

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
BULLETIN NO. 44 OF THE ASSEMBLY
(51st SESSION) (Budget Session)

Date	Saturday, the 24 th June, 2023
Commenced at	11:55 A.M.
Adjourned at	7:38 P.M.
Total working hours	5 Hours 42 Minutes
Presided by	Raja Pervez Ashraf, Speaker, National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
Attendance	143

1. **TILAWAT, HADITH, NAAT AND NATIONAL ANTHEM**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tilawat and Hadith</i> by Qari Ibrar Hussain • <i>Naat</i> by Qari Toqeer-ud-Din • <i>National anthem</i>
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LEAVE APPLICATIONS

The leave applications of the Members who requested for grant of leave were read out by the honourable Speaker and the leave was granted.

POINTS OF ORDER

	Name of Member	Brief Subject
	Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali 12.05 p.m. to 12.10 p.m. (0:05)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested for the disbursement of payment regarding census duties to the teachers of Chitral. • Graduates of the Allama Iqbal Open University may also be enlisted in the Prime Minister Laptop Scheme. • Requested the Minister for Communications to take notice of alleged corruption in recruitments in Post Offices in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
	Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali, Parliamentary Secretary for Communications 12.10 p.m. to 12.11 p.m. (0:01)	<p>Responded the issue raised by Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali, MNA, regarding recruitments in Post Offices.</p> <p>Mr. Speaker directed the Parliamentary Secretary for Communications that the concerns of Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali, MNA, may be conveyed to the Minister for Communications.</p>
	Rao Muhammad Ajmal Khan 12.11 p.m. to 12.16 p.m. (0:05)	Raised the agriculture related issues.
	Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi 12.16 p.m. to 12.18 p.m. (0:02)	<p>Raised the issue of supply of gas to the areas of Balochistan.</p> <p>Mr. Speaker informed the member that Minister for Parliamentary Affairs will communicate the concern to the concerned Ministry.</p>
	Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja 12.18 p.m. to 12.36 p.m. (0:18)	Pointed out the achievements of PML(N) in previous tenure and criticized PTI government.
	Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatimi 12.36 p.m. to 12.40 p.m. (0:04)	Requested to take notice of change of her apartment from Parliament lodges to the MNAs Hostel without intimation to her in 2018.
	Syed Hussain Tariq 12.40 p.m. to 12.44 p.m. (0:04) 1.14 p.m. to 1.16 p.m. (0:02)	Pointed out that some of the areas of Sindh are producing natural gas but these areas are still deprived from that gas.

Mr. Ameer Ali Khan Magsi 12.44 p.m. to 12.45 p.m. (0:01)	Insufficient supply of gas in Qambar Shehdadkot, Sindh and its nearby areas.
Ms. Shazia Marri Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety 12.45 p.m. to 12.48 p.m. (0:03)	Raised the issue of shortage of gas in Sindh.
Mir Munawar Ali Talpur 12.50 p.m. to 12.54 p.m. (0:04)	Acute shortage of Water in Indus River, Sindh during rice crop season. Load shedding of electricity in Sindh. Mr. Speaker made observation that IRSA should ensure equitable distribution of water among all federating units as per law and that it should also take special measures for low riparian.
Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah, Minister for Water Resources 12.55 p.m. to 12.57 p.m. (0:02)	Briefed the House regarding the distribution of water to Sindh.
Mr. Muhammad Abu Bakar 12.58 p.m. to 1.05 p.m. (0:07)	Shortage of gas in Sindh, and criticized on K-electric on un-announced load shedding of electricity in Sindh.
Mr. Mohsin Dawar 1.05 p.m. to 1.08 p.m. (0:03)	Shortage of gas in North Waziristan. Mr. Speaker made observation that all the matters related to the gas and electricity load shedding are referred to the Standing Committee concerned with the directions that meeting of Standing Committee may be fixed soon after Eid-ul-Azha to resolve the concerns of the Members.
Nawabzada Shahzain Bugti Minister for Narcotics Control 1.13 p.m. to 1.14 p.m. (0:01)	Raised the issue of distribution of gas to Balochistan.

