

(317th Session)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 8th February, 2022

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

Questions Nos. 54, 55, 74, 75, 76, 137, 8, 22 and 28 were deferred on
21st January, 2022 (317th Session)

@*Question No. 126 Senator Sana Jamali:

(Notice Received on 14/01/2022 at 11:35 AM) QID: 38748

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government has recently constituted Rehmat-ul-Alameen Authority, if so, the steps being taken for giving representation to the Province of Balouchistan therein?

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: It is true that President of Pakistan promulgated the NRA Ordinance (Ord. No. XXV of 2021) on the October 13th 2021 for the establishment of the National Rahmatul-lil Aalemeen Authority (NRA). The Authority is working under the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training.

The Authority has become functional now, and is in its initial stages of delivering upon the objectives, as prescribed in the Ordinance.

As per the Ordinance, the Authority is constituted of:

- Patron-in-Chief
- The Authority Members
- The Advisory Council

@ Transfer from Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter Faith-Harmony.

The Patron-in-Chief of the Authority is the Prime Minister of Pakistan, and two high-level platforms within the NRA Structure are the Authority and the Advisory Council.

- (A) **The Authority:** with 07 (seven) Members, including the Chairman, all of whom are MP1 scale posts. Besides the Chairman, all six Members have specific thematic portfolio, which include:

1. Chairman
2. Member (Seerat)
3. Member (Research)
4. Member (International Outreach)
5. Member (Media)
6. Member (Special Initiatives)
7. Member (Curriculum)

- (B) **The Advisory Council:** with 10 Members. The role of the Council is to provide its advice and guidance to the Authority, through the Patron in-Chief.

All 10 Members are expected to be eminent religious scholars, from national and international level. All the Members are associated on honorary basis and non-salaried. As per the Ordinance, the Patron-in-Chief, the Prime Minister of Pakistan is empowered to appoint all Members of the Council. In addition to the 10 Members, Minister for FE&PT, the Minister for Religious Affairs, and Chairman of Islamic Ideology Council (IIC) are the co-opted Members of the Council.

It is noted that due to its vast scope and highly technical work-nature, the Authority is expected to be filled by the Members based on their thematic expertise and qualifications. The Ordinance does not provide for any provincial or Area based allocation/reserved seats for Members in any of the above-mentioned two high-level platforms; and all such selection is based on scholarliness and eminence of individual members in the field of Seerat, Islamic studies, research and their public outreach/ media prominence.

***Question No. 137 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 18/12/2021 at 1:27 PM) QID: 38613

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of Aids patients are increasing in Pakistan as compare to other Asians countries, if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (b) steps taken by the Government to control the increasing number of Aids patients in Pakistan?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Yes, it is a fact that number of AIDS patients are increasing in Pakistan as compare to other Asians countries. Main reasons are as follow:

- 1- Low prevention coverage in Key Populations 2-Low testing & treatment coverage
- 3- Re-use of syringes/injections
- 4- Availability of unscreened blood bags
- 5- Needle sharing among IDUs (intra Venous Drug Users)

(b) Government has taken following steps to control the increasing number of AIDS patients in Pakistan.

- 1- High risk (Key) populations like transgenders, Female and Male sex workers are also regularly tested for HIV through outreach workers through CBOs (Community Based Organizations) across Pakistan. Government has gradually increased coverage of Prevention services among Key Population from current 16 to 26 CBOs (community Based Organizations) which will enhance Prevention coverage.
- 2- Low Testing & Treatment coverage will be increased by gradual increase in HIV Clinics across Pakistan. Currently we have 50 HIV Clinics in Pakistan. The Government is in

process of establishment of 03 new HIV Clinics (each in ICT, GB & AJK) in the year 2022. Similarly all 08 DHQ Hospitals, Merged Districts are planning to establish HIV Clinics in all districts/agencies. The Government of Sindh & Punjab are planning to establish HIV clinics in all DHQ level. The Government of KPK have established 08 FCC (Family Care centers) in all 08 District Headquarters out of which 06 are having functional HIV clinics. Balochistan have two HIC clinics & 03 will be functional in next 06 months and 02 more will be established by end of December 2023. Government is providing free testing (HIV Rapid kits, CD4 tests & HIV PCR Viral Load tests) & lifelong medicines to all patients. Despite the Covid-19 epidemic, the Government have successfully managed and ensured no stock out of medicine and testing facilities in Pakistan.

- 3- Government has planned to ban use of reusable injections/syringes in whole country. Pharma industry is encouraged to manufacture Auto-destructible syringes only.
- 4- Need Syringe Program for IDUs is implemented in all provinces of Pakistan via 46COPC sites (in all provinces of Pakistan).
- 5- Government has newly established 16 Regional Blood Banks (at Divisional level) in all 04 provinces & Regions (GB & AJK). Where state of art equipment is installed to ensure provision of safe blood across Pakistan. All blood banks working in Pakistan (Public & Private) are also screening all potential donors for HIV as per National Guidelines.

***Question No. 142 Senator Seemee Ezdi:**

(Notice Received on 3/01/2022 at 10:25 AM) QID: 38686

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

- (a) *the steps taken by this Ministry during the last three years for plant action of olive plants in all over the country, indicating also the names of authorities participated in this drive; and*

- (b) *the city - wise / area -wise details of those areas of the country where olive tree plantation has been operational at present?*

Syed Fakhar Imam: (a) MNFS&R through its attached Department Pakistan Oil Seed Department (POD), following initiatives were taken in last three year (2018-21) for promotion of olive cultivation in country under PSD funded project “Promotion of olive cultivation on commercial scale in Pakistan” launched by MNFS&R:

- Olive plantation done on 10,964 acres benefiting 3,143 farmers in Punjab, Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, AJK and Gilgit Baltistan
- 51 capacity building trainings were imparted to farmers, nurserymen and other stakeholders on orchard and nursery management, value addition etc. involving 3,630 olive stakeholders
- 1.83 million cuttings were planted for production of true to type, disease free olive nursery plants by the provincial project’s components
- 25 adaptability trials were planted in different regions of the country to evaluate the performance of various cultivars
- 09 olive oil extraction units, 05 weather Stations, 12 DS nursery tunnels, 03 value addition laboratories were established in the provinces of Punjab, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- 09 provincial and federal project components are executing the olive activities, the components detail is as under:

Federal

- Federal Project Management Unit Islamabad
- National Agricultural Research Centre, Islamabad
- Pakistan Oilseed Development, Islamabad

Punjab

- Barani Agricultural Research Institute, Chakwal

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

- Agricultural Research Institute, Tarnab, Peshawar
- National Horticulture and Tea Research Centre, Shinkiari

Balochistan

- Agricultural Research Institute, Sariab, Quetta Balochistan
Agricultural Research & Development Centre, Quetta

Azad Jammu & Kashmir

- Agriculture Extension Department AJK

Gilgit Baltistan

- Mountain Agriculture Research Centre, Juglot.

- (b)• The olive plantation is being carried out in the following clusters on the basis of previous plantation, land availability and other climatic variants under phase-II of the project.

Cluster 1: Loralai division, D.G. Khan, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar etc.

Cluster 2: Zhob Division, adjoining areas

Cluster 3: Khuzdar, Washuk, Noshki, Panjgoor, adjoining areas

Cluster 4: District Nowshera, adjoining areas

Cluster 5: South Waziristan, D.I. Khan, adjoining areas

Cluster 6: Hazara Division, adjoining areas'

Cluster 7: Chakwal, adjoining areas

- Olive plantation and other project interventions will preferably be carried out in above clusters, whereas, the emerging areas of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan and province of Sindh would also be given preference. During project implementation, new clusters will also be identified and considered for project activities.

***Question No. 143 Senator Seemee Ezdi:**

(Notice Received on 3/01/2022 at 10:25 AM) QID: 38684

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be please to state the present doctor-population ratio in Pakistan indicating the doctor-population ratio as recommended by World Health Organization and Pakistan Medical Commission?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: The present doctor-population ratio as per the number of registered physicians (including specialist) on 31st December 2021 **one doctor for 877 people.**

Province wise breakdown is as following:

S.No	Province/Area	Registered Physicians	Doctor: Population Density
1	Punjab+ICT	126,566	955
2	Sindh	87,389	597
3	KP	36,952	1,064
4	Balochistan	7,780	1,794
5	AJK	6,697	658
TOTAL		265,384	877

One of the main targets of National HRH Vision and SDGs is 'Essential/skilled health professional (physicians, nurses, lady health visitors and midwives) density' to be minimum of 44.5 per 10,000 population, which is necessary to achieve universal health coverage. The required minimum density for physicians is 11.1 per 10,000. The essential HRH density by the end of 2021 was 11.7 for physicians per 10,000 population.

