Research & Training Station (PRTS) at Multan

(b) No such proposal is under consideration by the government at the moment.

12. ***Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the repair/maintenance work has not been carried out in Flats of Category-V, I-9/4, Islamabad since long;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that there is leakage/seepage in the roofs of flats especially, in Flat No.10 and Flat No.14, Block No.6 Category-V, I-9/4, particularly in wash room/toilet, since long;*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that despite number of complaints lodged by allottees in the Inquiry Office, Pak, PWD, I-9/4, Islamabad the repair work has not been carried out so far to remove the leakage from the same; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *the time by which the said repair work will be carried out?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

13. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

- (a) *category-wise, number of Government houses, which are expected to be made available for further allotment for next three years;*
- (b) *category-wise number of Government houses, which have been allotted out of tern either in terms of hardship cases or otherwise since the decision of Supreme Court, in which the court has already set out a principle to allot Government accommodation on merit;*
- (c) *the justification of allotment of each of above house; and*
- (d) *whether codal formalities, as defined by the court were fulfilled or complied with while issuing such allotments; if so, the detail thereof alongwith procedure, which is adopted to fulfill such codal formalities?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

14. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**

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

- (a) *whether General Waiting List for allotment of Government owned accommodation has not been updated; if so, the reason thereof;*
- (b) *the date on which lastly updated the GWL alongwith the detail thereof;*
- (c) *the total number of Houses, Category-wise of the Government in Islamabad at present alongwith the Sector wise detail thereof; and*
- (d) *the date of vacation of said houses separately alongwith the date of retirement of officers?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

15. Withdrawn by the Honourable Member.

16. ***Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo:**

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

- (a) *the amount of interest received by the Government on the amount deposited in banks under Hajj scheme-2020; and*
- (b) *the head under which the said amount of interest has been incurred, with details?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony (Mr. Noor-ul-Haq Qadri): (a) No interest has been received by the Government. However, Hajj dues received by the Government were deposited in Shariah remunerative Accounts by the designated banks, by virtue of that an amount of Rs. 495.232 million was earned.

(b) The earned amount is credited to Pilgrims Welfare Fund (PWF) to execute the following welfare activities:—

- (i) Training of the pilgrims.
(ii) Printing of Hajj material.
(iii) Hajj awareness campaign through electronic and print media.
(iv) Purchase of Vaccines and medicines.
(v) Purchase of IT equipment.
(vi) To meet operational cost of Directorates of Hajj in Pakistan and Directorate General of Hajj, Jeddah.

17. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state the total amount incurred on the completion of Bhasha Dam project?

Minister for Water Resources (Mr. Muhammad Faisal Vawda): The estimated cost of Diamer Basha Dam Project is as under:

Rs. in Million

PC-I (Acquisition of Land & Resettlement)	175,436
PC-I (Dam Part)	479,686
PC-I (Power Generation Facilities) yet to be approved	751,000

The detail of amount spent by previous Governments on the Dam is as under:

Description	Rs. in Million	
	AL&R	Dam Part
Previous Governments since 2009-10	86,685	-
Present Government	20,212	43,805
Total	106,897	43,805

Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan is Custodian of Dam Fund and WAPDA has not taken any amount from this fund to-date. The information obtained from Supreme Court official website on 18-08-2020 is attached at **Annex-I**. The total amount up to 18-08-2020 is Rs. 12,636,678,019.

The detail of funds allocation for current financial year (2020-2021) is as under:

	<u>Rs. in Million</u>
• Dam Part	= 16,000
• Acquisition of Land & Resettlement AL&R	= 5,000

Demand from WAPDA for release of funds awaited.

PC-I (Dam Part) was approved @ 1 US\$ = Rs. 105.3. However, cost will be updated during the revision of PC-I in accordance with the guidelines of Planning Commission's Manual for Development projects.

Plan for Construction:

- the Consultants for Main Works, M/s. DBCG have commenced their services *w.e.f.* 10-06-2020.
- The Contractor for Main Dam works, M/s. Power China-FWO (JV) have been mobilized at site after signing of Contract Agreement on 13-05-2020 with commencement date as 07-08-2020.
- 32,073 Acres (89%) of land has been acquired so far out of total required Land of 35,924 Acres.
- The Project is expected to be completed by April, 2029.

Plan for Financing:

- Acquisition of Land & Resettlement is being financed by GoP. Rs. 106,897 Million has been released against PC-I (AL&R) amounting to Rs. 175,436 Million.

- Financing Plan of Dam Part is as under:

	<u>Rs. in Million</u>
- GoP Share	233,686
- Commercial Financing	144,000
- WAPDA Equity	100,000

- Financing Plan of Power Generation Facilities is as under:

	<u>Rs. in Million</u>
- WAPDA Equity	076,000
- Commercial Financing	429,000
- IDC	246,000

(shall be recovered through tariff)

ISLAMABAD:
The 13th September, 2020

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

(26th Session)**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT****“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Monday, the 14th September, 2020**

49. **Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:**
(Deferred from 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?

