

(315th Session)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on

Friday, the 19th November, 2021

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

[Questions Nos. 4 and 13 were deferred on 27th May, 2021 (311th Session) and Questions Nos. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62-A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72 and 73 were originally set down for answering on 11th November, 2021 (315th Session)]

(Def.) *Question No. 4 **Senator Seemee Ezdi:**

(Notice Received on 12/04/2021 at 1:30 AM) QID: 37791

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

- (a) the details of laws framed for regulating medical profession in Pakistan and controlling the acts of health care providers for implementing the right of life as enunciated in Article 9 of the Constitution of Pakistan at present; and*
- (b) whether these laws also include medical negligence compensation, if so, its details?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority (IHRA) was established on 22nd May, 2018 under Islamabad Healthcare Regulations Act, 2018 to regulate the healthcare sector to ensure provision of quality healthcare services in Islamabad. It is an initiative to promote healthcare safety with a mandate to provide Regulation and supervision in all forms and manifestations to the healthcare sector, both in private and public.

(b) Section 33 (1) of Islamabad Healthcare Regulation Act, 2018 empowers the Authority to investigate the complaint relating to Medical Negligence by Healthcare Provider or Healthcare Professional. While, the powers conferred under section 29, the Authority may impose fine to the offender up to 1 Million rupees.

Under Section 3 of the PMC Act 2020 to regulate and control the medical profession, it has power to initiate Disciplinary proceedings against any medical or dental practitioner in respect of any medical negligence or misconduct. While deciding on such disciplinary action penalties are imposed upon doctors, which include suspension of license for certain period, permanent cancellation of license or imposition of fine. in PMC and IHRA Acts there is provision for award of compensation to victims for any professional negligence of a medical / dental practitioner.

(Def.) *Question No. 13 **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice Received on 23/04/2021 at 11:45 PM) QID: 37847

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan is one of top countries worldwide with a heavy burden of tobacco-related diseases as per the latest report of World Health Organization, if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *whether, the Federal Government has estimated the average death toll due to tobacco-related diseases in the country, if so, details thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps taken/being taken by the Government for early detection, treatment and creation of awareness about such diseases in the country and controlling the availability of tobacco products?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) World Health Organization, Pakistan Country office informed that there is no such report recently published, which says that Pakistan is one of the top countries worldwide with a heavy burden of tobacco related diseases.

However, according to Global Burden of Disease Study, (2019) the prevalence of various Non- Communicable Diseases in Pakistan, such as cardiovascular diseases & Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases was 8,628,206 and 6,085,677 cases respectively. Both of them are the leading diseases as a result of excessive use of tobacco or tobacco related products.

It is also pertinent to mention that Tobacco is not the only risk factor for such diseases, there are other risk factors which contributes to the burden of diseases, which are Unhealthy diet, harmful use of alcohol, physical inactivity and air pollution.

Risk factor Attribution

- (i) In Pakistan, % of tobacco that serves as risk factor attribution for Cardiovascular diseases in both sexes and all ages in 2019 were 19.01% that contributes to 22.73% of total deaths.
- (ii) % of total deaths % of tobacco that serves as risk factor attribution for Chronic Respiratory Disease in both sexes and all ages in 2019 were 44.63 % that contributes to 5.52 % of total deaths.
- (iii) % of tobacco that serves as risk factor attribution for neoplasm in both sexes and all ages in 2019 were 19.42 % that contributes to 11.98 % of total deaths.

(b) According to Global Burden of Disease Study (2019), estimated death toll caused by factors attributable to tobacco is 163,671.54 in Pakistan.

(c) **Steps** for Early Detection, Treatment & creation of awareness of Non-Communicable Diseases:

- (i) NCDs related interventions have been prioritized and included in the National Universal Health Coverage Benefit Package, which is also adopted by the provinces in their own context. These interventions will be made available at primary health care level and first level care facilities. This will enable early detection and Management of such diseases.
- (ii) This Ministry from time to time has taken certain measures to raise awareness to reduce tobacco use on social media,

through PTA and mass media campaigns (subject to availability of funds)

- (iii) During Covid-19, mobile phone messages were sent through PTA informing about harmful effects of tobacco use on health
- (iv) 1st Ramadan, 2021 was announced as National Quit day and awareness messages were disseminated through-social media and websites
- (v) Special Khutba on Jumattulwida for tobacco use and Islamic teaching was given in Islamabad and some other major cities
- (vi) The World No Tobacco day was observed on 31-05-21 and a number of activities were undertaken by the Ministry of NHR&C:
 - (i) Signing of LOU with Pakistan Red Crescent Society for joining hands to raise awareness
 - (ii) Arranged an awareness raising of Walk/cycling event in Islamabad
 - (iii) Activity with Traffic Police to create awareness among the citizens
 - (iv) Recently Safa Gold Mall, Trail 4 and other such places have been declared smoke free
 - (v) Tobacco Cessation clinics are already working in NIRM and PIMS, one more clinic have been established at “The Diabetes Centre” a private organization. There are more to be established

Controlling the availability of tobacco products

- (I) Pictorial health warnings have been issued for cigarette packs and the size of new warning has been increased from 50% to 60% of the outside of the cigarette packs. According to WHO’s latest report, Pakistan ranks 50th globally and 5th in Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) and is one of the

highest achieving countries in 2018 for using Graphic health warnings on tobacco product packages

- (II) Ministry sent a strong recommendations to Finance Division, in May 2021 for raise in Federal Excise Duty on cigarettes, as it is globally evident that increase in taxes on cigarette decrease the sale or demand.
- (III) in May 2021, The (Punjab) Tobacco Vender Act 1958 has been launched by the Excise and Taxation department in Islamabad. All venders will be issued license and point of sale will be monitored.
- (IV) To control Tobacco Advertising, Promotions & advertising (TAPS), new SRO was issued in 2020.
- (V) To control and prevent sale of loose cigarette SRO was issued in 2018.
- (VI) The implementation of laws for Tobacco products control lies with the Provincial authorities. This Ministry coordinates with provinces for implementation. In Islamabad, Deputy Commissioner Office acts as a coordination Cell and regular meetings are done.

***Question No. 46 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice Received on 10/06/2021 at 3:10 PM) QID: 37942

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that around 300,000 recipients of the first dose of Covid vaccine have not taken second dose of the vaccine in the country, if so, the steps taken by the Government for identification of the recipients of first dose and application of second dose / jab to the said recipients?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: Vaccination started within the country in a phased manner since February 2021, till date 25th October 2021 a total of 100,741,762 doses have been administered out of which 38,596,890 people are fully vaccinated and 68,666,464 are partially vaccinated (received first dose).

The administration of the second dose is an ongoing process as per standard gap of 28 days between two doses for all types of vaccines. The message for the second dose is sent to every citizen automatically 48/24 hours before the due date from 1166. The exact number and details of the recipients from their registration to the administration is tracked through National Immunization Management System NIMS, which is developed and hosted by NADRA.

The Government of Pakistan, has imposed strict restrictions from 1st October 2021, in order to ensure complete vaccination, to the non-vaccinated/ partially vaccinated individuals in many sectors including traveling, shopping, gatherings and school jobs etc.

To facilitate and ensure administration of second dose of COVID-19 to all eligible recipients GOP has taken following measures across the country;

1. Drive through facilities.
2. Mass vaccination centres.
3. Walk in facilities for the ease of the citizens.
4. SOPs/guidelines available on national dashboard.
5. Awareness campaigns to highlight the importance of getting the second dose and the process of doing so. These campaigns are carried out in conjunction with the NCOC, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, UN agencies (such as WHO & UNICEF) and community service organizations, including;
 - Regular press briefing by SAPM Health and Co-Chair NCOC.
 - Social media advertisements reaching up to 85% of the population on Facebook.
 - TV advertisements is being used to avert refusals.
 - Ring back tones heard by every Pakistani with an active mobile phone.
 - Public service messages on radio.
 - Distribution of flyers at the grassroot level.

***Question No. 47 Senator Seemee Ezdi:**

(Notice Received on 23/09/2021 at 12:45 PM) QID: 38321

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

- (a) the mandate as well as responsibilities of this Ministry in controlling population growth and promoting family planning after the 18th amendment; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to formulate a national family planning policy / national action plan for family planning in this regard, if so, its details?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Mandate as well as responsibilities of this ministry in controlling population growth and promoting family planning after the 18th constitutional amendments are as under:

- Planning and Development Policies pertaining to Population Programmes in the country.
- Mainstreaming population factor in development planning.
- Dealing and agreements with other countries and international organizations in matters relating to Population Planning Programs.

(b) A National Population Action Plan for operationalization of the CCI Recommendations regarding alarming high population growth rate in the country has been prepared by M/o National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination in consultation with the Provincial & Regional Governments and approved by the Federal Task Force on Population headed by the honorable President of Pakistan and membered by the Chief Ministers of all Provinces, and GB and Prime Minister of AJ&K, among others.

Under the National Population Action plan, the following national targets have been set:

- Increase Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) from 34% (2017 baseline) to 50% in 2025.
- Reduce Total Fertility Rate (TFR) from 3.6 (2017 baseline) to 2.8 in 2025.
- Reduce Population Growth Rate (PGR) from
- 2.4% (2017 baseline) to 1.5% in 2025.

***Question No. 48 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice Received on 4/10/2021 at 11:25 AM) QID: 37756

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is fact that Higher Education Commission grants Degree Equivalence Certificate to Doctor of Education (EdD) with Ph.D, if so, details of terms and conditions thereof and if not, reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that a large number of applications for grant of Degree Equivalence Certificate to Doctor of Education (EdD) are lying pending with Higher Education Commission, if so, details of each pending case and reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Higher Education Commission for earlier grant of Degree Equivalence Certificate to those applicants?*

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: (a) Higher Education Commission (HEC) recognizes Doctor of Education (EdD) Degree awarded by any University/ chartered Institution/ accredited in its country of origin as equivalent to corresponding Ph.D degree. Further, status of any foreign qualification is determined on individual basis, keeping in view education system of respective country, and after submission of details on HEC online application form.

- (b) No, there is no pending request in HEC at the moment.
- (c) Not applicable in view of the para (b) above.

***Question No. 49 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice Received on 4/10/2021 at 11:25 AM) QID: 37757

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that both public and private sector universities in the country are short of Ph.D qualified faculties, if so, the details of prescribed criteria of teacher-student ratio for running Ph.D programs in the public and private sector universities in Pakistan indicating also the number of universities observing the same and universities facing shortage of Ph.D faculties;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of Ph.D qualified scholars are jobless in the country at present, if so, the details of registered jobless Ph.D scholars in the country at present; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Higher Education Commission for implementation of student-teacher ratio for Ph.D programs in public and private universities in the country through provision of jobs to Ph.D qualified scholars in the faculties?*

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: (a) At least three (3) full-time faculty members having Ph.D degrees in the relevant field are required in the department offering the Ph.D program, and a faculty member holding Ph.D may supervise a maximum of five (5) Ph.D students at a time.

A consolidated list containing the names of the University, Sector (Public/Private), Province/Region, Discipline, total number of Ph.D required, total number of Ph.D existing, and Shortage/Surplus of academic staff is attached at **Annex-I**.

Higher Education Commission (HEC) is striving hard to enhance the quality of education in the Pakistani Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), for that purpose HEC is following rigorous monitoring mechanisms to ensure implementation of different policies including teacher-students ratio for Ph.D Programs. In this regard up till now 119 HEIs have been visited that include 68 Public Sector Universities and 51

Private Sector Universities. In these 119 HEIs, 869 Ph.D Programs were reviewed out of these 641 programs were meeting the Teacher-student ratio whereas remaining 228 were not meeting the required standards including teacher-student ratio, therefore, these programs were stopped.

(b) HEC established an electronical-portal to compile data of Ph.D degree holders for seeking employment opportunities across the country in August 2018 (<http://eportal.hec.gov.pk>). A total of six hundred forty two (642) Ph.D scholars registered with HEC. Out of 642 unemployed PhDs, 358 Ph.Ds have been provided jobs opportunities under HEC funded recurring program captioned “Interim Placement of Fresh Ph.Ds Program (IPFP)” as ‘Assistant Professor’ for a period of one year against vacant positions at Pakistani Public and Private sector universities across the country.

HEC is vigorously supporting those public and private sector universities that have shortage of qualified staff. It is with these relentless efforts by HEC that the Ph.D faculty ratio at Pakistani universities has improve from 20% in 2010 to 32 % in 2020.

(c) For job placement of Ph.D degree holders at universities, HEC has introduced a program ‘IPFP’ (Interim Placement of Fresh Ph.Ds) since 2009. Under the IPFP, host University is expected to advertise vacant positions and to extend an equal opportunity of recruitment on merit during their one year service.

The IPFP aims to create opportunities for fresh Ph.Ds to obtain academic experience and mentorship, for one year in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), post-graduate colleges or public sector R&D organizations, prior to their formal entry into the academic job market. IPFP Phase-I was launched in 2009. After completion of IPPF Phase-I, HEC announced the IPFP Phase-II Batch-I on October/ November, 2019 through which 493 Ph.D holders got training for a period of one month prior to their placements. So far more than 350 out of those 493 Ph.D holders are placed at HEIs as an IPFP Fellow for one year. HEC announced IPFP Phase II Batch II on 7th March 2021 again, after a period of approximately **one year and 3 months** in which more than 1000 Ph.D holders have applied. After scrutiny and pre-assessment test, eligible applicants will get training for a period of one month and one year placements at HEIs.

A total of **4,337** (four thousand three hundred and thirty seven) Ph.Ds have been placed at Pakistani Public and Private Sector, Universities across the country under IPFP during 2009 to 2019 against Phase-I of the program and 358 from 2020 to till date in IPFP Phase-II.

Furthermore, HEC & Rozee.pk have partnered together to create a new job portal for Ph.D Scholars. HEC already uploaded the profile information received against 'Ph.D databank' for unemployed Ph.D scholars that was launched in August 2018.

The jobless Ph.Ds have opportunity to register as an unemployed Ph.D on the e-portal that is being used by the various universities and other organizations of Pakistan for recruitment.

(Annexures have been placed on the table of the House as well as Library).

***Question No. 50 Senator Prof. Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani:**

(Notice Received on 4/10/2021 at 11:56 AM) QID: 38381

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons died from Covid -19 were fully vaccinated;*
- (b) the number of duly vaccinated persons died from Covid-19, indicating their names and the name of vaccine registered with NADRA thereof; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that some persons have submitted fake vaccination certificates without being vaccinated, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to trace and take action against them?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Not a fact. The global evidence suggests that COVID-19 vaccination grossly reduces the risk of serious disease and death. The data generated nationally through the National Immunization Management System indicates the same.

(b) Fully vaccinated persons acquire optimal protection two weeks after receiving number of recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses (one or two depending upon the type used). The national data base indicates that the risk of COVID-19 infection among fully vaccinated individuals is 10 times less than the non-vaccinated individuals. The risk of mortality associated with COVID-19 therefore, also goes down to almost negligible. It may be further useful to point out that the reasons of death among fully vaccinated individuals can be beyond COVID as well that are not captured by the COVID surveillance system.

(c) The vaccination registration, inoculation and certification system is linked to NADRA data base and hence gets automatically verified. The chances of fake vaccination certificate are therefore, close to Zero unless misused with mal intention. The NCOC has devised a stringent monitoring system to avoid such practice using local administration. Any lapse-in this context is taken very seriously and dealt accordingly under law. The NCOC further works very closely with different security agencies to identify and punish any other attempts of generating / acquiring fake certificates. The authenticity of the vaccination certificate is also verifiable by sending SMS to health-line 1166.

***Question No. 51 Senator Professor Sajid Mir:**

(Notice Received on 4/10/2021 at 2:15 PM) QID: 38348

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the percentage of price increase made in life saving drugs and general medicines during the last one year 2020 as compared to 2019?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: Since July 01, 2016 annual increase in Maximum Retail Prices of drugs has been linked with Consumer Price Index (CPI) under Drug Pricing Policy-2015/2018 notified after approval of Federal Government.

- Accordingly, the percentage of increase made in prices of the lifesaving drugs and general medicines during the last one year (2020) as compared to 2019 is as under:

Category	2019	2020
Essential Drugs	7%	5.13%
Other than essential and lower priced drugs	10%	7.34%

Moreover, following increases were allowed with the approval of the Federal Government:

- a. In 2019, due to devaluation of Pak. Rupee, increase @ 9% for drugs whose prices were increased under hardship category in 2018 and increase @ 15% for other drugs.
- b. In 2020, under hardship category, increase @ 45% (average) on maximum retail prices of 94 drugs which had become non-viable to market.

***Question No. 52 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 5/10/2021 at 10:45 AM) QID: 38380

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Mr. Saifullah Paracha Pakistani imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay prison has been absolved/released by American Court but he has not been handed over to Pakistan, if so, reasons of delay thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for bringing the said Pakistani back to Pakistan?*

Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi: (a & b) The U.S. Government has conveyed that the term of Mr. Saifullah Paracha in the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility is coming to an end. Relevant authorities of both countries are coordinating with each other for completing the necessary procedural requirements to enable early repatriation of Mr. Paracha to Pakistan.