***Question No. 144 Senator Seemee Ezdi:**

(Notice Received on 3/01/2022 at 10:25 AM) QID: 38687

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government has launched a new health program initiated through World Bank - funded National Health Support Project worth \$ 490 million, across all provinces, if so, its details indicating also the criteria to be adopted to provide health support through this program?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: The Ministry of National Health for National Health Services, Regulations, & Coordination is continuously making efforts to improve health service delivery across the country. One such effort is the National Health Support Project (NHSP) to be implemented with World Bank support.

It is to be noted that the NHSP is currently in the preliminary phase only and discussions are being held with relevant stakeholders in order to agree on the modalities for moving forward. Initial amount earmarked for the project is \$430 million dollars.

Once agreed and finalized, the NHSP will be implemented by the Provincial/ Area Health Departments and the MoNHSR&C will have a coordinating role.

The criteria to be adopted for the implementation of the NHSP will be determined by the implementation authorities *i.e.*, Provincial/Area Health Departments based on the recently agreed and approved National/ Provincial Universal Health Coverage (UHC) - Benefit Package (BP) / Essential Packages of Health Services (EPHS).

***Question No. 145 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 3/01/2022 at 11:45 AM) QID: 38709

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

- (a) the number of employees in PCB recruited on regular, contract and adhoc basis during the last five years indicating their salaries, allowances, and other perks availed by them; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that salaries of contractual, adhoc and daily wages employees of PCB have not been increased, if so, reasons thereof and if not, date thereof?*

Dr. Fehmida Mirza: (a) PCB *vide* their letter No. PCB/ Admin & Coord/IPC/2022 dated 28th January 2022 **Annex-A** informed that the seventh edition of the HBL Pakistan Super League (PSL) has already started from 27th January till 27th February 2022 in Karachi and Lahore.

PCB Management and Officials are heavily engaged in the preparations of the premier tournament. It will be highly appreciated if PCB is allowed time for an appropriate response to the above mentioned question soon after the conclusion of PSL-7.

(b) In view of above the desire information will be submitted in due course of time.

Annex-A

PCB/Admin&Coord/IPC/2022
28th January 2022

Mr. Zia Moin
Section Officer (S-II)
Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination
Government of Pakistan
Islamabad



Subject: **Admitted Question No.11**

Reference is drawn to the Ministry of IPC's letter No. 7-175/2021-IPC(S-II) dated 27th January 2022 wherein the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has been requested to respond to Senate Starred Question No. 145 (Old Diary No. 61) moved by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.

As you are aware that the seventh edition of the HBL Pakistan Super League (PSL) has already started from 27th January till 27th February 2022 in Karachi and Lahore. PCB management and officials are heavily engaged in the preparations of the premier tournament. It will be highly appreciated if PCB is allowed time for an appropriate response to the above mentioned question soon after the conclusion of PSL 7.

Delay in our response is regretted please. PCB will highly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

For and on behalf of PCB

Lt. Col. Ashfaq Ahmed (Retd.)
SGM Administration & Coordination

cc: Chairman, PCB
CEO, PCB
COO, PCB

***Question No. 146 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 3/01/2022 at 4:15 PM) QID: 38693

Will the Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training National Heritage and Culture be pleased to state the steps taken or being taken by the present Government for educational enrollment of children living in slums of Islamabad during the last three years?

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: Federal Directorate of Education (FDE)

The Federal Directorate of Education, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training has initiated a campaign for the enrolment of all out of school children in ICT in last three years from 2019-2021 through the following activities:

- Identification of OOSC
- School Mapping in the Respective Areas
- Community Mobilization and Initial Interactive Schooling
- Enrolment Mechanism
- Retention Mechanism and Sustainability

The campaign aims at supporting the public sector educational institutions of ICT as Public Private Partnership and generate / mobilize sufficient resources for sustainability of the enrolment campaign.

After survey, 11 thousand children were identified as out of school in ICT.

Phase-I (Age 5 to 7 Years)

- 4004 students have been enrolled in mainstream schools.
- All of these students have been provided with Free Text Books and school bags.
- They have been provided with Uniforms with the collective efforts of partners, and donations from amongst the FDE and M/o FE&PT staff.

Phase-II (Age 8 to 12 Years)

- 62 non-formal education (NFE) centers have been established in FDE educational institution.
- 62 teachers have been trained on Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) teaching methodology.
- 12 master trainers have also been trained.
- All enrolled students in these NFE Centers have been provided free of cost Text Books and school bags based on specialized ALP Curriculum.

Current Status

4004 students have been enrolled and entered in mainstream. **7189** (3606 boys & 3583 girls) out of school children as students have been enrolled in 62 established NFE centers in FDE educational institutions.

National Commission for Human Development

1. During the last three years NCHD in collaboration with JICA established 10 Accelerated Learning Program Centers in the slums areas of Islamabad (Union Council-model/Pilot) where **287 students got enrolled (165 girls & 122 boys)**. Out of these students 99 cleared the primary grade exam conducted by FDE and rest got stream lined in different schools.
2. Under Universal Primary Education Program NCHD has been running 40 **Feeder schools in Deeni Madaris with 41 teachers**, providing continuous formal education to **1211 children**.
3. Under NCHD & BISP Agreement during the last quarter (Oct-Dec. 2021) enrolled **302 out of school children** in slump areas of Islamabad.

Basic Education Community Schools (BECS)

Following steps has been taken & being taken by BECS to enhance educational enrollment of children in Islamabad Capital Territory area:

- a. There are 248 BEC Schools in ICT with enrollment of 7356.

- b. The need assessment survey is being conducted in ICT BEC Schools which will be completed within one month, to identify the capacity of new enrollment in existing schools and need assessment of new schools in deprived communities.
- c. Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training intends to perform following activities before June 2022.
 - i. Literacy campaign to enroll out of school children.
 - ii. Remedial Programs and Trainings to enhance teacher's skills and capabilities.
 - iii. Provision of missing facilities to the BEC Schools.
- d. Village Education Committees (VECs) will be used to mobilize communities to enroll out of school children.

***Question No. 147 Senator Saifullah Abro:**

(Notice Received on 7/01/2022 at 3:00 PM) QID: 38717

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is fact that Health Cards have been issued to KPK, Punjab, ex-Tribal areas, Balochistan and Sindh if so, the total numbers of Health Card issued to each province till now?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: So far following number of families are covered under health card in the below mentioned areas:

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| 1. Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa | - | 7,647,119 |
| 2. Punjab | - | 13,763,960 |
| 3. Ex-FATA | - | 1,208,011 |
| 4. Sindh (District Tharparkar only) | | 313,436 |
| 5. Balochistan (Under Process by Provincial Government) | | |

***Question No. 148 Senator Saleem Mandviwalla:**

(Notice Received on 7/01/2022 at 3:30 PM) QID: 38730

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the duration of posting of current

MD O.P.F., indicating also the details of salary and other benefits being drawn by the incumbent MD O.P.F.?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development: (1) The Federal Government vide Establishment Division's Notification No. 40/590/2015-E-I dated 8th May, 2018 (**Annex-I**) appointed / posted Dr. Amer Sheikh, a BS-21 officer of Secretariat Group, as Managing Director, Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF), Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development.

(2) As per law and the aforesaid notification, terms and conditions of his employment / appointment were required to be settled by the Board of Governors (BOG) of Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF), in accordance with the provisions of Articles of Association and Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013.

(3) In pursuance of the said notification as well as Articles of Association of OPF and Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013, the Board of Governors of OPF in its 149th meeting held on 18th February, 2019 approved the terms and conditions of employment / appointment of the incumbent officer (**Annex-II**) in line with the same terms and conditions, as of the former MD, OPF.

(4) As per the terms and conditions settled by the Board of Governors OPF, period of posting of MD, OPF was initially for a period of three years from the date of assumption of duty in OPF in line with the provision in Section 187 (1) of Companies Act-2017.

(5) On completion of three years, the Board of Governors (BOG) in its 158th meeting held on 30-04-2021 (**Annex-III**) had resolved to approve the extension of Dr. Amer Sheikh as Managing Director, OPF for a further period of two years, purely on merit, as per law, on the basis of his outstanding performance/achievements (**Annex-IV**) and this extension is in the line with the Companies Act 2017, Clause 187.

(6) The details of salary and other benefits being drawn by the incumbent MD, OPF is enclosed as **Annex-V** and is the same as was drawn by the earlier MD, OPF.