MOTION

Mr. Javed Murtaza Abbasi, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs moved the following motion which was adopted by the House:-

“that under rule 288 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007 that the requirements of rules 51, 55, 57 and 158 of the said Rules in respect of ballot of Private Members’ Resolutions, Order of the day and notice of Resolution for today may be suspended in order to take up the resolution.”

RESOLUTION

Ms. Romina Khursheed Alam, MNA, moved the following resolution which was adopted by the House:-

“this House acknowledges the contribution of international organizations, civil society organizations, and the international diaspora in Pakistan’s fight against climate change and their assistance in rehabilitating vulnerable communities affected by climate-induced disasters. The House recognizes the urgent need for global cooperation to combat climate change and mitigate its adverse effects. It notes that extreme weather events, such as the 2022 flood, have disproportionately impacted vulnerable communities, exacerbating existing climate issues and placing a significant psycho-socioeconomic and health burden on women and children. The House emphasizes the importance of collective action to protect and uplift these segments of society in the face of climate-related crises.

This House expresses deep appreciation to Islamic Relief Worldwide, United Nations (UN) for their vital role in steering Pakistan’s climate action. Their initiatives have supported the development of climate-resilient infrastructure, enhanced disaster risk management systems, and promoted sustainable livelihoods.

The House encourages the Government of Pakistan to strengthen collaboration with international organizations, leveraging their expertise and resources, to enhance the country’s climate change mitigation policies and disaster risk reduction strategies. It also calls upon international organizations to continue supporting Pakistan’s efforts to tackle climate change through knowledge sharing.

Recognizing the invaluable contributions made by Pakistani philanthropists abroad and within Pakistan, towards fostering national economic growth. It is to our mutual benefit to recognize their efforts as it will strengthen the relations between the nation and its diaspora. The House strongly advocates for the integration of gender mainstreaming and inclusively in all climate-related intervention.

BREAK

At 1.16 p.m., Mr. Speaker suspended the proceedings of the House till; 3.00 p.m. the House re-assembled at 3.17 p.m.

POINTS OF ORDER

	Name of Member	Brief Subject
	Syed Amin-ul-Haque Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications 3.20 p.m. to 3.29 p.m. (0:09)	Highlighted the achievements and initiatives taken by the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications for IT sector.
2.	Winding up of General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2023-2024.	Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance and Revenue, wound up general discussion on the Budget 2023-24. 3.28 p.m. to 4.19 p.m. (0:51)
3.	DISCUSSION under clause (1) of Article 82 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the Charged Expenditure included in Demands for Grants and Appropriations for the financial year ending on 30 th June, 2024. Demand Number/ Appropriations Service and Purpose Amount (Rs.) 26. Pakistan Post Office Department 10,000,000 44. Superannuation Allowances and Pensions 4,017,000,000 45. Grants, Subsidies and Miscellaneous Expenditure 26,400,000,000 49. Foreign Missions 50,000,000 65. Law and Justice Division 369,105,000 73. National Assembly 4,999,787,000 74. The Senate 3,281,840,000 129. External Development Loans & Advance by the Federal Government 658,644,140,000 --- Staff, Household and Allowances of the President (Public) 596,646,000 --- Staff, Household and Allowances of the President (Personal) 812,380,000 --- Servicing of Foreign Debt 872,218,501,000 --- Foreign Loans Repayment 4,398,067,501,000 --- Repayment of Short Term Foreign Credits 46,690,000,000 --- Audit 7,561,128,000 --- Servicing of Domestic Debt 6,430,305,002,000 --- Repayment of Domestic Debt 28,898,039,594,000 --- Supreme Court 3,555,000,000 --- Islamabad High Court 1,543,322,000 --- Election 7,786,255,000 --- Federal Ombudsman Secretariat for Protection against Harassment of Women at work place 115,000,000 --- Wafaqi Mohtasib 1,250,195,000 --- Federal Tax Ombudsman 390,621,000 TOTAL 41,366,703,017,000	The following members participated in the discussion:- 1. Ms. Asiya Azeem 4.20 p.m to 4.23 p.m (0.03) 2. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali 4.23 p.m to 4.27 p.m (0.04) 3. Mr. Nawb Sher 4.27 p.m to 4.31 p.m (0.04) 4. Mohammad Aslam Bhootani 4.31 p.m to 4.32 p.m (0.01) 5. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance and Revenue 4.32 p.m to 4.33 p.m (0.01)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that we will take up Demands for Grants in respect of those Ministries on which cut motions are admitted in alphabetical order. The procedure to be followed is that first the Finance Minister will move the demand, thereafter, two or three cut-motions on Demands will be moved and the remaining will be clubbed and treated to be moved. When all the demands along with cut motions stand moved, discussion will commence on those cut motions after winding up by the Minister concerned First the cut motions on the demands will be disposed off and thereafter the demand will be put to the House for vote.