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

Federal Government is providing funds for construction of Dams including Hydropower projects in the country through Federal Public Sector Development Program and Donor agencies. These projects aim to provide water for irrigation/ agriculture, and drinking purposes as well as additional benefit of affordable low-cost hydroelectric power.

The detail of under construction dams and hydropower projects from which electricity will be generated in the country is attached at **Annex-A**. Cumulative installed capacity of under construction projects is about 7,672 MW while 33,947 GWh of electricity is expected to be generated from these projects, annually.

Annex-A

Sr. No.	Project Name	Location	Installed Capacity (MW)/ Annual Energy (GWh)	Date of completion	Present status
1.	Mohmand Dam	Swat River, Mohmand Agency KP	800 / 2,862	May 2025	Mobilization of Contractor at site has been started on 04-04-2019. Consultancy Services Agreement signed with Mohmand Dam Consultants Group (MDCG) on 20-05-2019. Construction activities are in Progress.

Sr. No.	Project Name	Location	Installed Capacity (MW)/ Annual Energy (GWh)	Date of completion	Present status
2.	Diamer Basha Dam	Indus River Near Chilas	4,500 / 18,097	9 years after commencement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Contract for Main Dam Works was signed on 13-05-2020 and Mobilization of Contractor is in progress. The preliminary works including Colony and Resettlement works are underway.
3.	Kurram Tangi Dam	Kurram River in North Waziristan Agency-KP	(Stage-I) 18.9 / 79 (Stage-II) 64.5 / 271	June 2021 (Stage-I)	<p>Stage-I (Kaitu Weir Irrigation and Power Project)</p> <p>Construction activities are in progress and physical progress is 49%.</p> <p>Stage-II (Main Dam, Appurtenant Structures, Irrigation and Power Components)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAD has been requested for arranging funds from ADB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. USD 1.8 Million grant for upgrading the Feasibility Study. ii. USD 5 Million PRF (Project readiness facility) for carrying out Detailed Engineering Design.
4.	Dasu HPP (Stage-I)	Dasu Town on Indus River	Stage-I 2,160 / 12,220	February 2025	Construction activities are in progress
5.	Keyal Khwar HPP	On Indus River in District Kohistan-KP	128 / 418	–	Bidding Documents for both Civil and E&M Works Contract are under finalization stage.

20. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

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?*

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

(a) Water quality Assessment is primarily provincial subject.

All natural waters contain dissolved minerals due to continuous contact with soils and the quantity of dissolved minerals depends upon the type of rocks or soils. Following two formations of WAPDA perform water quality / chemical analysis activities:

- i. Surface Water Hydrology Directorate (SWH)
- ii. Scarp Monitoring Organization (SMO)

SWH directorate of WAPDA collects various samples of surface water in rivers and carry out chemical analysis (Calcium, Magnesium, Sodium, Carbonate, Bicarbonates, Chloride, Sulphate, Dissolved Solids, pH and Electrical Conductivity, Residual Carbonate, SAR etc.).

The quality of water in the rivers, dams and lakes depend upon the effluent disposing into the water body. Many factors like sedimentation, runoff, erosion, etc. alongwith industrial, farming, mining, and forestry activities also significantly affect the quality of the rivers and lakes. In general, the quality of water in rivers and dams is within acceptable limits, however, depending upon the effluents falling into the lake, the quality of lake water may affect.

Regarding water quality monitoring program, various organizations at Federal and Provincial level i.e. environment protection agencies are responsible for monitoring of the water quality in their respective jurisdictions.

The water quality monitoring programme for current year includes sampling of above parameters on 22 No. guaging stations all across the country.

(b) Does not pertain to MoWR.

24. Mr. Saad Waseem:

(Deferred from 20th 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) 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?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

29. **Mrs. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

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?*

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

(a) WAPDA has reported that salaries have been paid to all daily wages/ contingent employees of Surface Water Hydrology (SWH) WAPDA Dasu Kohistan and Diamer up to 30-06-2020.

(b) For the period from July 2020 onwards, fresh case for approval for engagement of daily wages/ contingent staff has been initiated by WAPDA and salaries to said staff will be paid accordingly.

30. **Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred from 20th Session)

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?*

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

(a), (b), & (c) The requisite information in respect of Ministry of Water Resources and its attached departments (MOWR, IRSA, CEA/CFFC & PCIW WAPDA are annexed).

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| • MOWR | Annex-A |
| • IRSA | Annex-B |
| • CEA/CFFC & PCIW | Annex-C |
| • WAPDA | Annex-D |

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

17. Mr. Asmatullah:

(Deferred from 23rd Session)

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

- (a) the total number of Medical Colleges (Government and Private) exist in the country and the locations thereof;*
- (b) the quota reserved for Balochistan in each College and the procedure for selection therein; and*
- (c) the admission date of each College and the procedure for conducting test by the test conducting agencies?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) List is attached separately (Annex-I).

(b) The PM&DC prescribes minimum uniform standards in medical/dental education and determines the number of students who can pursue MBBS or BDS courses at any medical or dental college, accordingly.

The reservation of quota seats in public sector medical or dental colleges is a provincial / regional subject, so be looked into accordingly.