***Question No. 53 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 5/10/2021 at 1:55 PM) QID: 38363

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the details indicating the number of functional BHUs, Government dispensaries in rural and urban areas of Islamabad and number of staff deputed and availability of life saving medicines therein?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:

Dispensaries under Federal Government Poly Clinic Post Graduate Medical Institute

FGPC hospital has 27 attached dispensaries in different public offices and sectors of Islamabad. The details indicating number of dispensaries & number of staff deputed are attached at **Annex-I**.

Furthermore, all essential medicines, including life saving drugs, are available to cater the emergency situation.

Dispensaries under DHO Office:

Details of BHU's, Government Dispensaries under administrative control of DHO-ICT, Health Department are as under:-

<u>Name of Health Facility:</u>	<u>Nos.</u>
Rural Health Centers (RHCs):	03
Community Health Center (CHCs):	04
Basic Health Units (BHUs):	12
Dispensary:	01

*List containing details of Health Facilities are attached at **(Annex-A)**.

Details of staff deputed in above mentioned health facilities:-

Medical/Women Medical Officer:	14
Support Staff:	121
Lady Health Workers/Supervisor:	300

List of Medical Officers and supporting staff is attached at **(Annex-B)**.

Details of life saving medicines available at RHCs, BHUs, and CHCs are enclosed at **(Annex-C)**.

Annex-I**DISPENSARIES FUNCTIONING WITHOUT CREATION/SANCTION OF THE POST AND BUDGET**

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Jyoti Jadhav	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	G-163 Dispensary	3	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Mr. Manoj Aghave	Senior Pharmacist			
3	Mr. Manoj Bhatnagar	Drug			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. M. T. Tawale	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	Honoured High Court	2	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Jyoti Jadhav	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			
3	Dr. Subhashram Yashwanth	Drug Clerk			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Hemant Kulkarni	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	G-102 Male Prisoner Dispensary	2	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Manoj Bhatnagar	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	Prisoners' Dispensary	10	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			
3	Dr. K. D. Bhat	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			
4	Dr. M. T. Tawale	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			
5	Dr. Manoj	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			
6	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			
7	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			
8	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			
9	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			
10	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	EPIC Dispensary	2	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	K-1000 Dispensary	1	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	Judge's Dispensary	2	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	F-111 Dispensary	2	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	F-111 Dispensary	2	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	F-111 Dispensary	2	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	G-111 Dispensary	2	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Place of posting	No. of Employees	Status
1	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)	F-111 Dispensary	2	WITHOUT SANCTION
2	Dr. Rajendra U. Patil	Dr. Tech (Pharmacist)			

Annex-A

Name of RHC/CHC/BHU/RHS/FWC		Complete Address
A. <u>RURAL HEALTH CENTRES:</u>		
1.	Sihala	Kahuta Road, opposite Police Collage Sihala, Islamabad
2.	Tarlai	Lathrar Road, Taramari Chowk, Tarlai Islamabad
3.	Bhara Kau.	Samaly Dam Road, RD Makraz, Bhara Kau Islamabad
B. <u>Community Health Center.</u>		
1.	Shah Allah Ditta	Village Shah Allah Ditta Islamabad
2.	Rawat.	Main Bazar Rawat, Islamabad
3.	Tarnol	G-15/F-15, JKH, Society Tarnol Islamabad
4.	Kirpa	Japani Dam Village Kirpa Islamabad
C. <u>BASIC HEALTH UNITS:</u>		
1.	Gagri.	Village Gagri, Islamabad
2.	Bhimber Tarar.	Village Bhimber Tarar, Islamabad
3.	Bhukkhar.	Village Bhukkhar Islamabad
4.	Sohan	Village Sohan Islamabad
5.	Jagiot	Village Jagiot Islamabad
6.	Jhang Sheddian	Lathrar Road, Village Jhang Sheddian Islamabad
7.	Chirrah	Lathrar Road Village Chirrah Islamabad
8.	Tumair	Bin Karor Road Village Tumair Islamabad
9.	Pind Begwal	Samli Dame Road, Village Pind Begwal Islamabad
10.	Phulgran	Village Malata Phulgran Islamabad
11.	Shahdra	Village Shahdra Islamabad
12.	Gokina	Village Gokina Islamabad
D. <u>DISPENSARY:</u>		
1.	Model Town Humk	Kahuta Road Village Model Town Humk Islamabad

Annexure-B

List of staff working in Health Facilities

S. No.	Name of Health Facility	Managerial Officer	Women Medical Officer	Nurse	Medical Assistant	JPW	ASHA	Dispenser	Lab Tech	Working Assistant	BN Inspection/Performance	Sanitary Inspector
B. Rural Health Centers												
1	Dehri	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Pawan	Dr. Pawan Kumar	-	-	Dr. Pawan	Dr. Pawan Kumar	Dr. Pawan Kumar	Dr. Pawan Kumar
2	Barhath	Dr. Anand Kumar (N. B. B.)	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar
3	Shiv	Dr. Manoj Kumar Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar
B. Basic Health Units												
1	Dehri	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar
2	Barhath	Dr. Anand Kumar (N. B. B.)	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar
3	Shiv	Dr. Manoj Kumar Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar
4	Dehri	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar
5	Barhath	Dr. Anand Kumar (N. B. B.)	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar
6	Shiv	Dr. Manoj Kumar Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar
7	Dehri	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar
8	Barhath	Dr. Anand Kumar (N. B. B.)	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar
9	Shiv	Dr. Manoj Kumar Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar
10	Dehri	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar
11	Barhath	Dr. Anand Kumar (N. B. B.)	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar
12	Shiv	Dr. Manoj Kumar Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar
13	Dehri	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar
14	Barhath	Dr. Anand Kumar (N. B. B.)	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar
15	Shiv	Dr. Manoj Kumar Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar
B. Community Health Centers												
1	Dehri	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	-	-	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Dr. Sanjay Kumar
2	Barhath	Dr. Anand Kumar (N. B. B.)	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar	Dr. Anand Kumar
3	Shiv	Dr. Manoj Kumar Dr. Anand Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	-	-	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Manoj Kumar

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Annex-C

**LIST OF EMERGENCY LIFE SAVING
DRUGS AVAILABLE AT HEALTH
FACILITIES OF DHO-ICT**

Sr. No	GENERIC NAME
I	ANTI-HAEMORRHAGICS
1.	Inj. Transamine
II	CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS
1	Isosorbide dinitrate Tab
III	CORTICOSTEROIDS
1	Dexamethasone, Inj
2	Hydrocortisone inj 250mg.
IV	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
1	Haemaccel Inf
2	Omeprazole Infusion
3	Inj Vitamin K
4	Angised Tab
5	Adernalin Inj
6	Ambu Bag

***Question No. 56 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 6/10/2021 at 9:25 AM) QID: 38371

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the total number of Government Primary and, Secondary Schools in Islamabad?

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: Total number of public sector institutions under ambit of Federal Directorate of Education Islamabad is 424. Amongst these, 410 Institutions are from Primary to Higher Secondary Schools levels, including Islamabad Model Colleges, which also have Primary and Secondary School Sections.

***Question No. 57 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 6/10/2021 at 9:25 AM) QID: 38370

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the total number of students at primary level as well as the number of students out of school in Islamabad?

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: The total number of students studying at Primary level in Federal Government Institutions working under ambit of Federal Directorate of Education, on the basis of census conducted in year 2020, is 86909, whereas additional 10339 students are enrolled in pre-Primary (Prep / Montessori) classes.

Around 196,081 students are enrolled in private schools of Islamabad, registered with PEIRA.

There are 248 Non Formal Basic Education Community Schools in Islamabad Capital Territory that provide primary education to the most disadvantaged segment of the society under Ministry of FE&PT. Currently 7356 (3691 male) and (3665 female) learners are enrolled in BECS schools.

According to Academy of Educational & Planning Management (AEPAM) Pakistan Education Statistics Survey (2017-18) about 6260 children were out of school in Islamabad Capital Territory.

***Question No. 58 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**

(Notice Received on 6/10/2021 at 9:35 AM) QID: 38375

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Saudi Government does not allow the return of those Pakistani workers, who have taken 2nd dose of Covid vaccine in Pakistan, if so, the steps being taken by the Government for smooth return of these Pakistani to their workplaces in Saudi Arabia without undergoing transit quarantine in United Arab Emirates?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development: Saudi Arabia has recently relaxed Covid-19 related restrictions for fully vaccinated exits allowing them to directly enter the

kingdom from countries facing travel bans including Pakistan. The new decision will be applicable only to those foreigners who have a valid residency permit (Iqama) and left the kingdom on exit and re-entry visa after taking two doses of Covid-19 vaccine inside Saudi Arabia.

Diplomatic Efforts are underway for the direct entry of the majority of expatriates who have already received two doses of vaccine from Pakistan or those who took first dose of vaccine from Saudi Arabia and the second dose from Pakistan. In the recent visit of Saudi Foreign Minister to Pakistan, the issue was highlighted by Pakistani Foreign Minister to take steps in order to facilitate the Pakistani workers who had returned to Pakistan after Covid-19 pandemic but have failed to go back to the kingdom due to the strict Covid related restrictions imposed by Saudi Arabia. However, Saudi Foreign Minister affirmed that they will take all possible measures to resolve the issues of Pakistani Expatriates under the strategic direction set by Crown Prince Muhammad Bin Salman.

***Question No. 59 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 6/10/2021 at 9:45 AM) QID: 38396

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to substantially increase the number of seats in medical colleges for the students of erstwhile FATA in pursuance to directions issuance by the Prime Minister, if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: The matter of quota seats for the students from erstwhile FATA and others was considered by PMC in the year 2021 and in consultation with the Provincial Governments and M/o States and Frontier Regions. The matter was amicably resolved by enhancing the seats as requested by the Provincial Governments. PMC has enhanced **793 seats** to accommodate HEC Scholarship Project (Provision of Higher Education Opportunities for the Students of Balochistan & Erstwhile FATA) and all such quotas for the Session 2021.

***Question No. 60 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 7/10/2021 at 9:30 AM) QID: 38417

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state, the existing number of career diplomats, posted in the Pakistan

Mission abroad indicating also the number of those from other departments, especially the retired armed force personnels?

Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi: Currently, the number of career diplomats, officers from other departments on FSP posts and retired armed force personnels, posted in the Pakistan Mission abroad is 309, as per below mentioned break-up:

BS	Career Diplomats (FSP)	Officers from other Departments posted on FSP posts	Retired Armed Forces/ Contract Appointments
22	06	0	06
21	25	0	06
20	66	0	0
19	68	02	0
18	83	12	0
17	24	11	0
Total	272	25	12

* The above data does not include Attaches from other Wings such as Defence, Commerce, Information, M/o OP&HRD, etc.

*Question No. 61 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 7/10/2021 at 11:25 AM) QID: 38155

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the grants provided by the Government to the public sector universities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the last three years with year-wise break-up?

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: Rs. 39018.766 million were provided by the Government of Pakistan through the Higher Education Commission (HEC) to public sector universities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during last three years. The year-wise breakup is as under:

Year	Recurring	Development	Total
2018-19	9,569.285	1,200.253	10,769.538
2019-20	9,442.369	3,655.588	13,097.957
2020-21	10,303.052	4,848.219	15,151.271
Total	29,314.706	9,704.06	39,018.766

***Question No. 62-A Senator Moula Bux Chandio:**

(Notice Received on 8/10/2021 at 2:35 PM) QID: 38393

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the service group of the current Secretary Workers Welfare Board and his substantive pay scale, indicating his posting during the last 15 years with designation and station wise break-up;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that why was the due procedure was not adopted in his postings as Secretary Workers Welfare Board and the Governing Board was bypassed for it, if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that meeting of Governing Board was conveyed on a two-days notice after the Islamabad High Court declared the appointment of the current Secretary Workers Welfare Board illegal ab initio?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development: (a) It is stated that currently the post of Secretary Workers Welfare Fund is vacant and Joint Secretary (HRD), Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development is looking after the work of Workers Welfare Fund in addition to her own duties till the appointment of regular secretary (Fund).

(b) Workers Welfare Fund (WWF), Islamabad is a statutory body established under Section 3 of the Workers Welfare Fund Ordinance, 1971 and is mandated to undertake welfare measures for industrial labour. The affairs of WWF are governed by an apex body *i.e.*, Governing Body established under Section 7 of the Workers Welfare Fund Ordinance, 1971. The Secretary Fund is the Chief Executive Officer of the Fund and appointed in accordance with section 8(1) of the Ordinance reproduced as under:

“The Governing Body, may with the previous approval of the Federal Government, appoint a Secretary who shall be Executive Officer of the Fund.”

The post of Secretary Fund was vacant since 27-03-2020. The Chairman Governing Body submitted a panel of officers to the Prime Minister seeking approval for selection of an officer by the Federal Government. The Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 26th January, 2021 approved the appointment of Secretary (Fund). Accordingly, a notification was issued by the Establishment Division on 09-02-2021. Appointment and Notification of Secretary (Fund) were placed before the Governing Body, WWF In its 148th meeting held on 03-05-2021, which were approved/ ratified by the Governing Body, WWF.

(c) Under the section 6 & 7 of the Workers' Welfare Fund Rules, 1976, the Chairman, Governing Body, WWF has the Authority to call Governing Body meeting at any time;

"6. Time and place of meeting:—The Govern Body shall meet act such places and time as may be fixed by the Chairman.

7. Notice and agenda of meeting:—Notice of not less than 15 days shall be given to every member present in Pakistan of the time and place fixed for each ordinary meeting, and each member shall be furnished with the agenda of that meeting:

Provided that when an emergent meeting is called by the a Chairman such notice shall not be necessary".

It is to be noted that the day-to-day matters, including welfare measures i.e., educational scholarships, marriage death grants for workers are approved by the secretary (Fund) as provide in Workers Welfare Fund Ordinance, 1971. Without appointment of regular Secretary (Fund), important administrative functions could not be performed, due to which an Emergent meeting was called by Chairman, Governing Body for appointment of Secretary (Fund).

***Question No. 64 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 11/10/2021 at 2:10 PM) QID: 38406

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state that:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 90 female teachers (SST) were eligible for grant of time scale in BS-18 w.e.f 01-01-2016 but were not granted the same w.e.f 19-03-2021, if so, reasons thereof;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that other teachers were granted time scale w.e.f. the date of their eligibility; and*
- (c) *the time by which the leftover 90 teachers will be granted time scales promotion in BS-18?*

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: (a) The actual No. *i.e.* 279 female SST became eligible for grant of higher timescale therefore; Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) forwarded their case for granting them higher time scale to the Ministry of FE&PT for consideration in Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting held on 19-01-2021. DPC on the recommendation of Finance Division U.O Dy. No. 3039/DS-Exp (FE&PT) 2019-2020 dated 02-03-2020 (**Annex-A**) decided to grant them higher timescale with immediate effect *i.e.* 19-01-2021 (from the date of meeting of DPC). Minutes of meeting of DPC is placed at (**Annex-B**).

(b) Prior to 2020, the higher timescale was granted from the date of eligibility.

(c) 279 female teachers (SST) including leftover 90 female teachers (SST) were already granted Higher Time Scale *w.e.f.* 19-01-2021 (date of DPC) (**Annex-C**) in compliance of Finance Division U.O. Dy. No. 3039/DS-Exp(FEPT)2019-2020 dated 02-03-2020 which clearly states that grant of Higher Time Scale will be given with immediate effect.

(Annexures have been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library)

***Question No. 65 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**

(Notice Received on 11/10/2021 at 3:10 PM) QID: 38413

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish humanitarian assistance fund for provision of basic food and non-food items to Afghanistan, if so, details thereof, if not reasons thereof?

Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi: There is no such proposal under consideration. Pakistan has provided more than 1200 tones of humanitarian assistance in food stuffs and medicines to Afghanistan in recent months. We also facilitated international NGOs and organizations in their relief activities in Afghanistan. We will continue to extend this assistance.

***Question No. 66 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 13/10/2021 at 2:11 PM) QID: 38056

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state whether it is fact that under the Rule of Business, each Division has to prepare Annual Book of performance, achievements of the Ministry and its attached departments, if so, the details of year books published during the last three years and if not, reasons thereof and action taken against the responsible functionaries?

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: Year Book 2018-19 has been uploaded on the National Heritage & Culture Division's Website and can be accessed online by clicking the link [http://heritage.pakistan.gov.pk/Sitelmage/Misc/files/yearbook2019-20 compressed.pdf](http://heritage.pakistan.gov.pk/Sitelmage/Misc/files/yearbook2019-20%20compressed.pdf)

The **Year Books** for the years 2019-20 & 2020-21 have been compiled and will be uploaded on the website after completing further codel formalities such as proof reading etc. in due course of time.

***Question No. 67 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 13/10/2021 at 2:11 PM) QID: 38055

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state whether it is fact that under the Rule of Business, each Division has to prepare Annual Book of performance, achievements of the Ministry and its attached departments, if so, the details of year books published during the last three years and if not, reasons thereof and action taken against the responsible functionaries?

Dr. Fehmida Mirza: As per sub-rule (2) & (3) of Rule 25 of the Rules of Business, 1973 each Ministry / Division for the information of Cabinet Division and for general public, prepare and upload the Year Book on the website as a permanent record. Accordingly, the Year Books for the last three Financial Year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 of Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination, Islamabad have been uploaded on the website of the Ministry and can be accessed online by clicking the link <http://www.ipc.gov.pk>.