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

***Question No. 149 Senator Saleem Mandviwalla:**

(Notice Received on 7/01/2022 at 3:30 PM) QID: 38731

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be please to state whether it is a fact that salaries of teachers working in OPF colleges have not been increased in annual budgets during last three years, if so, reasons thereof?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development: 1. Under its mandate, Overseas Pakistanis Foundation has established 26 educational institutions across the country including Azad Jammu & Kashmir. Province wise detail of OPF Educational Institutions is as under:

Province / Region	No. of Schools/ Colleges	Locations
Islamabad Capital Territory (I.C.T)	3	H-8/4, F-8/2, F-11/2
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	4	Peshawar, Hangu, Mansehra, D.I. Khan
Punjab	9	Bhalwal, Gujrat, Sialkot, Pakpattan, Depalpur, Multan, Sheikhpura, Rawalpindi, Kallar Syedan
Sindh	5	Karachi, Dadu, Larkana, Badin, Sanghar
Balochistan	2	Quetta, Turbat
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	3	Kotli, Muzaffarabad, Mirpur

2. OPF is granting 50% concession to the children of overseas Pakistanis studying at its educational institutions, upto four children. The total annual subsidy provided to the children of overseas Pakistanis during the FY 2020-21 is Rs.122.0 Million approx. Besides, OPF is also awarding scholarships to the children and spouses of overseas Pakistanis studying in colleges & universities across the country from intermediate to

post graduation level. During the Financial Year 2020-21, the scholarships worth Rs.14.0 Million approx. were awarded to the children / spouses of overseas Pakistanis.

3. Presently, 19,490 students are enrolled in OPF educational institutions out of which **4,535** are children of overseas Pakistanis. There are 1,400 employees (including teaching & non-teaching staff) working at OPF Educational Institutions which includes both regular and contract employees.

4. The total wage bill of OPF Educational Institutions comprises of around 85% of its total operational expenses. The details of salary increase / annual increment granted to employees of OPF Educational Institutions since 2019 are as under:

Annual Increment:

- (a) As per OPF's policy an annual increment is granted to all regular employees of OPF Educational Institutions in the beginning of every calendar year. OPF has granted annual increment to all its regular employees in 2019 and 2020. The annual increment for the year 2021 will be added in the January, 2021 salary of employees. Likewise, the contract employees are granted increment in their salaries upon renewal of their annual contracts, according to the terms and conditions of their employment.

Salary Increase:

- (b) The employees of OPF and its projects including that of OPF Educational Institutions, are allowed same increase / revision in their pay scales with the approval of Board of Governors in line with notification of the Government. The Government of Pakistan had allowed 10% Ad-hoc Relief Allowance 2021 of the basic pay to all the federal government employees with effect from 1st July, 2021, in the Budget 2021-22. Subsequently, a Working Paper was presented to OPF Board of Governors (BOG) in its 159th meeting held on 15-07-2021, with the recommendations of BOG Committee on Human Resource, for the approval of granting Ad-hoc Relief Allowance 2021, to all employees of OPF and OPF

Educational Institutions. After deliberations, the OPF Board of Governors resolved as under:

“to refer the issue of grant of Adhoc Relief Allowance-2021 @ 10% of the basic pay to the employees of OPF Educational Institutions to the Nomination, Education and Training Committee of the BOG being relevant on the subject.”

- (c) As directed by the OPF Board of Governors the agenda item was presented before the BOG Committee on Nomination, Education and Training for deliberations and endorsement during its meeting held on 02-11-2021. After detailed deliberations, the Nomination, Education and Training Committee of OPF Board of Governors has recommended grant of Adhoc Relief Allowance 2021-22 @ 10% of basic pay *w.e.f.* 1st July, 2021, to the regular employees of all OPF Educational Institutions, for the approval of OPF Board of Governors. The matter has already been added in the agenda of the 160th BOG meeting which is scheduled to take place in a few weeks’ time.

5. It is pertinent to mention that OPF’s only source of income *i.e.* Welfare Fund, declined to its lowest point during the ongoing pandemic due to minimal export of Pakistani manpower owing to travel restrictions across the globe. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has also had a significant impact on the education sector throughout the world since most of countries including Pakistan had to shut the schools frequent and prolonged periods. Despite the fact that the economic crunch had caused many businesses including schools to lay off their staff, OPF, in spite of student drop-out and late fee payments, has not only retained the employees of OPF Educational Institutions, but has also granted them salary increments on annual basis.

***Question No. 151 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 11/01/2022 at 3:35 PM) QID: 38739

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the existing number of Burn Centers in Islamabad indicating the patient wise capacity of those Burn Centers and the persons entitled to avail the facility of Burn Centers in Islamabad?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: The Burn Care Center, Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad is 20 bedded state of the art burn facilities. Currently catering patient from Islamabad / Rawalpindi, KPK, AJK and Punjab. All the treatment is free of cost at this center.

***Question No. 152 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 11/01/2022 at 3:35 PM) QID: 38737

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the policy and facilities being provided to special persons under the Sehat Sahulat Program indicating the exist number of special persons registered under the said program?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: Sehat Sahulat Program is a social health protection initiative of Federal and participating Provincial / Regional Governments through which free of cost, indoor treatment is given through Qaumi Sehat Card.

The total number of persons with disabilities are 114,715 of ICT, GB, Punjab and AJK, are being provided with Qaumi Sehat Card under current implementation of Universal Health Insurance in the aforesaid areas, as per the attached benefit package.

***Question No. 153 Senator Prof. Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani:**

(Notice Received on 12/01/2022 at 1:36 PM) QID: 38740

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the current status of routine immunization in Pakistan and steps for its improvement?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: Government of Pakistan has been offering routine immunization (RI) services through Expanded Program on Immunization since almost four decades. The program provides free of cost vaccination to **7.2 million** children of 0-11 months of age annually, across the country through fixed sites, outreach and mobile services, thus protecting them against **12** Vaccine preventable diseases. The same number of Pregnant women and women of childbearing age are protected against Neonatal Tetanus.

Third-Party Immunization Coverage Survey (TPVICS) was conducted in **2020** with the support of the World Bank, and according to its result, **fully immunized coverage** (*completed full vaccination course of one year as per EPI schedule*) has increased from **66%** (PDHS-2017-2018) to **76%** (TPVICS 2020).

Federal EPI under the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (M/o NHR&C) plays major role of coordination with the provinces, international donors and partners. It is also responsible for the procurement of vaccines through pool procurement mechanism, immunization supply chain management, policy formulation, setting guidelines and conducting training of trainers and new vaccine introduction. The main implementation and execution of the EPI programme is with the provinces.

Vaccine Procurement:

The process of **pool procurement of vaccines** (for FY 2021-22) by Federal EPI on behalf of provinces is in process.

Immunization Supply Chain Management

During 2021, **3350 Cold Chain Equipment** (Ice-line and solar refrigerators) were deployed ensuring resilient supply chain management system that sustained COVID-19 immunization drive uninterruptedly. In the past 03 years **15500** Cold chain equipments have been deployed in the provinces. **91** New cold room and freezer rooms are also being installed in the Provinces to enhance vaccine storage capacity.

Dry warehouses capacities have been increased at Federal and Provinces to store syringes and safety boxes.

Refrigerated Trucks for vaccine transportation are being procured to enhance ability of transportation of vaccines at optimal temperature.

Policy/ Guidelines development:

Strategic Document **Comprehensive Multi-year Plan (cMYP 2020-2024)** has been finalized.

National EPI Policy has been updated and ready for dissemination in February 2022.

Waste Disposal Policy has been developed

New Vaccines Introduction:

Recently **Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV)** and **Measles-Rubella Vaccine (MR)** have been introduced in EPI (in 2021).

Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance:

Training of surveillance staff on guidelines developed by Federal EPI has been conducted in provinces. Surveillance officers have been deployed through partner's support.

Monitoring of various activities of programme has been improved with the roll-out of **management information system** in provinces which is near completion.

1166 Help-line has been scaled-up to effectively address client related complaints

Campaigns:

Pakistan has introduced **Rubella vaccine** in its RI schedule in 2021, by conducting a nationwide campaign in November 2021 reaching to **94.7 Million** children (aged 9m-15y) with measles-rubella vaccine. The campaign was historical in terms of reaching huge population in a period of 12 days only.

Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) already introduced in 2019 from Sindh province was scaled-up in Punjab and Islamabad (in 2021) covering a population of **19.1 million**.