However, the PM&DC vide notification No. 45-ADR/ Council -2018/ 311611 dated 1st November 2018 has allowed 01 admission over and above the allocated strength in each private medical and dental college in Punjab and Sindh provinces for the students of Balochistan for sessions 2018-19 to 2020-2021. **(Annex-II).**

Furthermore, Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad is also managing a scholarship program for the students of Balochistan for admissions

in the public medical and dental colleges. For this purpose, the HEC may be approached, accordingly.

It is clarified that for admission in MBBS or BDS course, the selection must be made by adhering to eligibility criteria prescribed by the PM&DC through its “MBBS and BDS (Admissions , House job and Internship) Regulations – 2018 (as amended on 30th May, 2019)” (**Annex-III**)

(c) The last date for admission into medical and dental colleges for session 2019-2020 is 31st July, 2020. The admission tests have been conducted by the admitting universities, nominated by the respective provincial regional authorities, as prescribed in PM&DC Regulations, mentioned above.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

1. **Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an audit Para No.2.4/2008-09 regarding misappropriation of material/money of millions of rupees could not settle so far, despite the lapse of many years; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Railways employees, involved in said misappropriation are not held accountable so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to investigate such misappropriation and to hold the responsible accountable?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) It is correct that Audit Pam No. 2.4 was printed in Railway Audit Report for the year 2008-09 under caption, “Misappropriation of material/money Rs. 2.066 million”.

As per contents of Audit Para, D.G.A.R/Lahore pointed out that in eleven (11) different sub-offices/formations over the system were found involved in different procedural lapses like, short receipt/recording material from other depots, indicating less value of material, keeping no account of received material in books, indicating less weightment of material received from other subordinate offices, material recorded in books but not available physically on ground and non deposit of collected shop rents in Railway treasury e.t.c.

(b) Responsible staff in misappropriation cases are dealt severely under prevailing rule and are awarded appropriate punishment through due process.

Departmental inquiries were initiated against responsible staff.

After conducting inquiries in the matter, facts revealed as under:—

- (i) Total amount as per Audit Para #2.4/2018-19 Rs. 2.066/-
- (ii) Total amount after inquiry misappropriated Rs. 455,675/-
- (iii) Total amount recovered Rs. 296,000/-
- (iv) Total amount outstanding so far (Mr. Nasir Hassain Toori) Rs. 134,475/-
- (v) Recovered from Mr. Muhammad Afzal Zafar Rs. 176, 200/-
- (vi) Recovered from settlement dues of Mr. Naseer Alam Rs. 100,000/-
- (vii) Rental Charges recovered Rs. 20,000/-

(c) An inquiry committee comprising DEN-II/Karachi and DAO/Karachi has been nominated to probe the matter for less account of 25 RCC Pipes by Inspector of Works / Mir Pur Khas. Similarly appropriate inquiry committees are constituted in cases of misappropriation of departmental revenue.

2. **Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Bridge Inspector, Bridge Workshop, Jhelum is involved in different misappropriation in the department and inquiries are pending against him at different levels;*
- (b) *if so, whether it is also a fact that such inquiries are not completed and could not bring responsible to logical fate, despite the lapse of many years; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *what steps are being taken to finalize above listed inquiries; and*
- (d) *whether it is further a fact that instead of finalizing above-said inquiries, contrary Bridge Inspector was assigned the acting charge of Assistant Work Manager; if so, the justification thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Sheikh Rashid Ahmed): (a) Bridge Inspector, Bridge Workshop, Jhelum was alleged to be involve in two different cases. The matter was inquired through Deputy POs committee and both inquiries have been finalized.

The detail is as under:—

- i. First inquiry report revealed that Mr. Arshad Ali IFX/Jhelum was not involved in theft of service span 44' from bridge No. 47 at KM. 1166/5-6 between Kot Radha Kishan - Prem-Nagar stations on Sahiwal-Lahore section. However, he has been awarded punishment on account of slack supervision.
- ii. As per 2nd inquiry report Mr. Arshad Ali IFX/Jhelum has no concern with the matter regarding Audit Para No. 2.4/08-09 in connection with Mis-appropriation of material worth Rs. 2.066 Million and had been exonerated.

(b) Both the inquiries have already been completed and at present no case or inquiry in the department is pending against the Bridge Inspector, Bridge Workshop Jhelum.

(c) There is no inquiry pending in the department against Bridge Inspector, Bridge Workshop Jhelum as explained above.

(d) As explained above vide items a, b & c, there was no departmental inquiry under process against Bridge Inspector, Bridge Workshop Jhelum. However, the orders of Bridge Inspector, Bridge Workshop Jhelum to look after as Assistant Work Manager were issued as stop gap arrangements due to shortage of AFXs over the P.R system, till posting of proper incumbent.

3. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Federal Government Employees Housing Authority received a sum of Rs.25,000/- from the officers of grade 18 and 19 as membership fee during 2009 and later on an amounting 0.5 million again charged in 2016 from them;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which allotment letters will be issued to them after handing over possession of the plots; and*
- (c) *what are the reasons for making delay in this regard?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

ISLAMABAD:
The 13th September, 2020.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.