***Question No. 68 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 14/10/2021 at 2:30 PM) QID: 38016

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state whether it is fact that under the Rule of Business, each Division has to prepare Annual Book of performance, achievements of the Ministry and its attached departments, if so, the details of year books published during the last three years and if not, reasons thereof and action taken against the responsible functionaries?

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: As per sub-rule (2) of Rule 25 of the Rules of Business 1973 at the beginning of each financial year, each Division shall, for the information of the Cabinet and for the information of General Public prepare as permanent record, a year book, which shall contain:

- (a) the details of its activities, achievements and progress during the proceeding financial year given only the unclassified which can be used for reference purposes.
- (b) the programme of activities and targets set out for itself during the preceding financial year and the extent to which they have been realized; and
- (c) the relevant statistics properly tabulated.

This Ministry's year book (2016-17) was circulated according to the instructions in November, 2018. Cabinet Division *vide* u.o. letter dated 17th October, 2018 has intimated that the Federal Cabinet, in its meeting held on 27th September, 2018 has decided that henceforth, printing of the Year Book is discontinued and each Ministry/Division will upload Year Book on its website. Necessary amendment will also be made in rule 25 of the Rules of Business, 1973. Accordingly, the Year Book (2017-18) has been prepared by this Ministry in July, 2019 and as per directions of Cabinet Division Year Book (2017-18) has been uploaded on the Ministry's website.

The Year book contains the consolidated achievements/performance of the departments and in this regard, on the basis of **ONE VISION-ONE MISSION-ONE-EDUCATION**, a performance template

has been developed which highlights the key initiatives of this Ministry during and Post Covid-19 scenarios for the year 2019-2020. However, this Ministry is in on going process where some of the departments of this Ministry have become defunct/devolved while some new departments has been transferred to this Ministry and now the departments are working under the administrative control of this Ministry.

Further this Ministry is working for the development of year book 2018-19 2019-20. The data in this regard has been collected and the compilation of books is under process. The response remained slow due to covid-19 situations where most of the departments had to face such epidemic. The year book as per directions of Cabinet Division will be uploaded on the Ministry's website hopefully by the end of November, 2021.

***Question No. 70 Senator Rubina Khalid:**

(Notice Received on 18/10/2021 at 3:56 PM) QID: 38430

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

- (a) total number of candidates who appeared in the MDCAT examination this year;*
- (b) the total fee received by the Pakistan Medical Commission from the candidates of MDCAT examination; and*
- (c) the payment made to M/S TEPS Company for conducting the MDCAT examination this year?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) 194,309 students appeared in MDCAT examination this year.

(b) Total fee Rs. 1,218,315,620/- received by the Pakistan Medical Commission from the candidates of MDCAT examination (subject to Final Audit); and

(c) Total payment made to M/S TEPS company is Rs. 275,632,608/-

***Question No. 71 Senator Rubina Khalid:**

(Notice Received on 18/10/2021 at 3:56 PM) QID: 38432

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

- (a) is it a fact that the MRI Machine(s) in PIMS Hospital are out of order for the last several months; and*
- (b) the time by which the said machine(s) will be made functional for the patients?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The Philips Achieva 1.5 T MRI Machine has been declared condemn on 16th of February 2021 and supply order for purchase of new MRI machine was issued on 30th April, 2021.

(b) The new MRI Machine has been procured by PIMS and is in the process of installation and has a tentative installation dated of December 2021 as intimated by the company.

***Question No. 72 Senator Rubina Khalid:**

(Notice Received on 18/10/2021 at 3:57 PM) QID: 38431

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that M/S TEPS was selected for conducting the Pakistan Medical Commission's MDCAT examination 2021, if so, the credentials, past experience and date of registration of M/S TEPS in SECP?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: Details are at **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library)

***Question No. 73 Senator Prof. Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani:**

(Notice Received on 21/10/2021 at 2:50 PM) QID: 38441

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that ventilators for the new born babies are being manufactured in the country, if so, the names of the places of manufacturing units and number of such ventilators being manufactured on yearly basis; and*
- (b) *the number of ventilators available for children in different federal Government hospitals and mother child centers in Islamabad Capital Territory?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) No, the ventilators for new born babies are not being manufactured in Pakistan so far.

(b) 20 ventilators are available for Children in PIMS Hospital, Islamabad. 05 Ventilators are dedicated for children (Neonatal and Paediatrics) in Federal Government Polyclinic. Federal General Hospital is Secondary Care Referral Hospital, therefore, no ventilator is available in FGH. NIRM Hospital have no ventilator at yet for the mother child centre.

***Question No. 117 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice Received on 5/10/2021 at 11:10 AM) QID: 38091

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is declining proportion of Pakistanis workforce in the Gulf States, if so, the details thereof indicating the country-wise rate of decline during the last 3 years in Gulf region; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to explore maximum employment opportunities for Pakistani workers in the Gulf States?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource development: (a) Yes, there is declining proportion of Pakistani workforce in the Gulf / States in the last two years i.e. 2020 & 2021 due to Covid-19 Pandemic and Flight restrictions. In addition:

- i. There is trend for Gulfization i.e. giving priority to the local people.

ii. Priority for the skilled labour force.

The detail regarding decline in respect of number of Pakistani workers registered for employment in Gulf region during the last three years is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

(b) The following steps have been taken to explore maximum employment opportunities for Pakistani workers in Gulf States:

- In recent visits of Head of States of KSA, UAE and Qatar, Prime Minister of Pakistan especially highlighted the issues of Pakistani workforce working in these countries.
- Government of Pakistan is trying its best to get the advantage of Qatar's labour market. In this regard, diplomatic efforts are underway and high level visits are being made to increase the quota for Pakistani workers.
- Matter of online linkages with KSA, UAE and Qatar is being pursued by BE&OE / M/o OP&HRD.
- Pakistan and UAE have signed an MoU in the field of manpower export on 14th June, 2019 to enhance the export of manpower and MoU with KSA on manpower export is in final stage.
- Government of Pakistan and Kuwait signed an agreement on healthcare in July, 2020 where institutionalize recruitment of healthcare professionals from Pakistan like Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics to work there on regular basis as per requirement of Ministry of Health of Kuwait. Under the agreement more than 1000 Medical professionals have gone to Kuwait through Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC) so far. Moreover, MoU between Pakistan and Kuwait regarding recruitment of Pakistani professionals also in pipeline.
- Ministry of OP&HRD has developed the first National Emigration & Welfare Policy for Overseas Pakistanis, which is at final stages of approval. This policy particularly focuses on the rights and protection of migrant workers.

- Government of Pakistan through various national vocational and technical institutions like NAVTTC, TEVTAs, Skill Development Council (SDC) and Punjab Skill Development Fund (PSDF) conduct and impart different market based training in various fields/trades.
- A high level committee of all relevant stakeholders including technical/vocational institutes under the chairmanship of Secretary M/O, OP&HRD on skill upgradation had been constituted. Furthermore, ECC has constituted a task force under the supervision of SAPM on OP&HRD, for overseas employment promotion and imparting technical training to workers.
- A pilot project on skill upgrading had been initiated with collaboration of UAE. Under this project, National Qualification Authority UAE has accredited 4 technical institutes of Pakistan and 15 more are in pipeline for accreditation.
- BE&OE, shares information (based on the reports received from CWAs posted in various countries) with NAVTC and other stakeholders on market trends/job opportunities/required skills in various trades for providing market based training to intending emigrants.

Annex-A

STATEMENT SHOWING DECLINE IN NUMBER OF PAKISTANI WORKERS REGISTERED BY BEOE AND OEC FOR EMPLOYMENT ABROAD
IN THE GULF REGION DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

S.#	COUNTRIES	2019			2020			2021 (Up to September)			Grand Total 2019-2021 (up to September)
		Through BEOE	Through OEC	Total	Through BEOE	Through OEC	Total	Through BEOE	Through OEC	Total	
1	Saudi Arabia,	332713	51	332764	195280	27	195307	53340	5	53345	681408
2	U.A.E.	211218	54	211270	53676	0	53676	2485	0	2485	257441
3	Oman,	25391	13	25404	10355	12	10367	10244	1	10245	54897
4	Qatar,	19327	44	19371	7421	1	7422	22507	0	22507	43338
5	Bahrain,	8159	0	8159	7843	0	7843	7745	0	7745	23775
6	Total,	126	0	126	15	0	15	619	1103	1111	1636
	Total:	592562	162	592724	215030	454	215484	141873	1109	142982	555180

***Question No. 118 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice Received on 5/10/2021 at 11:10 AM) QID: 38127

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the rate of hepatitis in the country is one of highest in the world, if so, the steps being taken by the Government for establishment of hepatitis screening and diagnostic centers across the country; and*
- (b) the funds reserved, released and utilized under the head of Prime Minister's program for hepatitis during the last 3 years?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Pakistan has all the five types of hepatitis *i.e.*, Hepatitis A, B, C, D and E. Hepatitis A and E are food and water borne (transmitted through contaminated food and water) while hepatitis B, C and D are blood borne (transmitted through re-use of syringes, unsafe blood transfusions poor infection control in health care settings, reuse of razors at barbers' shops, ear/nose piercing and tattooing).

Hepatitis B and C are major causes of disease and deaths in Pakistan while hepatitis D is dependent on hepatitis B virus that means hepatitis D cannot be caused without having hepatitis B. Hepatitis B and C are prevalent in all parts of the country, but hepatitis D is prevalent mostly in some pockets of Sindh, Balochistan and Southern part of Punjab. Pakistan has a national prevalence of hepatitis B around 1.6% affecting almost 3.5 million people and of hepatitis C around 7% affecting almost 15 million people nationwide. This makes Pakistan among the top countries with highest disease burden of hepatitis B and C in the world (but not the first country)

- Hepatitis B and D are vaccine preventable, and the Government of Pakistan through its Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) and provincial hepatitis control programmes is providing free of cost hepatitis B Virus (HBV) vaccine to the general population. While hepatitis C virus (HCV) is not vaccine preventable and is the most common type of hepatitis in Pakistan. Therefore, to curb this huge disease burden, Government of Pakistan is going to

launch a Prime Minister's (PM) programme for the elimination of HCV infection in the country. Since Egypt has reduced its national HCV prevalence drastically, therefore, Pakistan would like to learn from the Egyptian experience to reduce its HCV disease burden. The Prime Minister's programme will screen all the eligible population of the country for Hepatitis C and will provide free testing and treatment to anti-HCV positive patients. The goal of the programme is to eliminate, by 2030, HCV infection from all provinces and territories of Pakistan. The programme is not only focused on hepatitis C but also caters other types of hepatitis as well through its conceptual framework of preventing the infectious diseases. The provincial health departments as share to PM's HCV elimination programme, have committed to design, organize and implement preventive programmes in their provinces to focus on preventive interventions for the elimination of hepatitis infections.

(b) The PC-1 of the PM Programme has been developed and submitted to Planning Commission for approval, therefore, the Programme is not implemented yet but since the devolution in 2011 the provinces have their own hepatitis prevention and control programme with the independent PC-1s. These programmes provide free screening, vaccination, testing and treatment services all over the country. Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (M/o NHR& C) provide all the technical support and strategic guidance to the provincial programmes for standardized hepatitis screening, testing and treatment services. Details of PC-1 attached as **Annex I**.

Annex-I

Prime Minister's Program for Elimination of Hepatitis

- Pakistan, in 2020, has a national HCV prevalence rate of 6.94% affecting almost 15 million people nationwide.
- To curb this huge disease burden, Government of Pakistan is going to launch a Prime Minister's programme for the elimination of HCV infection in the country.
- Since Egypt has reduced its national HCV prevalence drastically, therefore, Pakistan would like to learn from the Egyptian experience to reduce its HCV disease burden.
- The Prime Minister's programme will screen all the eligible population of the country for Hepatitis C and will provide free testing and treatment to anti-HCV positive patients.
- The goal of the programme is to eliminate, by 2030, HCV infection from all provinces and territories of Pakistan.
- The programme will be implemented in two phases i.e. Phase I and Phase II (five years each)

- Provinces, as share to PM's HCV elimination programme, have committed to design, organize and implement preventive programmes (injection safety, infection control, safe blood transfusion and other programmes) in their provinces to focus on preventive interventions for the elimination of HCV infection.
- **Main objective of Phase-I (5 years):**
 - **Screen 50% (69.02 million)** of the eligible population (aged ≥12 years or 70% of population)
 - **Test all screen positive population (5.15 million)** for HCV infection
 - **Treat all population (4.12 million)** tested positive for HCV infection
- **Complementary objectives of Phase-I:**
 - Strengthen **supply side** (health system) with focus on supply chain system and building human resources capacity
 - Influence demand side by institutionalising communication strategy
 - Strengthen information system and monitor the programme progress
- Yet, it will leave 102 million people to be screened in Phase-II (2025 – 2030)
- **Targets of programme:**
 - **Screening by Rapid Diagnostic Test:** 69.02 million people aged 12 years and above
 - **Molecular Diagnosis of Hepatitis C:** 5.15 million people (out of Rapid Diagnostic Test positives)
 - **Assessment and treatment:** 4.12 million people
- **Cost benefits, and PC-I presentation:**
 - Total base cost of the programme (without contingencies), *PKRs 70.83 billion*
 - **Total Programme Cost (with 5% contingencies) = PKRs 74.37 billion**
- **Implementation arrangements:**
 - The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (NHSRC) will host the PM's HCV Elimination Programme.
 - At national level, it will be led by a National Coordinator and supported by National and provincial Hepatitis Planning, Development and Monitoring Units (PDMUs) established at national, provincial and regional level by USAID funded Chemonics International INC.
 - The National Coordinator at federal level, will liaise with provincial and Regional Coordinators, who in turn supervise District HCV Focal Persons. The latter supports field formations, i.e. laboratories, doctors and health facilities that are involved in the Programme for Hepatitis C Elimination.
 - Technical guidance will be provided by Technical Advisory Group (TAG) while a Technical Committee supports the programme on specific technical issues.
 - A Programme Steering Committee brings all stakeholders to discuss programme implementation, monitor the performance and resolve bottlenecks.

***Question No. 119 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 6/10/2021 at 9:25 AM) QID: 38369

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the number of technical and vocational training institutes in urban and rural Islamabad?

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: The Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training through attached commission i.e. National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) is maintaining databank of technical and vocational institutes in Pakistan including Islamabad. As per NAVTTTC databank, 56 public and private institutes are in Islamabad in which 18 are in rural Islamabad and 38 are in urban area of Islamabad, as follows:

Type of Institute	Total No of Institutes	Institutes Urban Islamabad	Institutes Rural Islamabad
Government	15	11	4
Private	41	27	14
Total	56	38	18

***Question No. 120 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice Received on 6/10/2021 at 12:10 PM) QID: 38176

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is fact that Remuneration / stipend is not paid to Phd's attending National Faculty Development Program / training at National Academy of Higher Education , under Interim Placement of Fresh Ph.D's, for phase-II, Batch-II of 2021, if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also fact that Phd's attending aforesaid training are attending six days a week training with extended timing from 8 am to 7 pm (sometimes 8 pm), if so, steps being taken by HEC to aforesaid batch of Phd's to fulfill livelihood needs of them & their family?*

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: (a) Yes, it is a fact that stipend is not being paid to trainee participants during four (04) weeks online training for IPFP (Phase-II Batch II) as per revised policy. However, the stipend was included in the previous policy as the program was planned to be executed in face to face mode in which fellows were required to arrange for their boarding, lodging and food away from their homes. Due to COVID-19, the program mode has been changed to online mode and it has to be attended by the fellows from their homes, thus there is no provision of stipend during 4 weeks of online training, as per revised policy.

(b) Yes, it is a fact that the trainees are attending the training sessions six days a week. The training session starts with a Live Webinar at 0800 hours, as all the trainers are in different time zones. Each day, trainees have to attend synchronous training sessions of four (04) hours, where online presence of the trainee participants is mandatory. Moreover, another four (04) hours sessions in asynchronous mode for group work/assignments which usually ends at 1800 hours. During the training session, a lunch break of one hour and two half hour breaks are included in the training time.

As per policy, the program is for the unemployed PhDs or those PhDs who have sub-optimum jobs which they are ready to leave for getting the one year paid fellowship i.e. placement of one year at HEIs. According to advertisement of IPFP Fellowship (Phase-II Batch-II), no stipend was allowed / mentioned for four (04) weeks online training. However, after successful completion of four (04) weeks training period, the fellows will receive Rs.100,000/- per month stipend for one year during their placement at host HEIs.

***Question No. 121 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 11/10/2021 at 9:50 AM) QID: 38415

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that ratio of women suffering from breast cancer in Pakistan is highest as compared to other Asian Countries;*

- (b) *whether the Ministry has conducted any research / study to ascertain the causes of high ratio of breast cancer in Pakistan, if so, the findings thereof; and*
- (c) *steps being taken for early diagnosis, treatment, awareness and facilitation of women suffering with breast cancer?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Pakistan utilizes data from Global Burden of Disease Study (GBD) which provides data on annual basis. According to GBD 2019, prevalence of breast cancer in Pakistan was reported to be 0.17% of total prevalent cases which is less in comparison to India (0.83%) and Srilanka (0.18%) that indicates that Pakistan is not at highest rank among Asian countries regarding CA breast. Following table indicates comparison of prevalence of CA Breast in few Asian countries.