***Question No. 155 Senator Keshoo Bai:**

(Notice Received on 14/01/2022 at 12:22 PM) QID: 38751

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

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Ministry to promote Arid Agriculture in country; and*
- (b) *the details of crops varieties being developed specially for arid climatic regions in Pakistan?*

Syed Fakhar Imam: (a) About 70% of the total geographical area of Pakistan experiences hyper-arid to semi-arid climate. The current productivity levels of arid agriculture in Pakistan are far below its potential. The provinces are also working to promote arid agriculture within their domain but the Government of Pakistan through Ministry of National Food Security and Research (M/o NFS&R) is also striving for development of arid lands and promote dryland agriculture in the Country. The Ministry has adopted following two-prong strategy for development of arid lands:

- (i) provide an adequate institutional mechanism.
- (ii) develop appropriate technologies and best practices for improving productivity of arid agriculture.

The Ministry, through PARC has established the various specifically mandated research Centers/Institutes in the Country. The detail is attached as **Annex-A**.

The Ministry through PARC is also working on upgradation of agro-ecological zones in the wake of climate change. Under this initiative, homogeneous ecological conditions will be characterized and crop suitability areas will be mapped to harness the optimum output/productivity of most suitable crops in each ecological zone.

(b) Genetic improvements and breeding for development of stress tolerant crop cultivars has been the main intervention of PARC in the arid regions. Total 25 cultivars of wheat, 3 of maize, 2 of lentil, 3 of barely and 2 cultivars of oilseed established along with various other minor crops. The detail of cultivar is attached as **Annex-B**.

The details of specifically mandated research Centres/Institutes

- ✚ Balochistan Agricultural Research & Development Centre, Quetta
 - Horticulture Research Institute, Khuzdar
 - Agriculture Research Institute, Jaffarabad
 - Agriculture Research Institute, Turbat
 - Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Lasbella
- ✚ Arid Zone Research Centre, DI Khan
 - Adoptive Research-cum-Demonstration Institute, Lakki Marwat
 - Adoptive Research-cum-Demonstration Institute, Tank
 - Adoptive Research-cum-Demonstration Institute, Miranshah
 - Adoptive Research-cum-Demonstration Institute, Wana
- ✚ Arid Zone Research Centre, Umerkot
- ✚ Arid Zone Research Institute, Bahawalpur

These Centres/Institutes are adequately equipped and specifically mandated to promote arid agriculture in their respective domains through integrated natural resources management, integrated range and livestock management, genetic improvements in crop and livestock, technological innovations and optimal management practices.

On technological front, the following initiatives and/or best practices have been introduced in the arid regions to improve productivity of arid agriculture:

- ✚ Conservation Agriculture
- ✚ Efficient Rainwater Harvesting and Use
- ✚ Judicious and Efficient Use of Irrigation Water
- ✚ Adoption of Climate Resilient Crop Production
 - Genetic improvements and breeding for development of stress tolerant crop cultivars
 - Crop diversification
 - Crop rotation
 - Cultivation of low-delta crops
 - Adjusting cropping calendar
 - Intercropping with legumes
- ✚ Bio-saline Agriculture and Agro-forestry
- ✚ Arid Horticulture
- ✚ Forages and Grassland Development
- ✚ Promotion of Medicinal Plants and their Value Addition
- ✚ Desalination of Brackish Water for Household Water & Food Security

ANNEX-B**NARC Islamabad**

Crop	Variety	Trait	Region of adaptation
Wheat	Thal-2006	Drought tolerance	Thal ecology
Wheat	Bhakkar-2011	Drought tolerance	Thal ecology
Wheat	Markaz-09	Drought tolerance	Pothowar region of Punjab
Wheat	Chakwal-50	Drought tolerance	Rainfed area of Punjab
Wheat	NARC-2009	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	BARS-2009	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	Uqab-2000	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	FSD-08	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	Dharabi-11	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	Pakistan-13	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	Borlaug-16	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	Fatehjang-15	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	Shahkar-CCRI	Drought tolerance	Rainfed area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Wheat	NIFA-Lalma	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	Pakhtunkhwa-15	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	Pirsabak-15	Drought tolerance	
Wheat	Shafaq	Heat tolerance	Southern Punjab area
Wheat	Farid-06	Heat tolerance	
Wheat	Seher-06	Heat tolerance	Central & Southern Punjab area
Wheat	SKD-1	Heat tolerance	Sindh province
Wheat	TD-1	Heat tolerance	
Canola	PARC Canola Hybrid	Frost tolerance	Pothowar region of Punjab
Mustard/ Rapeseed	Khanpur Raya	Drought tolerance	Southern Punjab area
Maize	Fakhar-e-NARC Hybrid	Drought tolerance	ICT, KP, AJ&K, GB
Maize	Haq Nawaz Gold	Drought tolerance	Rainfed area of Punjab
Maize	Islamabad White	Drought tolerance	

BARDC, Quetta

Crop	Variety	Imp Characteristics
Facultative type of Wheat (only wheat variety for cold regions)	AZRI-96	Highly tolerant to cold and drought with moderate resistance against yellow rust
Bread Wheat (spring)	Tiajabn-10	Drought resistant with better quality bread
Bread Wheat (spring)	Shalkot-14	Drought tolerant with disease resistance (Yellow and stem rust)
Durum Wheat	Ejaz-21	Drought & cold tolerant, resistant to diseases (rust)
Barley	Sanober-96	Cold and drought tolerant with good seed weight and can be used for forage during winter
Barley	Rakhshan-10	Early maturing, best for late planting with drought tolerance (high grain wt)
Barley	JE-10	High yield and disease plus cold tolerant
Lentil	ShirAz-96	Cold tolerant and high yield (bold seeded)
Lentil	Dasht-21	Highly cold tolerant and high yield (small seeded)

AZRC DI Khan

- Released / developed high yielding Turmeric variety “BaDer Haldi” from Provincial Seed Council, KP during 2022.
- Released / developed high yielding Guar variety “AZRC Guar” from Provincial Seed Council, KP during 2022.
- Released / developed high yielding wheat variety AZRC-Dera from Provincial Seed Council (KP) during 2020.
- Chickpea variety, Indus 2019 & Lentil 2019 released from Provincial seed council, KP.
- Two Mungbean varieties “Sona Mung” and “Inqilab Mung” were release from Provincial Seed Council, KP during 2016 & 2018.
- Developed new wheat lines (AZRC-84) with highly resistance against rust disease. The seed of this out-standing line is being tested under National Uniform Yield Trials.
- Four (04) Mung bean varieties namely; AZRC-2006, Inqalab Mung, NM-2011 and NM-2016. Mung bean yields were introduced in KP
- Three (03) Mash bean varieties namely; Arooj, Mash-3 and NARC-14 were tested in arid conditions, where NARC-14 superseded the two varieties with 40 % increase in yield.
- Two (02) varieties of Onion, Phulkara from AARI Faisalabad and Swat-1 from ARS, Swat and two varieties of Garlic (Lahson Gulabi and local selection (AZRC Thoom) have been successfully tested at farmer's fields in Riverine area, D.I. Khan.
- Line sowing of Quinoa in Southern KP has been introduced. Also, super food like Moringa and Pongamia have proven best for an agroforestry model for wheat and chickpea.

AZRC Umerkot

- Thirty-eight (38) varieties of Date palm have collected and are being tested for their improvement and final selection.
- Fourteen (14) varieties of Guava have been planted at AZRI for further testing and screening.
- Evaluated more than 54 genotypes of the Cluster bean in Thar Desert condition to monitor the potential. The three most prominent genotypes have been selected for seed multiplication and distribution.
- Ten (10) exotic grass species have been introduced using brackish water in Thar Desert area. Developed F4 genotypes of Dandicut chili during 2021-22 and 16 selections have been developed during 2017 and the seed of these selections are provided to farmers.

***Question No. 156 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**

(Notice Received on 14/01/2022 at 2:45 PM) QID: 38755

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

- whether it is a fact that National Curriculum Review Committee of Higher Education Commission of Pakistan had proposed reforms in law degrees in its 2010-2011 Report (Curriculum of Law, 2011), if so, the details of proposals forwarded by the said Committee to reform Curriculum of Legal Education in Pakistan; and*
- the steps taken by the Government for reforming legal education curriculum in universities and colleges in light of the said proposals?*

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood: (a) Higher Education Commission, Islamabad through its Curriculum Division constituted a National Curriculum Review Committee (NCRC) in the year 2010 to review the then curriculum of the undergraduate degree in Law. The committee comprised of academics from different universities as well as representatives of Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) and Law & Justice Commission of Pakistan that after a detailed course of deliberations proposed a five-year scheme of study based on 166 credit hours spread over ten semesters of 16-18 weeks each. Copy of curriculum is enclosed at **Annex-I**. Later, in the year 2015, the curricula were updated by the respective committees which further recommended guidelines (**Annex-II**).