<p>4.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION and voting on demands for Grants in respect of voted expenditure. (Other than charged expenditure).</p>	<p>Demands for Grants in respect of voted expenditure of all Ministries on which no cut-motion was received were voted upon and granted by the Assembly.</p> <p>The cut motions on Demands for Grants in respect of Cabinet Secretariat, Ministries of Communication, Energy Finance Division, Information and Broadcasting, Interior and Narcotics Control were discussed and the demands were granted without any reduction by the Assembly, as the Cut Motions thereon were rejected by the House after discussion and voting thereon:-</p> <p>The following members participated in discussion on Cut-Motions and Demands for Grants:-</p> <p><u>Cabinet Secretariat</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali 6.00 p.m to 6.06 p.m (0.06) 2. Ms. Asiya Azeem 6.06 p.m to 6.10 (0.04) <p><u>Communications</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali 6.26 p.m. to 6.32 p.m. (0.06) 2. Ms. Asiya Azeem 6.32 p.m to 6.35 p.m (0.03) 3. Ms. Javairia Zafar Aheer 6.35 p.m to 6.38 p.m (0.03) <p>Mr. Speaker also endorsed the demand of Ms. Javaria Zafar Ahmeer, MNA, that District Khushab may be connected with motorway. Mr. Speaker said that the point has also been noted by Minister for Planning and Development and Special Initiatives.</p> <p><u>Energy</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali 6.51 p.m to 6.55 p.m (0.04) 2. Ms. Asiya Azeem 6.55 p.m to 6.58 p.m (0.03) 3. Ms. Javairia Zafar Aheer 6.58 p.m to 7.00 p.m (0.02) <p><u>Information and Broadcasting</u></p> <p>Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali, MNA, withdrew his all cut motions regarding Ministry of information and Broadcasting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Asiya Azeem 7.09 p.m to 7.14 p.m (0.05) 2. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance and Revenue 7.14 p.m to 7.16 p.m (0.02) <p><u>Interior</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali 7.19 p.m to 7.23 p.m (0.04) <p><u>Narcotics Control</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali 7.31p.m to 7.36 (0.05)
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POINTS OF ORDER

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	Ms. Shazia Marri, Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety 7.25 p.m. to 7.26 p.m. (0:01)	Informed the House regarding the bomb blast in Circuit House Chowk, Tubat, Balochistan.
5.	SENATOR MUHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR , Minister for Finance and Revenue to move that a Bill to give effect to the financial proposals of the Federal Government for the year beginning on the first day of July, 2023 and to amend certain laws [The Finance Bill, 2023], be taken into consideration at once.	Left-over
	(Amendments entered in a separate list to be moved)	
6.	SENATOR MUHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR , Minister for Finance and Revenue to move that a Bill to give effect to the financial proposals of the Federal Government for the year beginning on the first day of July, 2023 and to amend certain laws [The Finance Bill, 2023], be passed.	Left-over