Sr. No	Asian Country	Prevalence of Breast Cancer (2019)
1.	Pakistan	0.17%
2.	India	0.83%
3.	Afghanistan	0.039%
4.	Bangladesh	0.091%
5.	Srilanka	0.18%
6.	Iran	0.17%
7.	Oman	0.092%
8.	Bhutan	0.069%

(b) So far, no any research or study has been conducted for gathering the etiology of high prevalence of cancer. The breast cancer data is present in scattered form maintained by cancer hospitals (public and private).

There is five year mammography data of the Federal Breast Cancer Screening Centre, Pakistan Institute of Medical sciences, Islamabad which ascertains the high ratio of breast cancer ICT.

(c) Following steps are being taken by the government regarding breast cancer disease

- This year in the month of the October, Breast Cancer Awareness campaign was undertaken under the auspices of the First Lady Mrs. Arif Alvi with collaboration of M/o NHR&C. Awareness Session was organized at Aiwan-e-Sadar, Islamabad to educate females about the general risk factors of breast cancer, prevention, and guidelines for self assessment to identify any abnormality at an early stage. The aim of the session was to implement the national breast cancer awareness campaign by arranging awareness programs throughout the year to sensitize Pakistani, women on this grave issue in collaboration with provinces.
- Public service messages were delivered through PTA by all mobile phones service providers.
- Awareness sessions were undertaken in other provinces too.
- **Federal Breast Cancer Screening center** has been established at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) hospital, ICT which is the first dedicated public facility in Pakistan to provide awareness, detection and subsequent treatment of the breast cancer disease. This center offers totally free of cost screening mammography and ultrasound facilities all year round 6 days a week to women of all socio-economic strata. Components of the Federal Breast Cancer Screening Programme are:
 - Health Education
 - Latest Mammography Equipment with Stereotactic Biopsy facilities and Ultrasound with Elastography with biopsy facilities
 - State of Art Dedicated Centre
 - ✓ Total **273** LHWs have been trained for Breast Examination in Different Basic Health Unit's / Rural Health Units of ICT
 - ✓ Approximately 30 to 50 patients come for their mammography and ultrasound daily to Federal

Breast Cancer Screening Centre, PIMS. (Oct 2015-Sept 2021)

- ✓ Almost 30,000 educated patients came to Federal Breast Cancer Screening Centre from the community (October 2015 to September 2021)
 - ✓ Total No. of **6000 mammograms** have been performed in the Federal Breast Cancer Screening Centre
 - ✓ Approximately, **6375 Ultrasounds** have been performed in the Federal Breast Cancer Screening Centre
 - ✓ Total No. of **450 FNAC's** have been performed in the Federal Breast Cancer Screening
 - ✓ Total No. of **630 Biopsies** were done in the Federal Breast Cancer Screening Centre.
 - ✓ A total number of **600 patients** have been detected with CA. Breast
- Proposal is under process to link facility of mammography and breast cancer screening with the government's socio-welfare programmes including Ehsaas and Sehat Sahulat to expand their outreach. Sehat Sahulat program to cover both public and private facilities while Ehsaas Program to cover under privileged population. For the poorest 14 million families, services are being offered through Sehat Sahulat program, which also cover the cost of cancer, treatment. Maximum reimbursement for expenditure has been recently increased to Rs. 720,000 per family per year.

*Question No. 122 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 14/10/2021 at 2:30 PM) QID: 37988

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the details of the Labours died and injured in mines and other factories during the last 3 years, province-wise compensation paid by the Mine's Owners and the Government?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource

Development: EOBI provides following pensionary benefits to it, requisite Workers/ Labourers/ employees.

- i. Old age pension
- ii. Invalidity pension
- iii. Survivors' pension
- iv. Old-Age Grant

2. In case of death of a registered worker/ labour/ employee, EOBI provides survivor pension to the survivor/s of the deceased. In last three years, a total of 35,696 survivor pensions awarded to workers of Factories and 698 survivors pensions awarded to Mineworkers, whereas 13 invalidity. The details of all benefits, provided by EOBI from 2019-2021 are **Annex-A**.

Annex-A

Detail of Survivor & Invalidity Pension awarded during Last 3 Year i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21 to Mines & Factories workers							
Sr. No.	Province	Survivor Pension awarded during last 3 years	Invalidity Pension awarded during Last 3 years	Survivor Pension awarded to Mines Worker during last 3 years	Invalidity Pension awarded to Mines Worker during last 3 years	Survivor Pension awarded to Factories Worker during last 3 years	Invalidity Pension awarded to Factories Worker during last 3 years
	HEALOCHESTAN	653	24	89	2	564	22
	2 GILGIT BALTISTAN	112	3	0	0	112	3
	3 ISLAMABAD	1,310	42	1	0	1,309	42
	4 KHAYBER PUKHTUNKHAWA	4,379	117	8	0	4,370	117
	5 PUNJAB	19,180	566	592	11	18,588	555
	6 SINDH	10,760	382	7	0	10,753	382
	Total	35,394	1,134	698	13	35,696	1,121

* Stated Question has two parts, one related to EOBI regarding Survivor pension, Invalidity pension which were awarded by the EOBI to Labourers injured and died in mines and other factories during last 3 years.

** Second part is related to information regarding compensation paid to mine workers by the Mining owners & Government does not pertain to EOBI.


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***Question No. 123 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 14/10/2021 at 2:35 PM) QID: 38259

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the registration fees being collected for appearing in the under-graduate studies Admission Test (USAT) starting from September 12, 2021, which has recently been announced by HEC;*
- (b) the estimated revenue to be collected through the said fees collection; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Ministry to reduce the entry test fees in order to provide relief to students?*

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: (a) Education Testing Council (ETC), HEC has charged Rs.1200/- per candidate for appearing in the Undergraduate Studies Admission Test (USAT). The format of the test is similar to Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), administered in USA, but has been adapted to the national academic, social and cultural requirements.

(b) The exact revenue collected through the said fee collection is Rs. 40.2 million.

(c) The steps taken by Higher Education Commission (HEC) to reduce Test Fee and provide relief to students are attached at **Annex-I**.

Annex-I

The following steps have been taken by the HEC to reduce the entry test fees in order to provide relief to the students

COST SIDE EXPLAINED

1. Rational cost analysis was done by ETC and audited by HEC.
2. In this context, fees charged by other testing services for similar target audience were surveyed, and some examples are:
 - a. MDCAT by PMC: Rs 6000/ Rs 9000 for late registration (MCQ based)
 - b. Entry Test by GCU itself: Rs 1500 (includes descriptive part)
 - c. NAT by NTS: Rs 700 (Only MCQ based)
 - d. SAT by ETS of USA: \$ 55 ~Rs 9,240

3. Heavy capital cost of "Standardized" question bank development has been spread over two fiscal years to minimize its contribution in the cost of test. Standardized test is an internationally accepted norm for controlling variations in series of tests.
4. USAT provides unique countrywide reach including far flung places like Skardu and Turbat which is an important cost contributor.
5. Keeping in view the glaring disparities in the teaching levels of English, USAT is the only test designed to provide equal opportunity for such students from rural areas and underprivileged segments – through inclusion of communication skills testing by incorporating a subjective/ descriptive part with a choice of Urdu/ English. This inevitably results in additional cost for standardized grading of descriptive answers based on rubrics.

RELIEF MEASURES

1. The test is valid for all universities if they choose to accept allowing a large amount of saving and hassle-free admissions process for students and their parents, otherwise they pay for multiple tests for attempting admission in different universities.
2. USAT covers the complete spectrum of subject areas for admission as opposed to six different subject based tests required otherwise.
3. The test remains valid for one year affording savings to the students over two admission seasons.
4. The test is offered at a higher frequency of quarterly basis to facilitate the students.
5. The USAT is offered to universities and students as an additional choice based on low cost, fairness, reliability, validity, and standardization rather than being mandatory.

Hence, the entry test fee charged by the Education Testing Council (ETC) against USAT-2021 is the lowest amongst the contemporaries. Further reduction may lower the qualitative characteristics of the test, which is not recommended.

***Question No. 124 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 15/10/2021 at 3:05 AM) QID: 38032

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is fact that under the Rule of Business, each Division has to prepare Annual Book of performance, achievements of the Ministry and its attached departments, if so, the details of the year Books published during the last three years and if not, reasons thereof and actions taken against the responsible functionaries?

Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi: In compliance with the Rules of Business, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs compiles a year book stating performance of each division in the Ministry. Year Book is uploaded on the Ministry's website and is available under the tab "Ministry" on the official website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.mofa.gov.pk). Year Book 2018-19 is available for review on the website the Ministry. Year book covering events in FY2019-20 is under final stages of editing and will be uploaded shortly. The Year Book for FY2020-21 is being compiled currently and will be available once finalized and approved.

***Question No. 125 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 15/10/2021 at 3:05 PM) QID: 38137

Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be pleased to state whether it is fact that under the Rule of Business, each Division has to prepare Annual Book of performance, achievements of the Ministry and its attached departments, if so, the details of year books published during the last three years and if not, reasons thereof and action taken against the responsible functionaries?

Syed Ali Haider Zaidi: Year book for the Financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19 has been uploaded on the website of Ministry of Maritime Affairs and can be checked at www.moma.gov.pk. Whereas year book for the financial year 2019-20 is under process and will be uploaded on compilation provision of data by all the departments/ organization/ authorities under the administrative control of this Ministry.

***Question No. 126 Senator Rubina Khalid:**

(Notice Received on 20/10/2021 at 11:10 AM) QID: 38436

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is fact that the MRI Machine at NIRM Hospital is out of order for the last several months, if so, the time by which the said machine will be made functional?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: The MRI machine of National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine remained out of order from 23-9-2021 to 26-10-2021 due to some electro mechanical fault caused by heavy load of patients shifted to NIRM as the MRI machines at other government hospitals were not available/ non-functional.

The MRI machine installed at NIRM is very old and the repair process took about a month as the required quantity of helium gas was to be imported from abroad through the concerned firm. Now, as of November 8th, 2021, it is functional.

***Question No. 127 Senator Rubina Khalid:**

(Notice Received on 20/10/2021 at 11:10 AM) QID: 38435

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

- (a) the eligibility criteria and procedure for selection of firm for conducting MDCAT examination; and*
- (b) the names of firms / organizations which applied for selection and the justifications for selection of M/S TEPS company therein?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The service provider must have installed/available a minimum of 2,500-3,000 laptop/portable computer terminals of specifications and standards capable of handling a computerized examination to be located at centers in at least 20 designated cities across Pakistan. The service provider shall also provide secure infrastructure with the capacity to host the examination along with backup and security systems of international standards to conduct the examination using a Cloud based system preferably. The service provider must provide an automated computer examination software for conduct of the exam and an automated checking and issuance of result system providing results within 30 minutes of completion of exam along with an intelligent data analysis system.

The Public advertisement requesting proposals from interested parties was published on 4th May, 2021. The minimum mandatory requirements were identified in the advertisement in the absence of which a party would not be able to partner with the Authority in the conduct of the examination. A total of 12 companies submitted their proposals which were reviewed and meetings held with each company in response to discuss the proposal. Each company was transparently informed that the Commission was seeking a joint venture partner to conduct the examination as per the structure and mechanism decided by the Council and the Authority. Other than two companies all others either offered to hold the exams on a paper and pen base or on a computer based system which would use third party computers mainly located in college and university campuses across Pakistan and the use of which would be acquired for a short term basis. The said proposals therefore, failed to meet the minimum mandatory standards as without control of the computer

systems and exam centers as well as capacity to hold the exam internationally the conduct of the examination was not possible as was required to be done by the Authority. Two companies out of the responders fulfilled the basic requirements however, one of the two unfortunately did not have the capacity to conduct the exam internationally and further in view of having an ownership / control interest in a medical college and teaching hospital represented a potential conflict of interest. Therefore, the only party amongst the responders remaining was **SOAR Education (Private) Limited**, a private limited company registered with the SECP. The group has further extensive interests in information technology in Pakistan and the USA including the development of what are now billion dollar companies in education and technology, providing services to the public and private sector in Pakistan and internationally. The proposal was subsequent to being evaluated, ensure the integrity and transparency of the exam and the same was duly approved by the Medical & Dental Council after detailed scrutiny.

(b) The Assessment Report of the companies is attached as **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I

ASSESSMENT REPORT

RFP was issued for interested parties to provide an interest and information for delivering a comprehensive computer based examination and testing system required by PMC with the primary requirements being: minimum 2,500 plus laptops/portable devices, software for conducting the examination and developing question banks as per PMC requirements and establishment of at least 20 centers across Pakistan.

12 companies responded to the RFP. 11 companies provided their proposals and information. Each company was invited for a meeting and their proposals discussed. The assessment is as under.

1	Tower Technologies	<p>A part of the Punjab Group of Colleges. Have been providing examination and testing facilities to the entire education colleges associated with the Group. Have an inhouse built examination solution which may require some upgrade. Don't have 2,500 systems however, rely on their college labs but agreed to obtain systems if required.</p> <p>Once concern is that their associated company also runs MDCAT preparatory services for students and their Group now also is a part owner of an existing medical / dental college IMDC.</p>
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2	SOAR Testing and Evaluation Platform Limited	<p>A part of the SOAR group which has setup STEP schooling systems which are fully automated using the latest tech. The group has part of it a US based entity which has been involved in the launch of some major tech products and developments in the US.</p> <p>Have the access to self owned 2,500 plus systems and examination solutions ready to be modified to PMC specific requirements. Willing to setup self controlled minimum 20 centers in different cities and develop with PMC a far more elaborate soft solution for analysis and question bank development.</p> <p>The only company who has the capacity to undertake international examinations as well.</p>
3	Universal Testing Service	<p>Do not have laptops or portable devices. Only desktops of which majority are owned by third parties. They principally have undertaken examinations within the Pakistan Army and do not have the software solutions required for holding PMC examinations or international examinations.</p>
4	Carner Testing Service	<p>DO not have systems however, claim to be willing to procure 1,000 tablets. Have no testing structure to hold computerized examinations or a software capable of conducting it. Using an inhouse built simple single tier examination system. Cannot hold international examinations. Also do not have the requisite experience in computer based examinations.</p>
5	Virtual University	<p>Have approximately 2,000 self owned desktops and a further 8,000 desk top systems through their franchise teaching outlets. Have an archaic examination software which will require major upgrading over time. Have over 170 centers/franchise locations.</p> <p>Major obstacle is that they cannot hold the exam over a single stretch of 30 days and would be scheduling the exam only on weekends as the rest of the weekdays is used by their students. Also don't have capacity for international exams.</p>

6	Digitribe Corporate	<p>Are the representatives of Pearson VUE in Pakistan, who has already informed PMC they cannot conduct the MDCAT exam.</p> <p>They propose to use the Pearson VUE exam solution, the cost of which evaluated on the basis of earlier Pearson VUE quote is extremely high.</p> <p>They have access to 40 computer labs with approx. 2,000 systems of which 8 centers are self owned. Pearson VUE has already refused to use their 36 third party accessed labs due to non compliance of minimum exam environment requirements. Don't have the capacity to hold the exam on their own or do international examinations.</p>
7	Multi Testing Service	<p>Have only 40 self owned laptops. Have primarily paper pen testing facilities claiming to have the ability to setup labs in 7 cities with 40 systems each. Have no software solution to conduct examination nor any experience in conducting computer based examinations. No capacity to hold international based examinations.</p>
8	Superior Connections	<p>Relying on systems of their group colleges with capacity to test 15,000 students at one time. However, do not have a multi-tiered exam system.</p> <p>Have a direct conflict as they own a medical college. One of the shareholders is the current President of PAML.</p>
9	Alfate	<p>No self owned systems or examination software. Proposal is solely based on acquiring and developing a system over a period of 6 months.</p>
10	PTS	<p>Have 1,200 laptop/portable devices. Use university labs primarily as third party resources. Have available a single tier in house built solution. Primarily have limited experience in examinations for Gomal Univ. and for schools in AJ&K. Do not have the ability to hold international examinations.</p>

11	Fair Testing Service	Have currently 100 installed systems and a supporting call center. Primary business is computer supplies. They can have access to 3,500 refurbished computers which they claim are indirectly in stock. They claim to have access to 36 centers which are government schools. limited experience of paper pen exams. Have an examination software but not capable of the multi tiered solution required. Are not equipped to hold exams internationally.
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***Question No. 128 Senator Rubina Khalid:**

(Notice Received on 20/10/2021 at 11:10 AM) QID: 38434

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that errors were reported in subject marks in the result announced by the Pakistan Medical Commission in the recently held MDCAT examination, if so, details of inquiry conducted and steps taken against the responsible person / individual?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:

- National Medical Authority announced the final result of the MDCAT 2021 after the conclusion of the post-exam analysis held after the completion of the MDCAT. The post-exam analysis was carried out independently by Quaid-i-Azam University.
- A record number of 194,309 students took the MDCAT and 68,723 students passed the exam resulting in a national pass percentage of 35.37%.
- The Council was advised that during the post exam analysis all questions which were found to be vague, ambiguous or even slightly out of the PMC MDCAT syllabus be removed and students attempting such questions be given a corresponding score for the removed questions. The Council also directed that if the answer key of any question was found to be incorrect or where more than one answer to a question

could be accepted as correct. The answer keys are to be corrected by the post exam analysis team so that students having given the correct answer receive the appropriate benefit when compiling the final result.