(b) The Curriculum developed by NCRC Law was circulated to all the universities in the country for implementation with intimation to

Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) for the purpose of PBC accreditation and degree verification by HEC. During the meetings of Special Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan on Structural Reforms in Legal Education matters related Entry to Law Colleges, Faculty Appointment, Uniform Syllabus of LLB courses and its duration, Assessment and evaluation and entry to bar were discussed and following were finalized in the meetings:

1. It was decided that criteria for faulty to be engaged by the law colleges is made in line with the criteria as prescribed by HEC. The details are available in CMA No.1864 of 2010 at **Annex-III.**
2. Entry test for admission to law colleges has also been started for admission into law colleges.
3. Three (03) years LLB has been phased out from the year 2018 and there is only 5 years LLB offered in university form 2019 onwards.
4. Commencement of evening classes for LLB program has also been stopped under the directions of Supreme Court of Pakistan.
5. On the recommendations of Special Committees, the Supreme Court of Pakistan has also recommended disaffiliation of various colleges (list mentioned in CMA No. 1864 of 2010).
6. A law admission test for all law colleges in Pakistan shall be held biannually by the HEC (CMA No. 1864 of 2010).
7. A Law Graduate Assessment Test (LAW-GAT) of law graduates seeking enrollment to the Bar shall be held on quarterly basis by HEC as the executing institution throughout Pakistan based on a question bank prepared for the Assessment Test (CMA No. 1864 of 2010).

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

(Def.) ***Question No. 54 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 5/10/2021 at 3:00 PM) QID: 38262

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that traffic jams have become a routine issue on National Highway (N-35) in Abbottabad City from Muslimabad to Shaheena Jamil Hospital, if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *is it also a fact that there are no flyovers, underpasses and pedestrian bridges in the above area especially near Fawara Chowk, Sarban Chowk and Gami Adda due to which vehicles are stuck for long hours and pedestrians also have to suffer a lot, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to construct flyover/underpasses in the above mentioned area and also to widen and rehabilitate the road to overcome the persistent traffic jam issue?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a) NHA has already rehabilitated the city portion of Abbottabad through RMA Fund. Further remaining portion between Allah Hoo Chowk and Havelian Interchange will be rehabilitated after finalization of the procurement of Periodic Maintenance contracts.

Traffic management is the responsibility of the Traffic Police/ Local Administration, NHA always remains in close coordination for any assistance and cooperation in this regard.

(b) Estimate for installation of pedestrian bridge at Sarban Chowk is in process for approval of Competent Authority.

(c) National Highway Authority has initiated the Widening/ Improvement of Abbottabad Built-up Area Project from Muslim Abad to Shaheena Jamil Hospital. Total length of the Project is 17 km. The project includes the following three packages:

Package-I:

From Muslimabad to Bus Stand:(6.8km)

- 4 Lane Dual Carriageway

- Provision of protected U-Turns

Package-II:

From Bus Stand to Allah Hoo Chowk: (1.65km)

- Elevated 4 Lane Dual Carriageway

Package-III:

From Allah Hoo Chowk to Abbottabad Public School (APS): (8.550 km)

- Existing road to be improved
- Provision of protected U-Turns

Current Status

- PC-I amounting to Rs. 4827.568 million for Widening and Rehabilitation of existing N-35 in Abbottabad city (17 km) including elevated carriageway 1.380 km and 11 Nos. protected U-turns has been submitted to Ministry of Communications (MoC) for approval of Central Development Working Party (CDWP) on 16th April, 2021.
- PC-I for Land Acquisition, Building Compensation and Relocation of Utilities for Widening and Rehabilitation of existing N-35 in Abbottabad city (17 km) has been returned back to Ministry of Communications by Central Development Working Party (CDWP).
- In a Senate Standing Committee meeting held on 30th November, 2021, it was informed by Commissioner Abbottabad that earlier rates for Land Acquisition, Relocation of Utilities and Building Compensation as incorporated in PC-I are correct, based on prevailing rates. Further, Commissioner Abbottabad ensured that revalidated rates for Land Acquisition, Relocation of Utilities and Building Compensation will be provided to NHA within 2 to 3 weeks.
- Upon receipt of requisite documents from KPK Government, the PC-I for Land would be processed for approval of CDWP/ECNEC.

(Def.) ***Question No. 55 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 5/10/2021 at 3:00 PM) QID: 38364

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Ayub Bridge, Havelian in District Abbottabad on National Highway N-35 was badly damaged due to heavy rainfall a few months ago, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to repair/reconstruct the said Bridge and the time by which the same will be made operational?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a) The Contractor has been mobilized at site for carrying out the rectification of the damaged section of the Ayub Bridge at Havelian on N-35.

(b) **TIME LINE FOR COMPLETION OF WORK:**

Rehabilitation work will be completed within **6 months**.

(Def.) ***Question No. 74 Senator Fida Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 26/10/2021 at 3:55 PM) QID: 37915

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of amenities / facilities provided to the commuters / passengers on Swat Express Way (M-16) presently?

Mr. Murad Saeed: Swat Express Way (M-16) does not fall under the jurisdiction of National Highway Authority.

It is a provincial road and falls under the jurisdiction of Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

(Def.) ***Question No. 75 Senator Fida Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 26/10/2021 at 3:55 PM) QID: 37916

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of projects tendered during the years 2019-2020 regarding upgradation / maintenance of Islamabad - Peshawar Motorway?

Mr. Murad Saeed: The length of Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway (M-1) is 155 kilometers starting from Islamabad and ends at Peshawar. During the financial year 2019-20, Total number of **12 Contracts** under different categories were tendered and awarded for uplifting/upgradation of Motorway M-1. The detail of awarded, contracts during financial year 2019-20 is enclosed at **Annex-A** cumulatively amounting to **Rs. 694 Million**.

It is further added that majority of the distressed sections between Burhan up to Rashakai have been attended through Periodic Maintenance Contracts during year 2019-20 having improved 62 Kilometers of M-1.

Moreover, Highway Safety Works throughout the length of Islamabad Peshawar Motorway M-1 were also launched and completed for installation of road furniture to facilitate road users during day/night time.

Annex-A**NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY**

Name of the Regional Office: M-1 (Brahma Bahtar Interchange-North)

Sr.	Contract No.	Description	Location	Contractor	Engineer Cost	Bid Cost (Rs.)
Main Carriageway: Highway Safety Works (2018-19) M-1						
1	HS-(G)-M1-17-6001	Highway Safety Works	Km 350~415 (N/ Bound)	M/s Eastern Highway Co.	40,816,826	26,090,115
2	HS-(G)-M1-17-6002	Highway Safety Works	Km 415~465 (N/ Bound)	M/s Highway Constructions	26,935,566	18,596,314
3	HS-(G)-M1-17-6003	Highway Safety Works	Km 465~505 (N/ Bound)	M/s Highway Constructions	24,694,065	17,048,783
4	HS-(G)-M1-17-6004	Highway Safety Works	Km 505~465 (S/ Bound)	M/s Eastern Highway Co.	28,549,391	19,267,984
5	HS-(G)-M1-17-6005	Highway Safety Works	Km 465~415 (S/ Bound)	M/s Highway Constructions	26,829,013	18,522,751
6	HS-(G)-M1-17-6006	Highway Safety Works	Km 415~350 (S/ Bound)	M/s Eastern Highway Co.	40,973,285	25,780,391
Periodic Maintenance Works (2016-17) M-1						
7	PM-(M-1)-2016-17/01	PERIODIC MAINTENANCE (FUNCTIONAL OVERLAY)	KM 380~386+950 & KM 406~436+200 (NBC) ON M-1	M/s Abdul Hakim Khan & Sons	115,853,000	79,579,426
8	PM-(M-1)-2016-17/02	PERIODIC MAINTENANCE (FUNCTIONAL OVERLAY)	KM 422~300~433+000 & KM 378~800~385+500 (SBC) ON M-1	M/s Abdul Hakim Khan & Sons	134,787,167	90,765,678
Periodic Maintenance Works (2017-18) M-1						
9	PM-(M-1)-2017-18/01	PERIODIC MAINTENANCE (FUNCTIONAL OVERLAY)	KM 436+200~454+00 (NBC), KM 369~380 (SBC), 416~421 (SBC) & KM 433~454 (sbc)	M/s Abdul Hakim Khan & Sons	515,185,825	333,067,636
Special Maintenance Works (2017-18-04) M-1						
10	SM-(M-1)-2017-18/04	Removal of Humps on Main Motorway M-1	KM 352~399 (NBC)	M/s Lawaghar Const. Co	38,453,269	44,660,736
Global Allocation Works (2017-18) M-1						
11	GA-AMP-2017-18/M-1/01	Construction of 2 Lance Service Road Swabi - Indus	416~421 (NBC/SBC)	M/s Lawaghar Const. Co	67,126,451	51,287,687
12	GA-AMP-2017-18/M-1/02	Modification of Junction Swabi Interchange	Swabi Interchange Km 420	M/s Lawaghar Const. Co	68,162,881	47,693,563
Grand Total					694 Million	