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

7.	General discussion on Regular and Technical Supplementary Grants for the financial years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.	Left-over																																							
8.	<p>DISCUSSION under clause (1) of Article 82 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the charged expenditure as shown in the Regular and Technical Supplementary Grants for the financial years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.</p> <p align="center">(i) 2021-2022</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"><i>Demand Number/</i></th> </tr> <tr> <th><i>Appropriations</i></th> <th><i>Service and Purpose</i></th> <th><i>Amount (Rs.)</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>45</td> <td>Grants, Subsidies and Miscellaneous Expenditure</td> <td>3,257,420,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>---</td> <td>Servicing of Foreign Debt</td> <td>67,849,272,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>---</td> <td>Foreign Loans Repayment</td> <td>239,633,700,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>---</td> <td>Repayment of Short Term Foreign Credits</td> <td>20,601,056,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>---</td> <td>Audit</td> <td>162,600,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>---</td> <td>Election</td> <td>3,434,310,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="right" colspan="2">TOTAL</td> <td>334,938,358,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p align="center">(ii) 2022-2023</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"><i>Demand Number/</i></th> </tr> <tr> <th><i>Appropriation</i></th> <th><i>Service and Purpose</i></th> <th><i>Amount (Rs.)</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>---</td> <td>Electio</td> <td>20,753,380,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="right" colspan="2">TOTAL</td> <td>20,753,380,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Demand Number/</i>			<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Service and Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (Rs.)</i>	45	Grants, Subsidies and Miscellaneous Expenditure	3,257,420,000	---	Servicing of Foreign Debt	67,849,272,000	---	Foreign Loans Repayment	239,633,700,000	---	Repayment of Short Term Foreign Credits	20,601,056,000	---	Audit	162,600,000	---	Election	3,434,310,000	TOTAL		334,938,358,000	<i>Demand Number/</i>			<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Service and Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (Rs.)</i>	---	Electio	20,753,380,000	TOTAL		20,753,380,000	Left-over
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9.	DISCUSSION and voting on Regular and Technical Supplementary Grants in respect of expenditure other than charged upon the Federal consolidated fund for the financial years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.	Left-over
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EXCESS DEMANDS

10.	General discussion on Excess Demands for Grants and Appropriation for the financial year, 2021-22.	Left-over
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11.	<p>Discussion under clause (1) of Article 82 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Charged Excess Expenditure for the financial year, 2021-22.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2021-2022</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: left;"><i>Demand Number/</i></th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>Appropriations</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>Service and Purpose</i></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>Amount</i></th> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: left;"><i>(Rs.)</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td><i>Foreign Loans Repayment</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">79,443,684,614</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td><i>Repayment of Short Term Foreign Credits</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">685,654,519</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td><i>Servicing of Domestic Debt</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">100,001,980,161</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td><i>Repayment of Domestic Debt</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">7,112,075,910</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>187,243,395,204</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Demand Number/</i>			<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Service and Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>(Rs.)</i>			---	<i>Foreign Loans Repayment</i>	79,443,684,614	---	<i>Repayment of Short Term Foreign Credits</i>	685,654,519	---	<i>Servicing of Domestic Debt</i>	100,001,980,161	---	<i>Repayment of Domestic Debt</i>	7,112,075,910	TOTAL		<u>187,243,395,204</u>	Left-over
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PAPERS TO BE LAID BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

13.	<p>Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance and Revenue to lay before the National Assembly the following papers under Article 83 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:-</p> <p>(1) Schedule of Authorized Expenditure 2023-2024. (2) Supplementary Schedule of Authorized Expenditure 2021-22 and 2022-2023. (3) Excess Schedule of Authorized Expenditure 2021-22.</p>	Left-over
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At 7.38 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the sitting of the Assembly to meet again on Sunday, the 25th June, 2023, at 10.30 a.m.

Islamabad, the
24th June, 2023

TAHIR HUSSAIN
Secretary