- The post exam analysis was part of an examination process and through which the exam itself is scrutinized at the highest level to ensure a fair result and outcome.
- It needs to be highlighted during MDCAT exam process fake results were generated by unknown persons through internet as well as social media. Pakistan Medical Commission had issued a strict warning against the release of forged MDCAT 2021 results.

In this regard, these includes forged hard copies of MDCAT 2021 results were being mailed to students and forged digital results being circulated in various templates online. Further, complaints have been lodged before FIA with evidence of fake MDCAT result.

PMC reiterates that the official MDCAT 2021 results were only available on the PMC website. Result tempering in any form was unacceptable and no errors were, reported in subject marks in the result announced by the Pakistan Medical Commission.

***Question No. 129 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**
(Notice Received on 21/10/2021 at 11:00 AM) QID: 38270

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the details of existing labour agreements with Italy, Taiwan and South Korea indicating the number of skilled and unskilled Pakistan's working in these countries for the last three years under the Government agreements with country and trade / field wise breakup?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development: Ministry of OP&HRD has not signed any labour agreement with Italy and Taiwan so far. However, MoU on Labour Export between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Italian Republic is under consideration. Moreover, OP&HRD has signed an MoU between the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development of the

Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Labour of the Republic of Korea on the Sending and Receiving of Workers under Employment Permit System (EPS) on 07-3-2018. Furthermore, details of skilled/unskilled workers registered with BE&OE in the last three years for Italy and South Korea along with trade/field wise breakup are attached as **Annex-I** and **Annex-II** respectively.

Annex-I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PAKISTANIS REGISTERED BY BUREAU OF EMIGRATION & OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT TO ITALY DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2019 TILL DATE TRADE WISE						
Sr. No.	Job Category	2021	2020	2019	2018	Total
1	Advisor	0	0	1	0	1
2	Agriculturist	5	0	1	4	10
3	Budget Controller	0	0	1	0	1
4	Computer Programmer	0	0	1	0	1
5	Cook	2	0	1	2	5
6	Doctor	0	1	1	0	2
7	Engineer	4	3	4	0	11
8	Gen. Worker	21	1	4	16	42
9	Inspector	1	0	0	0	1
10	Labour / Helper	3	0	2	3	8
11	Manager	2	1	0	0	3
12	Technician	0	0	1	0	1
13	Waiter	1	0	0	0	1
14	Welder	0	0	1	0	1
	Total	39	6	18	25	88

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PAKISTANIS REGISTERED BY BUREAU OF EMIGRATION & OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT TO ITALY DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2019 TILL DATE SKILL LEVEL WISE						
Sr. No.	Skill Level	2021	2020	2019	2018	Total
1	Highly Qualified	6	5	5	0	17
2	Highly Skilled	0	0	2	0	2
3	Semi-Skilled	3	0	1	2	6
4	Skilled	1	0	2	0	3
5	Un-Skilled	29	1	7	23	60
	Total	39	6	18	25	88

Annex-II

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PAKISTANIS REGISTERED BY BUREAU OF EMIGRATION & OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT TO SOUTH KOREA DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2018 TILL DATE						
TRADE WISE						
Sr. No.	Job Category	2021	2020	2019	2018	Total
1	Advisor	1	0	0	0	1
2	Cook	1	1	1	0	3
3	Doctor	4	2	2	1	9
4	Driver	0	1	1	0	2
5	Engineer	7	3	2	0	12
6	Foreman / Supervisor	1	1	0	0	2
7	Gen. Worker	0	4	8	0	12
8	Labour / Helper	0	0	2	0	2
9	Manager	1	2	1	1	5
10	Operator	0	0	1	0	1
11	Pharmacist	0	0	1	0	1
12	Teacher	7	1	4	0	12
	Total	22	15	20	2	59

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PAKISTANIS REGISTERED BY BUREAU OF EMIGRATION & OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT TO SOUTH KOREA DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2018 TILL DATE						
SKILL LEVEL WISE						
Sr. No.	Skill Level	2021	2020	2019	2018	Total
1	Highly Qualified	15	8	10	2	35
2	Highly Skilled	1	0	0	0	1
3	Semi Skilled	1	1	1	0	3
4	Skilled	1	2	1	0	4
5	Un-Skilled	0	4	11	0	15
	Total	22	15	23	2	62

*Question No. 130 **Senator Prof. Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani:**
(Notice Received on 22/10/2021 at 11:15 AM) QID: 38461

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the total number of Pakistanis living in Australia and New Zealand?

Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi: The total number of Pakistanis living in Australia and New Zealand are as follows:

S. No.	Country	No. of Pakistanis
1.	Australia	125,000
2.	New Zealand	6,135

***Question No. 131 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 25/10/2021 at 9:35 AM) QID: 38463

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the total number of Advisors in Higher Education Commission indicating the time since which the said advisors are working in Higher Education Commission with separate details indicating education qualification, responsibilities and salaries of said advisors?

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: There are three (03) positions of Advisors (BPS-21) in Higher Education Commission (HEC), against these regular positions, two (02) officers are working. The detail is attached at **Annex-I**. whereas, one (01) position is vacant and has been advertised.

There are four (04) positions of Adviser (MP-II) in HEC. All these positions are lying vacant and have been advertised.

Annex-I

THE DETAIL OF ADVISORS WORKING IN HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (HEC)

Name: Mr. Awaiz Ahmad, Advisor Coordination

Salary Package: BPS-21

Date of working as Advisor: Promoted as Adviser w.e.f. 27.07.2020

Qualification:

- M.Sc. (Hons.) (Agriculture Economics) - University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
- B.Sc. (Hons.) (Agriculture), University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
- PGD in Rural Policy and Project Planning, Institute of Social Studies, the Hague, Netherlands

Role and Responsibilities

- Chancellor's Committee Meetings
- Commission Meetings (Governing Body of HEC)
- Vice Chancellor Committee Meetings; and Sub-Committee Meetings
- Secretariat Support to VC / Rector Search Committee
- National Assembly / Senate Standing Committee Meetings
- Nomination of HEC's representatives on various Statutory Bodies of Universities/DAs
- President/Prime Minister Directives; Follow up and implementation.
- Parliamentary Affairs
- Briefings on National Assembly/Senate - Questions/Motions/Calling Attention Notices
- Implementation of Cabinet Decisions
- Correspondence with the Federal/provincial Government on policy matters

- Coordination and Correspondence with the Secretariat, Ministries & Divisions of the Government, and other Federal Government offices/autonomous organizations
- Management of Complaints/Grievances and general enquiries
- General affairs of Public Sector Universities
- Preparation and submission of Summaries to the President/Prime Minister of Pakistan
- Arrangements in connection with official meetings and visits of officers for the purpose
- FAPUASA Meetings
- Matters related to Tenure Track System, Faculty Appointment, Plagiarism Policy
- Support to National Scientific Journals
- Implementation of quality assurance policies (PhD Award Criteria) minimum Criteria for admission in MS/MPhil and PhD, etc
- NDC for launching of New MS/MPhil/Equivalent and PhD Programs to ensure quality
- Sanctioning authority for normal expenses related to law charges
- Approving authority for engagement of counsels in normal court cases
- Coordination between the legal advisory wing and other divisions of HEC
- Head the Litigation and Advisory section of the HEC
- Advise the EO/Chairman on legal affairs of the HEC
- Approving authority for submission of departmental stance in the court
- Approving authority for initiation of proceedings on behalf of HEC in the various courts of law including but not limited to filing of appeals, reviews, and revisions etc
- Managing other ancillary and miscellaneous matters related to the legal affairs of HEC and apprise the Executive Director of any anomalous proceedings
- A total of 21 Scholarship Programs are currently being executed

#	Project/ Programme Name
1	Science Talent Farming Scheme (STFS) for Undergraduate Programme
2	Indigenous MS Leading to PhD Scholarship Programme Phase-II
3	Faculty Development Programme for Pakistani Universities
4	Subsidy to Scholars under Cultural Exchange Programme Phase-II, (HEC)
5	Overseas Scholarships Phase-III
6	Post-Doc Fellowship Programme Phase-III
7	Academic & Research Linkages with Different Countries/Agencies Under Bilateral Agreements
8	Foreign funded Scholarships Program
9	Advanced Skills Development through International Scholarships
10	Law Graduates Scholarship Programme for Balochistan for Study Abroad
11	Provision of Higher Education Opportunities for Students of Balochistan & FATA Phase-II
12	Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e- Balochistan Scholarships (Overseas & Local)
13	Award of Scholarship to the students from Gilgit-Baltistan
14	HEC-USAID Fulbright Scholarship Programme Phase-III
15	US-Pakistan Knowledge Corridor
16	Partial Support for PhD studies Abroad

17	International Research Support Initiative Program (IRSIP)
18	Pak-Sri Lanka Higher Education Cooperation Programme
19	USAID-Merit & Need Based Scholarship Programme
20	Ehsaas undergraduate Scholarship
21	HEC- Needs Based Scholarship Programme

Other Responsibilities:

- Supervision of HEC Regional Centres
- Supervision of HEC legal Cell
- HEC Senior Management Committee

Name: Mr. Muhammad Raza Chohan, Advisor (Academics/Accreditation)

Salary Package: BPS-21

Date of working as Advisor: Promoted as Adviser w.e.f. 05-08-2021

Qualification:

- M.Phil. (Water Resources Engineering), UET, Lahore
- B.Sc. (Agriculture Engineering), - University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

Role and Responsibilities

- Proposals for Recommending Grant of NOC for the Establishment of Universities/DAIs/ Campuses in public and private sectors
- Recommending for Grant of Charters
- Provide guidelines for Foreign Collaborations
- Dealing with the cases of offshore campuses of private Universities/DAIs
- Categorization of Private Sector Universities (W1-W4)
- Assess the facilities available in various Universities/DAIs for Accreditation of their programs
- Deals with the affiliation cases of Public Sector Universities/ DAIs
- Vetting of draft Bills of newly established Universities/ DAIs
- Convey the Charter Inspection & Evaluation Committee (CIEC), Sindh meetings for the evaluation of Charters, when desired
- Drafting policies for the emerging initiatives like Public Private Partnership, Dual Degree Program etc.
- Civil Awards
- Best University Teacher Awards
- Inter-University Declamation contest for Award of Allama Iqbal Shield
- Foreign Students Admission (Admission of Foreign Students under Self Finance Scheme in Professional field (MBBS, BDS, Engineering, Pharm D)
- NOC for Foreign Student admitted in HEC recognized Universities/DAI's for visa

- Institutional Strengthening for up-gradation of existing Lab and libraries
- Workshop on Semester Guidelines for Faculty of affiliated Colleges
- Periodic revision of curriculum
- Review & Development of curriculum through NCRC Meeting (Preliminary and final)
- Adoption & Implementation of curricula
- Queries from A&A regarding misc. cases of equivalence
- NDC cases from QAD regarding curriculum
- NDC cases for Associate degrees from institutions
- Review, Concurrence of International MoU
- Review, Concurrence of Local / National Level MoU
- Hosting Foreign Delegates
- Develop plans/proposals for collaboration with higher education institutions of foreign countries
- Coordinating Joint Ministerial meetings and Inter-Governmental meetings
- Coordinate the implementation status of decision taken in IMCs/IGCs
- Bridging the cooperation / linkages of Pakistani Institutes with Foreign institutions / Agencies / Universities
- Coordinating the activities of Pakistani Universities/HEIs in abroad such as education fairs etc
- Managing centers of Excellences, Area Study centers, Pakistan Study Center & Shaikh Zayed Islamic Centers (Karachi, Lahore & Peshawar)
- Coordinating all SAARC activities.
- Nominations for foreign funded trainings
- Recognition of Research Journals (Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities and Business Education)
- Thesis Writing Workshop / Academic Writing Workshop
- Workshops for Editors of HEC Recognized Research Journals
- Verification of National & International Research Publications of Faculty Members
- Evaluation of Books
- Evaluation of TTS/BPS/Meritorious Professors cases in the subjects of Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities and Business Education
- Verification of Research Publications of Ph.D. Scholars
- Annual Social Sciences Conference
- Thematic Research Grant Program (TRGP)

***Question No. 132 Senator Rana Mehmood-Ul- Hassan:**

(Notice Received on 27/10/2021 at 9:30 AM) QID: 38477

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Quaid-e-Azam University under the Higher Education Commission sponsored Interim placement for Fresh Ph.D Program (IPFP) conducted written tests for placements in Microbiology and Biotechnology disciplines, if so, date of written tests and details of students appeared in the said test;*
- (b) the details indicating names, academic qualification and teaching experience and HEC's NFDP training scores of students who appeared in the interview on 14th and 15th October, 2021 for the said program; and*
- (c) the details of selected candidates for the said program indicating interview selection criteria thereof?*

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: (a) It is not a fact that the Quaid-i-Azam University under the Higher Education Commission's sponsored Interim Placement for Fresh PhD (IPFP), conducted written test for placements in Microbiology and Biotechnology disciplines.

(b) A consolidated list containing the Names, academics qualification, teaching experience, National Faculty Development Programme (NFDP) training score, and Demo plus interview marks of each student of Microbiology & Biotechnology, who appeared in the interview is attached at **Annex-I**.

(c) Dr. Noushaba Hassan Malik was selected for placement as IPFP fellow in the Department of Microbiology based on teaching experience, and performance in demo/interview. However, no candidate was selected/recommended for IPFP position at Department of Biotechnology.

Annex-I**SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR IPPF**

MICROBIOLOGY					
SN	Name	Academic qualification	Teaching experience	HEC NFDP Training Score (%)	Interview + Demo Marks (Out of 50)
1	Dr. Nousheba Hassan Malik	PhD	Yes, 15 years as visiting teacher	52.1	45
2	Dr. Mati-Ullah	PhD & Post Doc	Nil	70	35
3	Dr. Sadia Aziz	PhD	Nil	90	25
4	Dr. Sundus Rani	PhD	Nil	87	20
BIOTECHNOLOGY					
SN	Name	Academic qualification	Teaching experience	HEC NFDP Training Score (%)	Interview + Demo Marks (Out of 50)
1.	Dr. Zunaira Afzal	PhD	NA	90.3	40
2.	Dr. Ahmad Farooq	PhD	1 year visiting teacher	87	25
3.	Dr. Aman Ullah	PhD	NA	87.9	22
4.	Dr. Muhammad Yasir	PhD	Teaching at school level	86.5	22
5.	Dr. Adnan Zahir	PhD	Teaching at school level	91.3	20
6.	Dr. Sundus Rani	PhD	NA	87	20

***Question No. 133 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 27/10/2021 at 9:35 AM) QID: 38182

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the measures taken by the Pakistan embassies / missions in neighbouring countries to promote Pakistan's culture and strengthen Pakistan's relations with their respective host countries during the last three years?

Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi:

South Asia

Pakistan remains committed to strengthen its relations with its neighboring countries. Under Special Assistance Programme for South Asia (SAPSA), Pakistan Missions in neighboring countries (South Asia excluding India) undertake various activities to promote Pakistani culture and strengthen Pakistan's relations with their respective host countries. Activities carried out under SAPSA over the past 03 years included visit of prominent functionaries to Pakistan; projects of social recognition including digitalization of educational institutions and capacity building

assistance; provision of medical equipment to hospitals; and assistance to social, education and sports sectors in the host countries.

SAPSA has been the best mechanism for generating political goodwill for Pakistan besides creating pro-Pakistan lobbies in the host countries, improving Pakistan's image, diluting growing influence of the neighboring country and ensuring engagement with Government functionaries and political leadership to protect Pakistan's interests in the region.

China

Pakistan and China enjoy excellent relations. Both countries support each other at all international fora and issues. There are also regular high-level visits; Prime Minister visited China thrice and the President once during the last three years. Every year, Strategic Dialogue between the two countries, led by the two foreign ministers has been taking place since 2019.

In economic arena, Pakistan and China Free Trade Agreement, Phase-II was operationalized in January 2020, which has significantly enhanced bilateral trade between the two countries making it Pakistan's biggest trade partner. In recent months Pakistani exports to China had increased especially during the first two quarters of 2021. China is also the largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for Pakistan of which CPEC is the most important manifestation.

This year Pakistan and China are celebrating 70th anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relations and to mark the occasion more than 100 activities / events have already been held and another 30-40 activities / events will take place by the end of this year.

Apart from the political, economic and strategic relations, the Mission has also devised a comprehensive public diplomacy strategy to promote Pakistani culture and people-to-people relations with China. This includes, cultural exchanges, cooperation in the fields of soft arts like movies, dramas and tourism initiative. It also includes regular media outreach, engaging leading Chinese think tanks and universities.

A brief snapshot of our public diplomacy in diverse areas include first Pakistan-China Literary Forum, first Pakistan-China Puppet Show;

first High-Level Women Forum and first ever Pakistan-China Young Artist Competition. Our Mission in Beijing is also planning to work with the prestigious Palace Museum to hold grand exhibition of Gandhara at the Palace Museum next year.

With regard to the movies and dramas, first Pakistani movie in four decades “Parwaz Hy Junoon” was premiered in China, Pakistan Film Festival week was held in Beijing in August 2021 in which Pakistani movies were screened in Beijing for an entire week. MOUs are being finalized between Pakistan Television and National Television Authority and Pakistan Television and China Film Administration for joint productions.