(Def.) ***Question No. 76 Senator Fida Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 26/10/2021 at 3:55 PM) QID: 37940

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of year wise break-up of expenses incurred on account of general repair & maintenance of road N-45 (Noshehra to Chitral) in KPK during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the current status / progress of the proposed Malakand Tunnel at G.T. Road on Noshehra-Chitral section in KPK?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a & b) The details of year wise break-up of expenses incurred on account of general repair & maintenance of road N-45 (Nowshera to Chitral) in KPK During the last five years are as under:

Sr. No	Financial Year	Amount incurred on account of general repair & maintenance
1	2016-17	Rs. 373,916,950.00
2	2017-18	Rs. 431,452,183.00
3	2018-19	Rs. 179,306,336.00
4	2019-20	Rs. 289,341,243.00
5	2020-21	Rs. 271,854,490.00
6	2021-22 (Up to 31-12-2021)	Rs.222,910,577.00
Grand Total		Rs. 1,768.779 Million

NHA has requested Economic Affairs Division to approach Korean Exim Bank for pledge of additional amount of US\$ 69 Million so that the same is submitted to Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives for approval of 2nd Revised PC-1 of Malakand Tunnel from CDWP.

In this regard a video conference was held on 29th April, 2021 between EAD and EDCF/Exim Bank, Korea to expedite providing pledge confirmation for additional loan amount of USD\$69 Million as it is critical to get the Revised PC-I approved from CDWP/ECNEC.

On the requirement of Exim Bank Korea NHA has provided detailed cost breakup to Exim Bank Korea and response from Exim bank, Korea is still awaited. Upon approval from CDWP/ECNEC, procurement process for Civil works will be initiated. And Project is planned to be completed in 04 Years.

(Def.) ***Question No. 137 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 28/10/2021 at 2:20 PM) QID: 38460

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the international standard criteria of Motorways indicating also minimum width, access control, dual carriage features and other specifications; and*
- (b) *the number of ongoing and completed motorways projects in the province of Balochistan indicating names of motorways, length, width, access control, dual carriageway features and expenditures incurred on each project and date of completion of each completed motorway project thereof?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a) NHA for construction of Motorways/Highways essentially follows international classification stands as "AASHTO". Compliance is ensured through supervisory Consultant during construction.

(b) It is submitted that there is no Motorway constructed in Balochistan Province. However, Gwadar-Turbat – Hoshab-Khuzdar - Ratodero Project had been designated as M-8 which is not a Controlled Access Facility. M-8 is a Two Lane Highway. The section wise salient features of the M-8 project are as under;

A. Gwadar-Turbat-Hoshab & Khuzdar-Ratodero Section, M-8

- Length: 450 Km
- Width: 7.3 meter

- PC-I Cost: 38.06
- Status: Completed

B. Hoshab-Awaran Section, M-8

- Length: 146 Km
- Width: 7.3 meter
- PC-I Cost: 25.835 Billion
- Status: Ongoing

C. Awaran-Naal Section, M-8

- Length: 168 Km
- Width: 7.3 meter
- PC-I Cost: 32.2 Billion
- Status: In procurement process

(Def.) ***Question No. 8 Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice Received on 24/11/2021 at 3:45 PM) QID: 38512

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- the total construction cost of Abbottabad bypass road project starting from Ayub Bridge Havelian (N-35) to Dhamtour, along with amount incurred so far thereon; and*
- the time by when the same would be completed and opened for general public?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a & b) Construction of Abbottabad bypass road project starting from Ayub Bridge Havelian (N-35) to Dhamtour does not fall in the jurisdiction of National Highway Authority (NHA). The said road is a Provincial road under the Provincial Department Pakhtunkhwa Highway Authority (PKHA).

(Def.) ***Question No. 22 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**

(Notice Received on 8/12/2021 at 12:45 PM) QID: 38598

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to establish rest areas / Fuel stations / restaurants and other facilities for commuters on the Islamabad-Hazarah Motorway; and*
- (b) *the tentative dates for the same completion?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a & b) To facilitate the commuters travelling from Islamabad to Burhan on Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway (37 KMs) and Burhan to Kuza Banda on Hazara Motorway (161 KMs), there are five (05) service/ rest areas and fuel stations as given in the following:

1. Hakla Service Area (North & South Bounds) KM-04 (Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway) M-1

The said service area which includes Masjid, filling stations, tuck shop, toilets, restaurants etc. is operational since 07th January, 2019.

2. Harro Service Area (North & South Bounds) KM-37 (Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway) M-1

The procurement for establishment of said service area alongwith filling stations is under process. Tenders will be received on 11th January, 2022. After award of the contract, the service area would be completed in seven (07) months.

3. Hazara Service Area (North & South Bounds) KM-26 (Hazara Motorway)

The procurement for establishment of said service area is under process. Tenders will be received on 11th January, 2022. After award of the contract, the service area would be completed in seven (07) months.

4. Mansehra Service Area (North & South Bounds) KM-90+250 (Hazara Motorway)

The said service area which includes Masjid, tuck shop, toilets, restaurants etc. is operational since 12th August, 2020. However, filling station facility is operational only at North Bound and will be available on South Bound within two months' period.

5. Kuza Banda Service Area (North Bound) KM-161 (Hazara Motorway)

The contract for said service area alongwith fueling facility has been awarded on 08th December, 2021. After approval of designs and issuance of letter of commencement, the service area would become operational in four (04) months' time.

@(Def.)***Question No. 28 Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan:**

(Notice Received on 8/12/2021 at 12:50 PM) QID: 38596

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total cost incurred on the eastern by-pass under the CPEC project during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the estimated completion duration and length of the eastern highway?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a) China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) consists of three alignments *i.e.* Western Alignment, Eastern Alignment and Central Alignment.

From Khunjrab-Gilgit-Raikot-Thakot-Mansehra-Burhan (790km) is common, alignment. Similarly, Khuzdar-Basima-Hoshab-Gawadar (total 664 km) is also common alignment.

Eastern Alignment Consists of Burhan-Pindi Bhattian-Faisalabad-Multan-Sukkur- Shikarpur-Ratodero-Khuzdar (1238 km).

From Khunjrab-Burhan & Khuzdar-Gawadar the Eastern alignment merges into common alignment.

(b) The Total Cost incurred and completion duration and length of the Eastern Bypass (Eastern alignment of CPEC) is attached at **Annex-A.**

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Annex-A

Sr. No	From	To	No. of Lanes	Highway Designation	Distance	Date of Start	Completion	Remarks	Cost	Expenditure b/w 2018-2021
01	Khunjerab	Raikot	2 Lanes	N-35	335 Km	Aug, 2008	Nov, 2013	Common Alignment	US\$ 510.42 Million	Already completed
02	Raikot	Thakot Section	2 Lanes	N-35	147 km	March, 2013	March, 2013		3 Billion	Already completed
03	Thakot	Havelian	4 Lanes	-	120 km	Sept, 2016	May, 2018		136 billion	Already completed
04	Havelian	Burhan (Hazara Motorway)	6 Lanes	E-35	59 Km	March, 2015	June, 2017		33.99 billion	Already completed
05	Burhan	Pindi Bhattian	6 Lanes	M-2/M-1	293 km	1992	1997	Eastern Alignment	21.5 billion	Already completed
	Pindi Bhattian	Faisalabad	4 Lanes	M-4	53 km	1999	2003		6.2 billion	Already completed
05	Faisalabad	Multan	4 Lanes	M-4	240 Km	2013	2019		59 billion	22.4 billion
06	Multan	Sukkur	6 Lanes	M-5	392 km	2016	2019		290 billion	98 billion
07	Sukkur	Shikarpur	2 Lanes	N-55	37 km	Already completed	Already completed			
06	Shikarpur	Ratodero	2 Lanes	N-55	43 km	Already completed	Already completed			

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07	Ratodero	Khuzdar	2 Lanes	M-8	180 km	Already completed			
09	Khuzdar	Basima	2 Lanes	N-30	110 km	Sept, 2019	April, 2022	Common Alignment	14 billion
10	Basima	Hoshab	2 Lanes	N-85	361 km	April, 2004	Dec, 2016		8.1 Billion
11	Hoshab	Gawadar	2 Lanes	M-8	193 km	Aug, 2016	Aug, 2019		11.2 billion
Total					2692 Km				
									Already completed
									Already completed
									Already completed
									Already completed