Our efforts to promote Pakistani culture also include placing of Pakistani monuments at prominent places in China. In this regard, replica of Minar-e-Pakistan has been set up at a leading public park of Beijing. We have erected the replica of a historic Pakistani landmark at Beijing World Park, establishment of Pakistan-China Friendship square in Wuhan and installation of Quaid-e-Azam Medallion at Peking University.

For tourism promotion, the Missions are facilitating matchmaking between the Pakistan Association of Tourism operators with Chinese leading tour operators. Our Mission in Beijing has developed a Chinese language website dedicated to promoting tourism in Pakistan. Mission is also developing brochures, pamphlets and flyers in Chinese language. MOU between Pakistan and China to expand tourism has also been finalized.

Apart from these, our Missions are engaging leading Chinese think tanks and have organized a number of seminars on different topics of strategic importance of Pakistan like Kashmir, CPEC, etc. We are also seeking to build a collaborative relationship between the leading Chinese think tanks with their Pakistani counterparts. In this regard, Pakistan-China Think Tank Forum was held on 8th September 2021.

With regard to the media outreach, interviews and articles by the President, Prime Minister and myself appear in the leading print and electronic media of China on important occasions. Our Missions are utilizing leading Chinese social media platforms. Special social media cell regularly posts specific themes and news on these platforms to promote Pakistan.

Turkey

The Embassy of Pakistan, Ankara through various public diplomacy initiatives promotes Pakistan's rich culture in Turkey, some of which are following:

- The Embassy organizes “Jinnah Young Writers Awards” competition on an annual basis. It is aimed at promoting soft image of Pakistan and raises awareness among the Turkish youth about various aspects of fraternal Pakistan-Turkey relations.
- The Embassy also organizes annual Chughtai Art Awards where students of senior high school, after doing basic research on various themes depict ideas about Pakistan in form of paintings.
- To promote soft image of Pakistan, Embassy regularly organizes photo exhibition “Colours of Pakistan through the eyes of Turks”, at Ankara's busiest art galleries.
- Pakistan recently participated in Eco Tourism Fair in Tokat. The Mission made elaborate presentation of Pakistan's culture and tourism. The event was attended by representatives of tour operators and tourism agencies from Turkey and abroad.
- Embassy regularly organizes Pakistan Mango and Food Festival.
- A coffee-table book written by Turkey's eminent scholars Prof. Dr. Halil Toker and Prof. Dr. Zekai kardas titled “Journey of Friendship and Brotherhood”, is recently published under the auspices of the Embassy of Pakistan, Ankara.
- Embassy is quite active in setting up cultural stalls at various Turkish Universities, actively participates in the annual charity fair of the Turkish Foreign Affairs Spouses Solidarity Association, and other such events.
- The Embassy has displayed large size billboards outside the embassy walls showing different segments of Pakistani culture.

- Recently, the embassy, with the help of our Honorary Consul General in Izmir, has been able to name one of the major streets of Izmir as Pakistan Boulevard.

Afghanistan

Pakistan has a strong relation with Afghanistan. Pakistan always supports peace and stability in Afghanistan. The embassy of Pakistan in Kabul on behalf of government of Pakistan through effective Public diplomacy has taken a number of measures/initiatives in Afghanistan to bring the two nations closer. In this connection, multi-pronged approach has been employed to portray soft image of Pakistan in Afghanistan. The detail is placed below:

(1) Measures for Socio-Cultural uplifts of the Afghans:

- Oxygen Plant was installed in 2020 at Muhammad Ali Jinnah Hospital built by government of Pakistan where multiple services like OPD, Thalassemia Centre, Diagnostics and Dialysis Centre etc. being provided to the Afghan patients.
- The new building of Pakistan Embassy's Vocational Training Institute has recently been inaugurated to impart vocational trainings to the Afghan students. Currently, two short courses like English language and computer courses are being offered by keeping in view the demands of the Afghan students.
- Allama Muhammad Iqbal Scholarship was launched to impart quality of education to Afghan students. Under this scheme, various courses in best universities of Pakistan are being offered to the Afghan students at graduate/Master and Ph.D. level. Around 1000 scholarships are being offered annually out of which 20% seats are reserved for girls.
- The government of Pakistan has introduced E-visa for the Afghan and abolished visa fee on E-Visa (which was around \$8 U.S. dollar) till 31st December 2021 to facilitate Afghan travelers.

- Afghan patients are being provided Pak visa at all points of entry.

(ii) **Economic Uplift:**

- Torkham-Jalalabad Road was completed in 2018 to facilitate bilateral and transit trade.
- The government of Pakistan on the request of mission has recently abolished all kinds of duties of the import of fresh fruits and vegetables to facilitate the Afghan traders.
- Pakistan has enhanced the number of land routes with Afghanistan to increase the bilateral and transit trade. Now more routes have been opened like Angoor Ada in South Waziristan, Ghulam Khan in North Waziristan, Khurlachi in Kurram Agency, Badini in Qila Saifullah (Balochistan) other than Torkham and Cham which shows our commitment towards stable and prosperous Afghanistan.
- Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement has been extended for six months in this year from May to November 2021, for smooth transportation of bilateral and transit trade.
- Afghan businessmen has now been included in business category of Visa which has enhanced their confidence level for promotion of bilateral trade.

(iii) **Multi-Pronged Media Strategy:**

(a) **Social / Print / Electronic Media:**

- The website and social media accounts of the embassy and consulates in Afghanistan are regularly being updated for positive narrative building.
- The mission has increased media engagement to portray various initiatives adopted by government of Pakistan.

- Regular tweets/re-tweet by the ambassador on important developments are carried out which are also pushed in Afghan media by the press wing.
- The frequent interviews of the ambassador are being held/fixed with local Afghan media as well as international media to push Pakistan's stance on emerging scenario in Afghanistan. Pakistan's role for peace & stability in Afghanistan and provision of humanitarian assistance to the Afghan government are being vigorously highlighted media.
- Background briefings of the ambassador with media people are also held to reinforce Pakistan's approach towards solution of Afghan issue.
- Press releases/video clips and photographs are usually shared with media people for positive narrative building.
- The visits of Afghan media delegation under Pak-Afghan Youth Forum are now regular feature of the mission's public diplomacy.

(b) **Outreach Activities:**

- The ambassador has enhanced outreach activities manifold. Frequent meetings are held regularly with Afghan traders/scholars, politicians etc., to make them aware the measures taken to cement people to people contacts.

Iran

In the year 2021, the Embassy held a series of Public Diplomacy events to project Pakistan's soft image in Iran. The activities included the following:

- (a) Cultural show with display of Pakistani handicrafts.
- (b) Qawali Performance.
- (c) Calligraphic exhibition of the stanzas of Allama Iqbal's poems.

The Mission could not arrange any physical activity in 2020 due to COVID pandemic. However, through its social media channels the Embassy continued to project Pakistan's cultural heritage and hosted a range of activities to inform people about the culture and traditions of Pakistan.

- (a) On 9 November 2020 the Embassy in collaboration with ECO Cultural Institute (ECI) held a virtual seminar on Allama Iqbal which included speakers from Iran as well as Pakistan.
- (b) A 15 days Urdu poetry competition was also organized by the Mission on its social media channel Instagram for foreign students studying Urdu in universities across Iran.

The Mission arranged a series of following events in 2019 to project the soft image of Pakistan through culture, cuisine, music and arts:

- (a) Cultural show with display of Pakistani handicrafts and live cooking
- (b) Truck Art Exhibition
- (c) Dhol Performance
- (d) Fashion Exhibition by famous Pakistani designers
- (e) Screening of Pakistani Film "Cake"
- (f) Joint Conference on Allama Iqbal and Saadi
- (g) Exhibition on Beauty of Kashmir valley
- (h) Participation of Pakistani Fashion Designer and businessman in Fajr Fashion Festival.

***Question No. 134 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 27/10/2021 at 9:35 AM) QID: 38181

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the number of TB centers established in the country during the last three years with location

wise break-up indicating also the number of patients treated therein?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:

Name of province	No. of TB centers established			No. of TB patients treated		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
AJ&K	00	00	01	0	0	18
Balochistan	08	04	01	78	3	2
FATA	00	01	00	0	3	0
Gilgit Baltistan	05	05	02	242	60	105
ICT	00	00	00	0	0	0
KP	15	03	00	1417	20	0
Punjab	09	21	20	2377	5354	386
Sindh	55	24	16	5749	202	718
Pakistan	102	58	40	9863	5442	1229

*Question No. 135 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 27/10/2021 at 9:35 AM) QID: 37823

Will the Minister for National Health Service, Regulation and Coordination be pleased to state the percentage increase registered in the prices of medicines in Pakistan during the last two years with medicine wise details and steps being taken by the Government for reducing the same?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: The percentage increase registered in the price of medicines in Pakistan during the last two years is as under:

Category	2020
Essential Drugs	5.13%
Other than essential and lower priced drugs	7.34%

Moreover, MRPs of 94 drugs were increased *vide* SRO. 1096(I)/2020 dated 21st October, 2020 and MRPs of 8 drugs were increased *vide* SRO. 1116(1)/ 2021 dated 3rd September, 2021 under hardship category as per Drug Pricing Policy-2018, after approval of the Federal Cabinet (List of drugs is attached at Annex-A).

- Following steps have been taken to reduce prices of medicines:-

(i) **Reduction in MRP of Remdesivir 100mg Injection for treatment of Covid-19.**

since fixation of MRP @ 10,873/1's on 20-06- 2020 MRP of Remdesivir 100mg Injection has been reduced 3 times as under:

Date of Reduction	MRP
22-10-2020	Rs. 9,244/injection
07-12-2020	Rs.5,680/injection
22-09-2021	Rs.3967.34/injection

(ii) **Reduction in MRPs of drugs.**

Maximum Retail Prices of 89 drugs were reduced on generic basis to maintain minimum difference of 15% with their respective Originator Brands *vide* SRO. 09(I)/2020 dated 1st January, 2020.

(iii) **Public notice in newspaper:**

DRAP has published public notice of reduced prices in national newspapers for information of public. Toll free number and email address have been given in public notice to lodge complaints, if any pharmaceutical company or retailer sells any drug at price more than notified prices.

(iv) **Encouragement of production of generics**

- (a) Manufacturing of generic drugs is being encouraged and facilitated, as by and large the generic products are cheaper than the branded drugs. Priority and all facilitations are being given to the manufacturers of generic drugs and to make their investment fruitful in the shortest possible time. For that purpose, meetings of the various boards are being held frequently.
- (b) Priority is also being given to grant registration to new licenses/new sections to increase production of drugs which increase competition in the market which in turn results in the reduction of prices of drugs.

(v) **Coordination with provincial health authorities to monitor prices in the market**

Under Section 6 of the Drugs Act, 1976, the storage and sale of drugs in the market is regulated by the Provincial Governments, therefore, DRAP has advised the Provincial Health Authorities to act under the law against the companies who increase prices of drugs more than approved prices.

(vi) **Regulation imposed:**

Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, with the approval of Federal Cabinet notified a Drug Pricing Policy-2018 which provides as transparent mechanism for fixation, decrease & increase in MRPs of drugs.

Annex-A

List of 102 Drugs alongwith details of percentage increase

S. No	Name of Drug	Pack size	Previous MRP	Approved MRP	%age Increase
			Per Pack	Per Pack	
1	PRILASEC Tablets Each film coated tablet contains:- Amlisinilne Sulphate 500mg (M/s. Sandoz Pharma (Pvt) Limited)	20's	375.00	400.00	6.67%
2	Hydrocortone Tablet 25mg Each tablet contains:- Hydrocortone HCl 25mg	20's	67.30	80.00	23.33%
3	Neurogen Sulphate Each 5ml contains:- Procaineamide 15mg Reg No. 544015 (Neuro Pharma)	60ml	85.50	87.20	4.57%
4	Oronox Tablets 400mg Each film coated tablet contains:- Nimesulide 400mg (Pharmax Pharma)	30's	194.85	210.00	7.77%
5	Rilopam Hydrochloride Syrup Each 5ml contains:- Rilopam 100mg Isotactol 50mg	60ml	38.88	116.00	19.14%
6	Miconazole C Injection Each vial contains:- Miconazole C 50mg	5ml	108.21	1179.00	10.04%
7	Nitroglycerine Injection Each ml contains:- Nitroglycerine 10mg	10ml	184.46	232.00	27.38%
8	Neos Mero Syrup Each 5ml Contains:- L-Ornithine L- Aspartate 300mg Nimesulide 25.0mg Nifedipine H Phosphate 0.75mg (M/s. Sandoz Pharma (Pvt) Limited)	120ml	165.40	210.00	26.91%
9	Alconix Tablet 25mg Each tablet contains:- Hydrocortone Dihydrochloride 25mg (M/s. Gile Packman Ltd)	50's	20.21	101.00	39.91%
10	Nepresol Sulphate Injection Each ml contains:- Magnesium Sulphate (USP) 500mg	20x2.5's	24.70	58.00	140.89%
		10's	18.50	23.50	12.42%
11	Plavix 75mg Tablet Each Tablet Contains:- Clopidogrel 0.5mg Bulk packed form	50's	162.24	186.00	14.64%

S.No	Name of Drug	Pack size	Previous MRP	Approved MRP	%age Increase
			Per Pack	Per Pack	
12	Cartiamazepine Suspension Each 5ml contains:- Cartiamazepine100mg	120ml	85.16	89.90	7.94%
13	Cydogest 200mg Each pessary contains:- Progesterone Ph Eur.....200mg (M/s Excel Healthcare Laboratories) Imported from: M/s LDCollins Co Ltd, London	15's	1420.62	2053.00	44.51%
14	Cydogest 400mg Each pessary contains:- Progesterone PhEur.....400mg (M/S EXCEL HEALTHCARE LABORATORIES) Imported from: M/s LDCollins Co Ltd, London	15's	2087.16	2564.00	22.89%
15	Corvin Capsules Each capsule contains:- Cefaclor (as monohydrate) ... 250mg (W. Woodward Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd, Karachi)	12's	302.00	348.00	14.57%
16	Sulphamethoxazole + Trimethoprim 400mg /80mg Each tablet contains:- Sulphamethoxazole.....400mg Trimethoprim.....80mg	200's	384.56	537.00	39.64%
17	Trimethoprim+Sulphamethoxazole Suspension Each 5ml contains:- Trimethoprim.....40mg Sulphamethoxazole.....22mg	80ml	31.82	45.00	41.42%
18	Gentamycin HC Ear Drops Each ml contains:- Gentamycin (As Sulphate)..... 0.3% w/v Hydrocortisone acetate ...1%	7.5ml	38.78	42.00	8.30%
19	Tamsulin Plus Capsule 0.4+0.5mg Each capsule contains:- Tamsulosin Hydrochloride.....0.4mg Dutasteride (as soft gel capsule).....0.5mg M/S Gatz Pharma	10's	786.32	1080.00	37.26%
20	Faxol-D Tablets Each tablet contains:- Fexofenadine.....120mg Pseudoephedrine.....60mg M/S Gatz Pharma	10's	114.23	132.00	15.58%

S.No	Name of Drug	Pack size	Previous MRP	Approved MRP	%age increase
			Per Pack	Per Pack	
21	Antburn Cream Each gram contains:- Silver Sulphadiazine (as HCL).....1% M/s Alkal Pharma	250gm	363.45	505.00	38.95%
		20gm	65.83	70.00	8.33%
22	Aluminium Hydroxide+ Omeprazole + Magnesium Hydroxide: 291/10/95mg Suspension 120ml Each 5ml contains:- Aluminium Hydroxide.....291mg Omeprazole.....10mg Magnesium Hydroxide.....95mg	120ml	51.46	59.00	14.65%
23	GESTROGEL 80G MV BMB Each tube contains:- 17 β Estradiol (expressed as anhydrous estradiol.....80mg) M/s Galaxy Pharma Imported from: M/s Besins Manufacturing Belgium.	80gm x 1's	728.30	937.00	28.68%
24	Rivotril Tab 2mg Each Tablet Contains: Clonazepam.....2mg Bulk Import from: M/s F Hoffmann LA Roche Ltd, Switzerland (M/s Martin Dore Ltd)	30's	240.00	282.00	17.50%
25	Burnol Cream Each 100 gms contains: Eudlevine (Abbott Spect).....0.1 gm w/w (Abbott)	30gm	31.98	35.00	9.44%
26	Entamizole 500 Tablet Each Tablet contains: Olopatadine Furoate.....250mg, Mebrozidazole.....200mg (Abbott)	37's	101.53	110.00	8.34%
27	Epival 500mg Tablet Each Tablet contains: Divalproex Sodium Equivalent to Valproic Acid.....500mg (Abbott)	100's	1027.14	1075.00	4.68%
28	Brufen Suspension Each 5ml contains: Ibuprofen.....100mg (Abbott)	120ml	67.19	75.00	11.62%