***Question No. 138 Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 29/12/2021 at 2:31 AM) QID: 38644

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of death casualties in road accidents on National Highways and Motorways across the country during the years 2018-21, indicating details of cases registered and present cases status thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken to control road accidents on National Highways and Motorways?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a) Accidents detail in the last four year (2018-21) is as under:—

	Death casualties	FIR Registered	Under Trial	Under Investigation	Cases Closed
Motorways	348	391	305	10	76
Highways	291	371	274	19	78
Total	639	762	579	29	154

(b) National Highway and Motorway Police (NHMP) has been actively trying to control/minimize the accidents on National Highways and Motorways. By ensuring strict enforcement 16% reduction in accidents has been witnessed. The steps taken to control accidents are as:—

- i. Strict enforcement of law under NHSP, 2000 and imposition of fines under section 79 of NHSP, 2000 against violator specially involved in careless driving, over speeding, lane violation etc. Moreover, FIRs under section 279 and other relevant section of PPC also lodged against the violators found in rash or negligent driving.
- ii. Extensive use of day and night speed checking cameras by utilizing speed checking camera to avoid accidents occurred due to over speeding.
- iii. Checking of tyres with treads and air pressure gauges at toll plazas to prevent tyre burst accidents.

- iv. Anti-dozing points are established to avoid accidents due to dozing at wheel. In addition to that surprise and random checking of vehicles at night time to check the physical status of drivers.
- v. Road safety seminar and walks at beat and sector level are arranged on road side hotel/ pumps and trucking stations to aware drivers regarding road safety.
- vi. Seminar, walks/counseling and briefing sessions are conducted for the drivers of LTVs/HTVs/PSVs regarding mechanical fitness of the vehicles.
- vii. Briefing and Education regarding road safety to road users at toll plaza as well as through MEUs (Mobile Education Unit).
- viii. Strict action against unauthorized vehicles and non-standardized number plates.
- ix. Surprise checking and patrolling by the sector commander.
- x. Strict action against lane violators.
- xi. Briefing/ education is imparted at different institutes/school/ colleges as the youngster are the major users of bikes.
- xii. Special emphasis on enforcement against underage riding and overloading on motor bikes.
- xiii. Strict action against motorcyclist for not wearing helmet, dangerous riding, one wheeling, triple riding, without black/ side view mirror, one way violation, joining highways careless, etc.

***Question No. 139 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 30/12/2021 at 12:45 PM) QID: 38692

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is no national highway that links Torghar with District Mansehra; and*

- (b) *whether any proposal is under consideration to construct national highway from District Mansehra to District Torgar, if so, tentative deadline for construction of the same, if not, reason thereof?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a) The road between District Mansehra - District Tor Ghar is a provincial and under the jurisdiction of Communication and Works (C&W) Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, however, the following three major National Highways are passing through Mansehra.

- i. National Highway (N-35) (Hassanabdal - Abbottabad - Mansehra - Gilgit – Khunjab (Pass)
- ii. National Highway (N-15) (Mansehra - Naran - Jalkad - Chillas)
- iii. Hazara Motorway (E-35) (Havelian – Abbottabad – Mansehra- Battagram - Thakot)

(b) It is therefore, requested that Provincial Government may be approached in the matter.

***Question No. 140 Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 31/12/2021 at 9:10 AM) QID: 38672

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the province-wise total length of National Highways and Motorways in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the details of National Highways and Motorways which will be built / extended during the next two years?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a) The province-wise total length of National Highways and Motorways in the country at present is as under:—

Punjab	Sindh	KP	Balochistan	GB	AJK	Total
3,881 km	2,224 km	2,345 km	4,128 km	889 km	95 km	13,572 km

(b) The details of National Highways and Motorways which will be built/ extended during the next two years is at **Annex-A**.

ANNEX-A

Province	Completed Projects	Ongoing Projects	Under Procurement Projects	Planning/Design Projects	TOTAL
	Length (Kms)	Length (Kms)	Length (Kms)	Length (Kms)	Length (Kms)
Balochistan	398	936.49	552.80	1845.40	3732.69
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	609.16	518.54	193.05	35.40	1356.15
Punjab	725.682	168.80	329.69	228.90	1453.07
Sindh	136	44.00	528.00	9.20	717.20
AJK & GB	164		216.00	250.00	630.00
TOTAL	2032.8	1667.83	1819.54	2368.90	7889.11

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

(Notice Received on 31/12/2021 at 12:15 PM) QID: 38679

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of allocation of funds for Repair and Maintenance of Nowshera- Chakdra- Chitral Highway during last five years indicating the year and section wise actual expenditure and names of firms / companies to whom tenders were awarded for the same?

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a) The allocation of funds and expenditure during last five years on Nowshera - Chakdara - Chitral (N-45) are given as per following details.

Year	Allocation (Million)	Expenditure (Million)	Firm Name
2016-17	475.082	373.916	Annexure-A
2017-18	355.544	431.452	
2018-19	158.227	179.306	
2019-20	968.793	289.341	
2020-21	785.264	271.854	
Total		1768.781	

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

***Question No. 150 Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 11/01/2022 at 2:10 PM) QID: 38735

Will the Minister for Communication be pleased to state the details of first aid facilities extended on all Motorways and National Highway throughout the country?

Mr. Murad Saeed: National Highways and Motorways Police has been established to perform police and traffic control functions on the National Highways and Motorway and to provide assistance to road users in distress. Being first responders to the road traffic accidents, National Highways and Motorways Police Patrolling vehicles are equipped with First-Aid boxes and all the field officers are well trained in the provision of First-Aid. In case of accidents, National Highways and Motorways Police officers rescue and provide first aid to injured persons before shifting them to the nearest available hospitals through ambulances.

In addition to the above National Highways and Motorways Police maintain close coordination and liaison with the emergency services including hospitals, dispensaries and trauma centers and their ambulances. Details of such facilities available on National Highways and Motorways are enclosed as **(Annex-A)**.

Annex-A

Zone	Name of 1 st Aid Facilities Center	Location	Operated by	Operational / Non-Operational	Remarks
Motorway North	Trauma Center	455-N (Rashakai Service area)	FWO	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Nowshera (1476 SB)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 KP	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Nowshera (1641 SB)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 KP	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Nowshera (1662)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 KP	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Kamra (1607 NB)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Mandara City (1505 SB)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Swan camp (1531 SB)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Sohawa (1473 SB)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Dina (1451 NB)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Jhelum (1439 SB)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Sarai Alamgir (1425 NB)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Kharan (1412 SB)	Punjab Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-

Zone	Name of 1 st Aid Facilities Center	Location	Operated by	Operational / Non-Operational	Remarks
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Numble Ind DC (39 St)	Public Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Service Motor (1382 St B)	Public Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Trauma Center	Lala Misa (1398 St B)	Public Government	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue 1122	Pindi by pass 1337 NB	Public Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Real Test (1315 NB)	Public Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 North	Rescue-1122	Middle City (1287 NB)	Public Emergency Services 1122 Rwp	Operational	-
N-5 South	FWO Trauma Center, Nooriabad	94/S3	FWO	Operational	-
West	MERC-1122 Winder	Beat-02 N-25-70 km	MERC -1122 Balochistan	Operational	Operated by EMT Waseem Hayat
West	MERC-1122 Uthal	Beat-03 N-25-132 km	MERC -1122 Balochistan	MERC-1122 Balochistan	Operated by I r. Nazir Ahmad
West	MERC-1122 Kalat	Beat-13 N-25-532 km	Govt of Balochistan	Operational	NHMP Trauma Center may be established at Sector level
West	Ghaus Bakhsh Raisan Memorial Hospital	Beat-13 N-25-635 km	Beat 13 N-25-635 km	Operational	NHMP Trauma Center may be established at Sector level
West	MERC-1122 Lakpass	Beat-13 N-25-635 km	MERC -1122 Balochistan	Operational	NHMP Trauma Center may be established at Sector level
West	Trauma Center at Shadi Kor	Beat-III N-10-303 km	Pak Army	Operational	At least 02 Trauma Centers and Ambulances are needed