S.No	Name of Drug	Pack size	Previous MRP	Approved MRP	%age Increase
			Per Pack	Per Pack	
29	Annac Suspension Each 5ml contains: Ibuprofen.....100mg Pseudoephedrine HCL.....15mg (Abbott)	120ml	72.20	82.00	13.57%
30	Mercaptopurine Tablets 50mg Each tablet contains:- Mercaptopurine.....50mg	50's	450.18	571.00	26.84%
		100's	905.38	1119.00	24.28%
31	Mitomycin Injection Each vial contains:- Mitomycin.....2mg	vial	310.80	453.00	45.43%
32	Mesna Injection 400mg/4ml Each ampoule contains:- Mesna.....400mg	10's	1186.60	1095.00	87.28%
33	Hydroxyurea Capsules 500mg Each capsule contains:- Hydroxyurea.....500mg	1's	15.72	23.00	46.31%
		100's	1572.80	2298.00	43.57%
34	Sev Tablet 10mg Each tablet contains: Dihydrochloride.....10mg (Abbott)	30's	629.43	747.00	19.87%
35	Contractube Gel Each 100gm contains:- Extract, Cepes.....10.0gm Heparin Sodium.....5000U Allantoin.....1.0gm (M/s. Brookes Pharma (Pvt) Limited)	20gm	201.55	254.00	24.78%
36	Vinblastine Sulfate Injection 10mg Each vial contains:- Vinblastine Sulfate.....10mg	Vial	836.04	1241.00	48.44%
37	Daunorubicin Hcl Injection 20mg Each vial contains:- Daunorubicin Hcl.....20mg	Vial	844.16	1117.00	32.30%
38	Bleomycin Sulfate Injection 15U Each vial contains:- Bleomycin Sulfate.....15U	Vial	1601.33	2110.00	31.77%
39	Cyclophosphamide 1gm Injection Each vial contains:- Cyclophosphamide.....1000mg	Vial	400.46	745.00	81.79%
40	Corvin Dry Powder Suspension Each 6ml contains:- Cefadex (as monohydrate).....125mg (W. Woodward Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd, Karachi)	60ml	190.00	216.00	13.68%
41	Pyridostigmine bromide Tablet Each tablet contains:- Pyridostigmine bromide.....60mg	20's	79.12	133.00	68.10%

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42	Varies Vaccine Each dose contains: Live attenuated varicella virus (OKA strain) > 10PFU Imported from: GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, Belgium (N/S GSK)	1/1	2347.26	2994.03	23.72%
43	Triodia Vaccine Each dose contains: Live attenuated measles virus (Schwarz strain) > 10 CCID50 Live attenuated mumps virus (JST 4395 strain) > 10 CCID50 Live attenuated rubella virus (RA17/3 strain) > 10 CCID50 Imported from: GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, Belgium (W/S GSK)	1/1	755.03	974.00	28.00%
44	Glucophage Tablets 250 mg Each film-coated tablet contains:- Metformin Hydrochloride.....250mg (M/s Martin Dow Marker Ltd)	5*10's	37.63	72.00	24.90%
45	Glucophage Tablets 500 mg Each film-coated tablet contains:- Metformin Hydrochloride.....500mg (M/s Martin Dow Marker Ltd)	5*10's	38.74	124.00	29.11%
46	Glucophage Tablets 850 mg Each film-coated tablet contains:- Metformin Hydrochloride.....850mg (M/s Martin Dow Marker Ltd)	3*10's	70.82	125.00	64.00%
47	Glucophage Tablets 1 g Each film-coated tablet contains:- Metformin Hydrochloride.....1g (M/s Martin Dow Marker Ltd)	3*10's	131.09	235.00	50.18%
48	Glucophage XR Tab 750mg Each tablet contains:- Metformin Hydrochloride.....750mg (M/s Martin Dow Marker Ltd)	3*10's	204.00	267.00	30.88%

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49	Prothaden 25mg Tablet Each tablet contains: Clozapine Hydrochloride... 25mg (Abbott)	100's	147.46	164.00	11.22%
50	Zuneal Injection 500mg Each vial contains:- Succinylcholine Chloride.....500mg (M/s Zafe Pharmaceuticals)	1's	66.41	101.00	52.09%
51	Kenalog in Orabase Ointment Each gm contains: Triamcinolone Acetonide.....1.00mg (M/s GSK Pakistan Ltd)	1 gm	63.86	68.00	22.54%
52	Glyceryl Trinitrate Tablets Each tablet contains: Glyceryl Trinitrate.....0.5mg	30's	34.35	35.00	4.80%
		60's	65.37	70.00	6.11%
53	Infanrix Hexa Vaccine Combined diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis, hepatitis B, enhanced, inactivated polio vaccine and Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) vaccine Imported from: GSK, Belgium	1 Dose	2152.92	3100.00	37.72%
54	ESNAPEN Injection 1gm Each vial contains:- Ampicillin Sodium eq.to Ampicillin.....1gm (M/s Zafe Pharmaceuticals)	5's	154.35	246.00	60.67%
55	Levhale Raspoles 0.53mg Each Ampoule Contains:- Levobutanolol HCl.....0.53mg (M/S, Hudson Pharma (Pvt) Limited)	3ml x 3's	50.80	72.00	53.89%
56	Levhale Raspoles 0.53mg Each Ampoule Contains:- Levobutanolol HCl.....0.53mg (M/S, Hudson Pharma (Pvt) Limited)	3ml x 20's	219.85	338.00	53.88%
57	Carbamazepine Tablets Each tablet contains:- Carbamazepine.....400mg	5x10's	210.62	395.00	87.54%

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58	Pericid Injection Each ml contains:- Desmethomidine (as Desmethomidine HCl).....100mg (M/s: Brookes Pharma (Pvt) Limited)	2's x 2ml	1009.47	1535.00	41.43%
59	Cordoc Cream 25gm contains:- Cremation..... 10% w/w (M/s Zafra Pharmaceuticals)	1's	30.37	55.00	84.35%
60	Cephon-I Injection 1gm Each vial contains:- Cephadrine..... 1gm Zafra Pharma	1's	57.95	115.00	98.62%
61	Flusamide Injection Each Pcs contains:- Flusamide.....20mg (B.P. Specifications)	2ml x 50's	213.09	440.00	108.54%
62	Sulphamethoxazole + Trimethoprim Poda Tablet 800mg / 160mg Each tablet contains:- Sulphamethoxazole.....500mg Trimethoprim.....160mg	100's	348.24	522.00	91.65%
63	Acetazolamide Tablets 250mg Each tablet contains:- Acetazolamide.....250mg	30's	65.45	215.00	272.24%
64	Carvit Capsules Each capsule contains:- Cefaclor (as monohydrate).....500mg (W. Woodward Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd. Karachi)	12's	531.00	554.00	23.58%
65	Neuroton Tablets Each film-coated tablet contains:- Vitamin B1 (Thiamine Monocitrate).....100mg Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine Hydrochloride).....200mg Vitamin B12 (Cyanocobalamin).....200mcg (M/s Martin Cow Market Ltd)	10x10's	535.00	977.00	82.62%
66	Convin Dry Powder Suspension Each 5ml contains:- Cefaclor (as monohydrate).....250mg (W. Woodward Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd. Karachi)	60-ml	332.00	372.00	12.05%
67	Demoral Tablet 100mg Each Tablet contains:- Trenbutine Maleate 100mg (Zafra Pharmaceuticals, Karachi)	20's	50.40	125.00	29.82%

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68	Phenobarbitone Tablets Each Tablet contains:- Phenobarbitone 30mg	100's	50.51	122.00	175.19%
69	Cefixime Injection 500gm Each vial contains:- Cefixime 500mg	1's	45.02	71.00	57.71%
70	Cefixime Injection 250gm Each vial contains:- Cefixime 250mg	1's	23.85	55.00	134.80%
71	Amrac Tablets Each Tablet contains:- Ibuprofen 200mg, Pseudoephedrine HCl 30mg (Abbott)	100's	324.95	362.00	17.51%
72	Amrac Forte Tablets Each Tablet contains:- Ibuprofen 400mg, Pseudoephedrine HCl 30mg (Abbott)	100's	301.47	343.00	23.02%
73	Dactinomycin Injection Each vial contains:- Dactinomycin 2.5mg	1's	285.32	293.00	107.00%
74	Noregyn Tablet 5mg Each tablet contains:-mg Norethisterone Base 5mg	32's	81.55	100.00	61.08%
75	Atropine Sulphate Injection (MVISDC) Each ml contains:- Atropine Sulphate 1mg (B.P. Specifications)	100's	144.21	304.00	211.61%
76	Emamizole GB Tablet Each Tablet contains:- Oxazolidinone 500mg, Metronidazole 400mg (Abbott)	12's	94.53	107.00	12.83%
77	Ibuprofen 200mg Tablet Each tablet contains:- Ibuprofen 200mg	10x10's	134.24	276.00	105.50%

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78	Adrenaline Injection IM/IV/SC Each ml contains:- Adrenaline (as acid tartrate).....1mg (B.P Specifications)	1ml x 100's	217.15	587.00	174.93%
79	Prothiaden 75mg Tablet Each tablet contains:- Dosulepin Hydrochloride.....75mg (Abbott)	30's	95.20	137.00	43.91%
80	Theogrid 350mg Tablet Each Tablet contains:- Theophylline.....350mg (In a controlled released gradumet form) (Abbott)	100's	379.00	360.00	25.66%
81	Doxycycline Capsule Each capsule contains:- Doxycycline HCL.....100mg Zafa Pharma	100's	233.54	400.00	71.20%
82	Serc Tablet 8mg Each tablet contains:- Betahistine Dihydrochloride.....8mg (Abbott)	30's	361.18	380.00	5.21%
83	DEM Solution Each 500ml contains:- Sodium Chloride.....1.75gm Trisodium Citrate Dihydrate.....1.45gm Potassium Chloride.....0.75gm Glucose Anhydrous.....10.5gm (Indus Pharma)	500ml	52.07	67.00	28.67%

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34	<p>Autonormal NaCl 0.9% Solution, 500ml Glass Bottle</p> <p>1000 ml of solution contains:</p> <p>Sodium 9.0 g Chloride 5.13 g</p> <p>Lysine 1.57 g Tyrosine 1.57 g</p> <p>Valine 1.57 g Phenylalanine 1.57 g</p> <p>Threonine 1.57 g Proline 1.57 g</p> <p>Leucine 1.57 g Arginine 1.57 g</p> <p>Glutamine 1.57 g Glycine 1.57 g</p> <p>Alanine 1.57 g Aspartic acid 1.57 g</p> <p>Glutamic acid 1.57 g Histidine 1.57 g</p> <p>Proline 1.57 g Tyrosine 1.57 g</p> <p>Sodium Chloride 9.0 g</p> <p>Calcium Chloride 0.2 g</p> <p>Magnesium Chloride 0.2 g</p> <p>Potassium Chloride 0.2 g</p> <p>Sodium Acetate 0.2 g</p> <p>Water for Injection</p> <p>Contains: 500 ml</p> <p>Imported from:</p> <p>M/s. S. Braun Melsungen, Germany</p>	500ml	776.85	1007.00	29.83%
35	<p>Sterofundin ISO, Contact Bottle</p> <p>This 1000 ml contains:</p> <p>Electrolytes mmol</p> <p>Sodium 145</p> <p>Potassium 4.0</p> <p>Calcium 2.5</p> <p>Magnesium 1.0</p> <p>Maleic 5.0</p> <p>Chloride 127</p> <p>Acetate 24</p> <p>Sodium Chloride 6.90 g</p> <p>Potassium Chloride 0.30 g</p> <p>Calcium Chloride Dihydrate 0.37 g</p> <p>Magnesium Chloride Hexahydrate 0.20 g</p> <p>Sodium Acetate Trihydrate 3.27 g</p> <p>Maleic Acid 5.67 g</p> <p>Water for Injection</p> <p>Sodium Hydroxide</p> <p>Conductivity 300 mS/cm</p> <p>pH 5.1 – 5.3</p> <p>Contains: 500 ml</p> <p>Imported from:</p> <p>M/s. S. Braun Melsungen, Germany</p>	500ml	247.13	322.00	31.34%

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86	<p>Sterofundin ISO, Ecoflac Bottle</p> <p>This 1000 ml contains:</p> <p>Electrolytes r/nol</p> <p>Sodium 145</p> <p>Potassium 4.0</p> <p>Calcium 2.5</p> <p>Magnesium 1.0</p> <p>Malate 5.0</p> <p>Chloride 127</p> <p>Acetate 24</p> <p>Sodium Chloride 6.50 g</p> <p>Potassium Chloride 0.30 g</p> <p>Calcium Chloride-Dihydrate 0.37 g</p> <p>Magnesium Chloride Hexahydrate 0.20 g</p> <p>Sodium Acetate Trihydrate 3.27 g</p> <p>Malic Acid 0.67 g</p> <p>Water for Injection</p> <p>Sodium hydroxide</p> <p>Osmolality 309 mOsmol</p> <p>pH 5.1 – 5.5</p> <p>Contents: 1000 ml</p> <p>Imported from:</p> <p>Mits B Braun Melsungen, Germany</p>	1000ml	378.38	483.00	19.72%
87	<p>Orazole Infusion, 100ml</p> <p>Ecoflac Bottle</p> <p>100 ml solution contains:</p> <p>Metronidazole BP 500 mg</p> <p>in phosphate-buffered</p> <p>isotonic solution</p> <p>Imported from:</p> <p>Mits B Braun Melsungen, Germany</p>	100ml	95.43	100.00	4.79%
88	<p>Enoxacin Capsule 400mg</p> <p>Each capsule contains -</p> <p>Enoxacin Sesquihydrate400mg</p> <p>(Zafra)</p>	20's	605.58	700.00	15.59%
89	<p>Focin Capsules</p> <p>Each capsule contains-</p> <p>Fosfomycin as Calcium Salt500mg</p> <p>(Tabros Pharmaceuticals)</p>	10's	160.78	172.90	6.99%

S.No	Name of Drug	Pack size	Previous MRP	Approved MRP	%age increase
			Per Pack	Per Pack	
90	<p>Fluoride vaccine Powder and solvent for suspension for injection in sealed syringe After reconstitution, 1 dose(0.5ml) Contains:- Fluores-vax™, Fluor Fluores FMM108 1000-04 (200) (Inactivated).....0.25ml *Produced in USA **Quantity measured according to WHO test in the International standard. (Source: Fluorax) (Source: Fluorax) WHO Prequalified vaccine Fluores vaccine (inactivated) (Fluorax One) 1 dose (0.5ml), Powder for Injection Each dose of 1ml contains: Fluores-vax™ Adjuvant (Fluores-vax Fluores-vax) Green 0.18ml (0.18ml) and green oil (0.18ml) Indicated for 1 year (6 months to 1 year) Not less than 1.25g Each vial for injection Each ampoule contains: Sterile water for injection.....1ml * Imported by M/s. Sind Medical Stores, Karachi - Name of Manufacturer M/s. Sandoz Institute of India Pvt. Ltd 2102 Indraprastha Phase-1 Gurgaon, Haryana, India. WHO Prequalified vaccine Vigilant H Fluores vaccine SP (Fluores-vax vaccine (inactivated)) Each vial of lyophilized powder contains: Inactivated virus (Fluores-vax virus) Fluores-vax / * Imported by M/s. Sandoz Institute of India Pvt. Ltd - Imported from M/s. Sandoz Institute of India Pvt. Ltd M/s. Sandoz Institute of India Pvt. Ltd</p>	<p>1 vial powder + 1 FPS of diluent (0.4% NaCl) 1's Vial (1ml) 1's Ampoule/ Free of Cost 1's</p>	954.88	1641.00	70.11%
91	<p>One Alpha Oxy Each ml contains:- Atorvastatin.....0.2mg</p>	20ml	1527.37	1538.00	22.09%
92	<p>Fers M Injactable Each vial contains: Mendocrocin (HMG).....750g (KGS Pharmaceutical) Imported from: Livzon (Group) Pharmaceutical, China</p>	1's	661.42	721.00	9.01%
93	<p>Amodiaquine Susp 20ml Each 5ml contains:- Amodiaquine (base).....150mg Pfizer Pakistan</p>	20ml	16.82	28.20	68.47%
94	<p>Noritam Injection 1ml Each ml contains:- Norethisterone Enanthate.....50mg Ethinodiol valerate.....5mg Zafra Pharma</p>	1ml	53.98	109.00	102.38%

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95	Cyanocobalamin Injection Each ml contains:- Cyanocobalamin.....1000mcg	1ml x 100's	283.91	634	144.44%
96	Phenobarbital Elode 20mg/5ml Each 5ml contains:- Phenobarbital.....20mg (0.4% w/v)	60ml	18	64	236.84%
97	Amphotericin-B Injection 50mg LV (Lyophilized Powder for Sterile Concentration) Each vial contains:- Amphotericin B.....10mg	1's	376.85	955	153.42%
98	Hydrocortisone Tablets 10mg Each tablet contains:- Hydrocortisone.....10mg	3x10's	77.17	120	53.92%
99	Fusillmycin ac Triacetate Sachet Each sachet contains:- Fusillmycin ac Triacetate.....1gm	1's	358	498	42.29%
100	Heparin Injection 25000 IU/10ml Each vial contains:- Heparin Sodium 5000 IU/ (10 x 1 dose)	5ml x 1's	354.94	Rs.900 (American / West European (Japanese Source)	18.5%
			470 to 864	Rs.672 (Malaysia, China, Turkey, etc. source)	11.33 % to 42.94%
101	Fenoxyl Injection 50mg Each ml contains:- Fenoxyl (as citrate).....50mg	5ml x 10's	210	292	181.90%
102	Sulfadiazine + Pyrimethamine Tablet Each tablet contains:- Sulfadiazine.....500mg Pyrimethamine.....25mg	60's	344.22	319	112.50%

***Question No. 136 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**
(Notice Received on 27/10/2021 at 4:00 PM) QID: 38452

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

- the details of the Covid-19 vaccines received as donation under Covex or any other program till date, including brand, number of doses and country / organization that donated the said vaccines; and*
- the number of doses of vaccines purchased by the Government including names of countries, brands and the total amount spent on the same purchasing?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) As of November 15, 2021, out of the total **177.04 million doses** received so far, **44.48 million doses** were as donation. These donations included **36.58 million doses** donated by COVAX and **7.7 million doses** donated by China. **200,000 doses** have been also donated by Pakistan Red Crescent Society.