Zone	Name of 1 st Aid Facilities Center	Location	Operated by	Operational / Non-Operational	Remarks
					in the AoR of NHMP on N-10 Coaster Highway.
N-5 Central	Rescue-1122	Maraka 1233 NB	Rescue-1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue-1122	Ali Garh 1222 NB	Rescue-1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue-1122	Phoolnagar bypass (1201 SB)	Rescue-1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Red Crescent	Dina Nath (1211 NB)	Private	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Pattoki Sugar Mill Dispensary	1185 km SB	Mill administration	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Mohsin e Hiyat Hospital]	1167 NB	Ch. Amjad 03340066618	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Al Shafa Hospital	1160 SB	Al-Haj Muhammad azam 0343-8564585	Operational	-
N-5 Central	RHC Akhtarabad	1160 NB	Govt. 0442624510	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue 1122 Office	1154 SB	M. Imran (Shift Incharge) 03006947431	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Facilitation/ Guidance Center	1153 NB	NHMP	Non operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue-1122	1130 NB	Rescue-1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Facilitation/ Guidance Center	1101 SB	NHMP	Non operational	-
N-5 Central	Dr. Shamshad Clinic	Qadirabad (1113 NB)	Dr. Shamshad 0300-6963633	Operational	-

Zone	Name of 1 st Aid Facilities Center	Location	Operated by	Operational / Non-Operational	Remarks
N-5 Central	Lakson Eye Hospital	Qadirabad (1114 SB)	Philips & Morris Tobacco 040-4461801	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rural Health Center	55/5-L (1114.5 NB)	Health Department 0300-9133592	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Gillani Clinic	Adda Gamber (1121 SB)	Dr. Mubashir Gillani 044-2880354	Operational	-
N-5 Central	CMH Okara	Okara Cantt. (1122 SB)	Pak Army 044-6116156	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Civil Chichawatni	1059 NB	Dr. Kazam Hayat 040-5482173	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rehmat Hospital	1062 NB	Dr. Basal Kamran 0321-7200770	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Huma Hospital	1060 SB	DR, Huma Bashir 0302-4461122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Al Siddique Hospital	1084 NB	Siddique Hedayat 0301-2272983	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue 1122	City Mian Channu	Rescue -1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue 1122	Mohsinwal 1014 NB	Rescue -1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	THQ Hospital	City Mian Channu	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	DHQ Hospital	City Khanewal	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Umar Medicare	969 SB	Dr. Altaf	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Yousaf Hospital	980 SB	Dr. Yousaf	Operational	-

Zone	Name of 1 st Aid Facilities Center	Location	Operated by	Operational / Non-Operational	Remarks
N-5 Central	Medicare	990 SB	Rao Amir	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Raza Saad Hospital	916 NB	Doctor Akhtar Malik	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Laik Rafique Hospital	918 SB	Ch. Zulfiqar	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Khadeja Ashraf Hospital	927 NB	Doctor	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Kaleem Hospital	929 NB	Doctor. KaleemUllah	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Ihsan Hameed Hospital	915 NB	Doctor. Abdul Hameed	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Nasir Hospital	915 NB	Doctor. Nasir	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Bachelor Health Unit	909 SB	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Trama Centre	888 NB	Doctor. Irfan	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Akram Hospital	892 NB	Doctor. Akram Shehzad	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Huzaifa Hospital	896 SB	Doctor. M. Sajid	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Al-Shafi Hospital	895 NB	Doctor. Amir Shehzad	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Sohail Hospital	896 SB	Doctor. Riaz	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Hope Hospital	896 SB	Doctor. Javed	Operational	-

Zone	Name of 1 st Aid Facilities Center	Location	Operated by	Operational / Non-Operational	Remarks
N-5 Central	Rescue-1122 Bahawalpur	Bahawalpur City	Rescue -1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue-1122 Lodhran	Lodhran City	Rescue -1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	DHQ Lodhran	851 NB	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	BVH Bahawalpur	Bahawalpur City	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rafique Clinic Musafir Khana	820 SB	Doctor Sajid	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue office 1122 APE	Ahmed Pur East City	Rescue -1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	THQ Ahmed Pur East	Ahmed Pur East City	M.S Arif Ghori 0301-7519000	Operational	-
N-5 Central	BHU Channi Goth	Channi Goth City	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	BHU Jamal Channar	817 NB	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue 1122	City Liaquat pur	Rescue -1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue 1122	City Khan Pur	Rescue -1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	THQ Liaquat Pur	City Liaquat pur	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	RHC Khan Bela	733 SB	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rehma Hospital	Jan Pur	Dr. Zareef Khan	Operational	-

Zone	Name of 1 st Aid Facilities Center	Location	Operated by	Operational / Non-Operational	Remarks
N-5 Central	RHC Jan Pur	Jan Pur	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	RCH T.M.Pannah	Taranda City	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	RHC Chani Goth	767 SB	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue 1122	707NB	Rescue -1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rural Health Centre Mianwali Qureshan	685SB	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Anwar Medical Complex	665NB	Dr. SaadZulfqar	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Khalid Hospital	664Sb	Dr. Farhana Khalid	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Ahmed Clinic Centre Chowk Bahadur Pur	655 SB	Private	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue 1122 Rahim Yar Khan	Rahim Yar Khan City	Rescue -1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rural health Centre 05 CHAK	647 SB	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	THQ Sadiqabad	Sadiqabad City	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rescue 1122 Sadiqabad	Sadiqabad City	Rescue -1122	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Rural Health Centre Sanjur Pur.	621 SB	Govt.	Operational	-
N-5 Central	Basic Health Centre Kot Sabzal	611 SB	Govt.	Operational	-

***Question No. 152-A Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim:**

(Notice Received on 11/01/2022 at 3:45 PM) QID: 38765

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that physical work has been stopped by the Government on Dera Ghazi Khan bypass project which was inaugurated by the previous Government, if so, reasons thereof indicating also the time by which work on the same will be resumed?

Mr. Murad Saeed: • The PC-I for Dera Ghazi Khan Northern bypass was approved by ECNEC on 07-03-2018 and ground breaking was conducted. However, the execution of the project was not possible due to non-availability of funds for the project.

- Now, Dera Ghazi Khan Northern bypass is a part of DG Khan-Rakhi Gajj Project (80 Km).
- NHA has initiated procurement process to hire a consultant firm to conduct Feasibility Study and Detailed Design.
- NHA has published RFP for Consultancy services for Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for Rehabilitation, Widening and Improvement of N-70 from D. G. Khan to Rakhi Gajj (80 km) on 29-11-2021.
- PC-I will be submitted in 4 months' time period after award of the contract. After approval of PC-I from competent forum and allocation of funds in PSDP, NHA will initiate procurement of Civil Works and Services.

***Question No. 152-B Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim:**

(Notice Received on 12/01/2022 at 9:55 AM) QID: 38766

Will the Minister for Communications be please to state whether it is a fact that bridge on Indus river between Taunsa to Layyah has not been inaugurated for operation, if so, reasons thereof indicating the completion date of the project, status of Entry / Exit points and tentative date for operationalisation of the said bridge?

Mr. Murad Saeed: Yes, the bridge on Indus river between Taunsa to Layyah has not been opened for operation because of:

The Riverine Survey of the approach roads has been carried out alongwith hydrology study. The recommendations were approved in a meeting of Departmental Expert Committee of Irrigation Department on 11-05-2020. Tentative date for operationalization of the said bridge after completion of Approach Roads & Guide Banks is 26-01-2024.

***Question No. 152-C Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim:**

(Notice Received on 12/01/2022 at 9:55 AM) QID: 38767

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Ghazi Ghat bridge on Indus river at Dera Ghazi Khan was approved by the previous Government but the construction has not been started so far, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the construction work will be started thereon?

Mr. Murad Saeed: Previously, the project was not approved by Punjab Irrigation department. Now the Hydraulic Model Study has been completed. Ministry of Communication will submit PC-I for approval of CDWP/ECNEC. After approval, NHA will initiate procurement process.

***Question No. 154 Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah:**

(Notice Received on 13/01/2022 at 2:15 PM) QID: 38744

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the portion of National Highway (N-35), starting from Jari Kas Interchange of Hazara Motorway (E-35) to Hairpur City, is a single carriage way;*
- (b) whether any feasibility study so far been carried out to convert the said road into a dual carriageway, if so, details thereof; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government for dualisation of the said road?*

Mr. Murad Saeed: (a) Yes, the section of National Highway (N-35) from Jari Kas to Haripur City is a single carriage way.

(b) PC-II for **“Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for Dualization and Rehabilitation of existing carriageway from**

Hassanabdal to Mansehra (N-35) 73 Km approx.” has been prepared and sent to DDWP for approval. After approval of PC-II, consultant will be engaged to conduct Feasibility Study and Detailed Design, which will take at least 5 months.

(c) After finalization of Feasibility Study and Detailed Design, PC-I will be presented to CDWP/ECNEC for approval. After approval of PC-I from competent forum and allocation of funds in PSDP procurement of the project will commence.

ISLAMABAD,
the 7th February, 2022

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN,
Secretary.