The Break-up is as below:

Vaccine Name	Doses (Million)	Donated by
Sinopharm	5.8	COVAX
	4.7	CHINA
	0.2	Pakistan Red Crescent
SinoVac	3	CHINA
AstraZeneca	4.6	COVAX
Pfizer	17.68	COVAX
Moderna	5.5	COVAX
Total	44.48	

(b) As of 15th November, total **177.04 million doses** have been received so far, out of which Government has purchased around 132.56 M doses as per the below break-up.

Brand/Country	Doses (Million)
Sinopharm / China	26
SinoVac / China	79.5
Pfizer / USA	1.65
CanSino (Bulk) / China	12.8
CanSino (FP) / China	3.1182
Sputnik / Russia/ Aurugulf, UAE	6.5
Total	132.5682

The total expenditure till 15th November, 2021 is PKR 181.4 billion.

***Question No. 138 Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddique:**

(Notice Received on 28/10/2021 at 3:15 PM) QID: 38167

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the number of officials, over the age of 60 years, working in PCB despite decisions taken and approved by PCB Board of Governors, also a list of all such officials, regular, contractual or otherwise with their salaries and perks?

Dr. Fehmida Mirza: All such appointments are made in accordance with the applicable PCB rules regulations approved by Board of Governors.

The details is at **(Annex-A)**.

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Annexure 3

Sr/No	Name	Department	Designation	D.O.B	Salary Package (PKR)	Status	Age As at 31-Aug-21	Contract End Date
1	Wasim Tase	HIGH PERFORMANCE	Head High Performance Center	23-May-88	387,200	Contract	72.69	31-Sep-21
2	J.L. Gai (R) Aamir Ahmad	ADMINISTRATION	SOM Administration & Coordinator	12-Jun-48	413,512	Contract	73.27	30-Sep-21
3	Mohammad Younus Safi	SECURITY	Sr. Manager Security	17-Mar-54	270,000	Contract	68.30	31-Oct-21
4	Mohammad Rafiq Baloch	DOMESTIC CRICKET OPERATIONS	HEAD CURATOR	9-Jul-62	62,798	Contract	69.28	31-Dec-21
5	Bashir Karim	DOMESTIC CRICKET OPERATIONS	HEAD CURATOR	14-Mar-54	146,501	Contract	66.81	30-Sep-21
6	Liaqat Muhammad Tahir	DOMESTIC CRICKET OPERATIONS	HEAD CURATOR	9-Oct-58	102,433	Contract	65.36	31-Dec-21
7	M. Yousaf (Channai)	HIGH PERFORMANCE	GM Admin (Library & Museum) & Game Schedule	9-Apr-56	387,000	Contract	65.44	31-Oct-21
8	Musafque Rasool Khan	HIGH PERFORMANCE	Manager Operations	4-Dec-56	118,858	Contract	64.76	31-Dec-21
9	Hazrat Ahmad	DOMESTIC CRICKET OPERATIONS	HEAD CURATOR	23-Mar-37	71,525	Contract	64.46	31-Dec-21
10	Dr. Faraz Ahmad	HIGH PERFORMANCE	Resident Sports Physician	9-Dec-67	452,823	Contract	63.77	9-Dec-21
11	Ahsan Ishaq	INTERNATIONAL CRICKET OPERATIONS	Manager Visa & Protocol	10-Dec-57	187,368	Contract	63.77	10-Dec-21
12	Muhammad Aliwan Malik	SECURITY	Manager Security	25-Jun-58	102,808	Contract	63.33	31-Mar-22
13	Muhammad Hanif	DOMESTIC CRICKET OPERATIONS	General Staff	1-Jul-56	52,817	Contract	63.21	31-Dec-21
14	Feroz Iqbal	ADMINISTRATION	PLUMBER	28-Mar-58	56,736	Contract	63.48	30-Sep-21
15	Ilqas Iqbal	DOMESTIC CRICKET OPERATIONS	Sr. Manager Domestic Cricket Operations	1-Jul-56	374,756	Contract	63.21	30-Sep-21
16	Hafeez Bashir Ahmed	ADMINISTRATION	MAINTENANCE OFFICER	1-Jul-58	88,000	Contract	62.21	31-Dec-21
17	Aza Hussain Shah	ADMINISTRATION	MANAGER STADIUM	1-Aug-58	55,477	Contract	62.12	31-Oct-21
18	Muhammad Naveed	SECURITY	Security Guard	31-Dec-59	42,449	Contract	61.71	31-Dec-21
19	Musafa Hussain Khan	ADMINISTRATION	OFFICE ASST.	9-Oct-61	68,000	Contract	60.36	4-Oct-21
20	Shah Khan	ADMINISTRATION	DISPATCH RIDER	14-Dec-60	44,000	Contract	60.75	14-Dec-21
21	Hussain Mazah	DOMESTIC CRICKET OPERATIONS	ASST. CURATOR	1-Jan-61	68,468	Contract	60.75	3-Jan-22
22	Maham Ali	HIGH PERFORMANCE	MANAGER	1-Mar-61	118,000	Contract	60.34	1-Mar-22
23	Muhammad Anwar	HIGH PERFORMANCE	PLUMBER	1-Jul-61	51,000	Contract	60.21	30-Nov-21

***Question No. 139 Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddique:**

(Notice Received on 28/10/2021 at 3:15 PM) QID: 38022

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan cricket board (PCB) signed a contract with Techfront International to grant live streaming media rights for PSL for three years from years from 2019 to 2021 with permission of betting / gambling on PSL matches in countries where betting is licensed without prior permission of PCB; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that Techfront International further sublicensed rights to betting company in Britain which held betting publicly on PSL 5 matches under permission granted in the agreement?*

Dr. Fehmida Mirza: (a) PCB did not grant any such right or permission to Techfront International of betting/gambling on PSL matches in countries where betting is licensed. When this transgression came to PCB's knowledge, PCB instructed Techfront International to stop this act and rectify its lapse. Subsequently, Techfront International tendered its apology to PCB on May 30, 2020. The detail is at **Annex-I**.

(b) Furthermore, PCB terminated its media rights contract with Techfront International on September 17, 2017. The detail is at **Annex-II**.

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Dubai, 28 May 2020: Tacticon International P20 today reiterated its regrets to the Pakistan Cricket Board and sought an amicable resolution to an outstanding dispute between the parties.

In a statement, Tacticon International P20 said: "Tacticon International P20 acknowledges it was not proactive in seeking prior permission from the PCB in respect of specific subliming and in that process it was not aligned to the spirit and provisions of the Rights Agreement with PCB with regard to HBL PSL 19's live streaming rights."

"We have extended our regrets and apology to the PCB and look forward to their sympathetic consideration in the matter."

The PCB said: "We appreciate the Rights Holder's apology and detailed explanation, as its own and the PCB shall put in place more stringent measures to ensure extra vigilance, enhancement of internal monitoring processes and procedures, continual issuance of clear guidelines to our partners so there is a better understanding of the do's and the don'ts."

The PCB's 28 March statement on this matter is available [here](#).

<https://www.pcb.com.pk/press-releases/28-may-2020-live-streaming-rights-holder-extends-regrets-and-apology-to-the-pcb-2020>

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PCB terminates contract with HBL PSL's international media rights holder

PCB Press Release



A black rectangular box containing the white logo for the HBL PSL Pakistan Super League. The logo features the text 'HBL' in a bold, sans-serif font above 'PSL' in a larger, bold, sans-serif font, with 'Pakistan Super League' in a smaller font below. To the right of the text is a stylized white figure of a person in a dynamic pose, possibly a batsman or a bowler, within a circular arc.

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Lahore, 16 September 2020: The Pakistan Cricket Board today announced it has terminated the contract of the HBL Pakistan Super League (PSL) international media rights holder following a series of troubling security matters relating to payments.

Terminating international PSL and secured PSL PSL international media rights from (PSR-PSL), but that is a series of subsequent incidents, the PCB has terminated the agreement.

Shauq Hussain, PCB's Project Executive, said: "The PCB works proactively and with integrity and transparency in its business. The parties dispute reported incidents and discussions failed to benefit the management and employees, leaving the PCB with no choice but to terminate the agreement."

"The termination of the agreement on this stage was also reinforced by the PCB that sufficient time up until receiving other payments and payment for the future HBL Pakistan Super League events. Security breaches in 2019, the HBL PSL has become one of the most attractive and competitive leagues around the world."

"The PCB is already in discussion with various stakeholders and related developments in the international territories. The priority is already underway to ensure a robust media rights strategy for the HBL Pakistan Super League 2021 and onwards."

The PCB stands its rights in terms of ensuring appropriate revenues and damages, and will be taking possible possible measures to avoid and safeguard the league's interests as well as its national stakeholders.

***Question No. 140 Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddique:**

(Notice Received on 28/10/2021 at 3:15 PM) QID: 38166

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that PCB has done away with the departmental cricket resulting in unemployment of more than 2000 cricketers?

Dr. Fehmida Mirza: At the very outset, it is pertinent to highlight that the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is a body corporate having perpetual succession and has been established as a Board under Sports (Development and Control) Ordinance 1962 by the Federal Government through S.R.O No. 1045 (1)/2019, notified on 19th August 2019 (*i.e.* the PCB Constitution). PCB undertakes all its functions as prescribed therein and all affairs in respect of the management and administration of the Board in accordance with the said PCB Constitution.

The changes to the domestic cricket structure of Pakistan, through which departmental cricket has been replaced by teams representing six Cricket Associations across Pakistan, have been brought about by the 2019 PCB Constitution referred to above issued by the Federal Government of Pakistan.

Prior to the implementation of the current PCB Constitution in 2019, in the previous domestic cricket structure, a total of 8 departments were playing First Class cricket and 26 departments were playing Grade 2 cricket. Each department had a team consisting of 20 members approximately. In totality, a total of 680 individuals consisting of players and support staff were representing these departments and were to be affected by the change in the domestic cricket structure, however, it is pertinent to note that most of these players and support staff were engaged by the PCB for different periods ranging from 6 months to 12 months. With great importance the opportunities the PCB has created for the players and support staff so far under the current domestic cricket structure;

- A total of 192 players have been handed domestic contracts through which they are earning amounts ranging from PKR. 2.5 — 3.9 million per annum;
- Introduction of match fees for City Cricket Association players, which is a source of income for approximately 1400 players;
- Over 200 coaches and support staff have been given contracts under the current domestic structure;

- More than 20 Umpires and Match Referees have been handed out contracts.
- In view of the above, it would be incorrect to state that the PCB has done away with the departmental cricket resulting in unemployment of more than 2000 cricketers. On the contrary, as mentioned above, PCB has taken unprecedented measures to create opportunities for and cater to the welfare of all personnel involved in domestic cricket.

***Question No. 141 Senator Fida Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 29/10/2021 at 10:35 AM) QID: 37931

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the number of employees working in Workers Welfare Fund and all Workers Welfare Boards on regular, contract, deputation and adhoc basis for the last five years?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development: (i) The detail of employees working in Workers Welfare Fund, Islamabad for the last five years is as under:-

Sr. No.	Status	No. of Employees
1.	Regular Basis	272
2.	Contract Basis	43
3.	Deputation Basis	02
4.	Ad-hoc Basis	0

(ii) Provincial Workers Welfare Boards are under administrative control of respective provincial labour departments, however, funds are released by Workers Welfare Fund, Islamabad.

***Question No. 142 Senator Fida Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 29/10/2021 at 10:35 AM) QID: 37930

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the funds earmarked and utilized by the Workers Welfare Fund and Worker Welfare Board of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the last five fiscal years (year-wise breakup);*
- (b) *years wise breakup and detail of all projects initiated, completed & pending during the last five years by Worker Welfare Board of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ; and*
- (c) *complete detail of schemes / projects / steps taken up by the Worker Welfare Fund and Worker Welfare Board of KPK separately for the welfare of the people of erstwhile FATA / PATA during last five years, especially in the fields of health, technical education, laborer units, scholarships for students ?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development: (a) Year-wise funds earmarked and utilized / spend by Workers Welfare Funds during the last five (05) years are as under:-

(Rs. In million)			
Financial Year	Approved Budget (PWWBs & WWF)	Released By Finance Division	Utilization Of Funds (PWWBs & WWF)
2016-17	25,574.048	5,460.831	11,293.738
2017-18	24,259.545	9,605.811	10,748.217
2018-19	23,852.574	15,876.198	15,790.977
2019-20	21,608.508	10,263.150	12,045.786
2020-21	20,065.852	9,115.563	8,118.239*
Total:	115,160.527	50,321.451	57,996.957

*Expenditure upto 31-05-2021

(b) Year-wise funds aremarked and utilized / spend by Workers Welfare Board, KP during the last five years are as under:-

(Rs. In million)			
Financial Year	Approved Budget	Releases	Utilization
2016-17	5,373.074	1,996.355	3,471.196
2017-18	6,650.939	3,798.112	3,687.054
2018-19	7,196.931	5,110.992	4,697.015
2019-20	5,926.684	3,842.603	3,939.022
2020-21	6,554.433	3,800.469	3,446.535
Total:	31,702.061	18,548.531	19,240.822

* Expenditure upto 31-05-2021

Completed Projects (From last 05 years)					
S.N	Location	No of Flats	Cost	Date of Start	Year of Completion
Flats					
1	Amenities Building & Infrastructure Development Works at Industrial Estate Gadoon, Dist: Swabi	1132	1552.100	April, 2012	Dec. 2015
HOSPITALS					
2	60 Bedded Burn & Trauma Centre at HMC, Peshawar (Civil Works)		288.030	March, 2010	Dec. 2017
On-going Projects (From last 05 years)					
Flats					
1	Regalalms (Phase-I), Hayatabad, Peshawar	1200	3254.450	Apr, 2011	December, 2021
2	Construction of Family Flats and allied works Regalalms (Phase II)	1000	1760.796	Nov, 2013	June, 2022
Educational Institute					
	Working Folk Grammar School at Shahbaz Azmat Khel, Banna		219.920	Jan, 2018	Dec. 2022

(c) Nil.

***Question No. 143 Senator Umer Farooq:**

(Notice Received on 29/10/2021 at 3:00 PM) QID: 38475

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state:

- Whether it is a fact that large number of Federal Government teachers working on deputation in other departments as well as teachers working on deputation in Federal Directorate of Education from other departments/ provincial Government have been repatriated by the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad recently;*
- if answer to (a) above is in affirmative, the total number of teachers who were regretted extensions by Federal Directorate of Education during the last three years, and reasons thereof; and*

- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration not to consider further extension in the deputations of teachers to and from the Federal Directorate of Education, if so, reasons thereof?*

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: (a) It is stated that 329-teachers are working in Islamabad Model Schools/Colleges on deputation basis from other departments / Provincial Governments in different cadre under FDE, whereas 31 teachers of FDE are working on deputation basis in other departments.

In 2019-20, FDE repatriated deputationists working without valid No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from their respective parent departments. Having been aggrieved by the said decision of FDE, some deputationists assailed these repatriation orders of FDE before the Honorable Islamabad High Court. The Honorable Islamabad High Court laid down a set of principles to regulate case of deputationists *vide* judgment in Writ Petition No. 194/2020 and directed to repatriate the deputationists. Accordingly, FDE repatriated about 226 deputationists working without valid NOCs from their parent department.

The aggrieved deputationists again approached Honorable Islamabad High Court. The court set aside the repatriation orders and directed to set up a departmental committee to consider the cases of deputationists individually by offering an opportunity of personal hearing to each and then decide the same by seeking guidance from IHC judgments in W.Ps No. 194/2020 Dated 11-12-2020 and WP No. 2822/2019. The committee has furnished recommendations to Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training for consideration/ approval. On receipt of Report of Committee, Ministry has constituted its internal committee to review the report for transparency / judicious recommendations.

(b) No such request for extension of deputation of any teacher is regretted by FDE except those who have not provided valid NOCs from their parent departments.

(c) At present, there is no proposal under consideration for not considering further extension in the deputation of teachers to and from the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad till the final outcome of pending litigation.

***Question No. 144 Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan:**
(Notice Received on 5/11/2021 at 12:30 PM) QID: 38485

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of vacant posts of Vice Principal (Female) BPS-18 are lying vacant in the Federal Directorate of Education, if so, the number of vacant posts of Vice Principals and reasons thereof indicating tentative timeframe for filling up the same?

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: It is a fact that at present 43 posts of Vice Principal are lying vacant. FDE had already submitted requisition to FPSC in 2019 for appointment of 10 Vice Principal against the direct quota; whereas, the remaining 33 posts are meant for promotion quota. FDE could not process promotion cases due to restraining orders issued on 30-09-2019 by Honorable Islamabad High Court. However, the restraining orders has been vacated on 28-10-2021. Therefore, the promotion cases will be submitted in the next month for consideration of DSB.

ISLAMABAD,
the 18th November, 2021

Maj (R) Syed Hasnain Haider,
Acting Secretary.