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SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 20th January, 2023

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*[Questions Nos. 2, 3, 50, 52, 56, 57, 58, 61 and 69 were deferred on
7th October, 2022 (321st Session)]*

(Def.) *Question No. 2 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 29/06/2022 at 9:55 AM) QID: 39271

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of foreigners with particular reference to Afghani's have obtained Pakistan's CNICs and Passports during the last three years, if so, the details and reasons thereof and the steps being taken by the government to control the same?

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: 1. It is informed that NADRA issues CNICs to Pakistani Nationals only. However, due to presence of a large number of illegal immigrants throughout the country, NADRA has to be extra vigilant to encounter the menace of non-nationals' inclusion in database while ensuring that only genuine citizens should be registered. In past, a few non-nationals succeeded in obtaining CNICs by providing fake documents of through connivance of NADRA employees. However, CNICs of such non-nationals are digitally impounded/cancelled as and when reported. It is pertinent to mention here that digitally impounding of CNICs is currently stopped on the directions of Islamabad High Court.

2. During last three years, 181 CNICs, issued to non-nationals, have been cancelled by NADRA. However, cases of 8152 individuals are under process of National status verification. Moreover, NADRA has

initiated inquiries against employees involved in the illegal processing. During the period from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022, 279 inquiries have been initiated as per E&D Rules 2020 and 43x employees have been terminated / dismissed / removed from service.

3. NADRA has taken following initiatives to curb illegal processing:—

- a. **Existing Registration Policy for fresh applicants:**
 - (i) Mandatory requirement of presence and capturing of biometrics of one of the blood relatives (parents or siblings or son or daughter of paternal/ maternal grandparents).
 - (ii) SMS are being sent on daily basis to citizens to obtain CNICs of minors who have attained the age of 18 years.
 - (iii) Birth proof (CBRC) has been made mandatory for CRC processing.
- b. **Compliance / Monitoring:** SOP has been formulated to evaluate each fresh case processed across the country on daily basis. This is helping NADRA in immediately identifying any illegal / grey areas in processing.
- c. **Formation of Steering Committee:** To analyze the cases reported by verifying agencies *i.e.* IB or ISI etc., punitive actions are taken against NADRA employees and applicants accordingly.
- d. **Mystery Customer:** Concept is introduced to find out the grey areas.

(Def.) *Question No. 3 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 29/06/2022 at 9:55 AM) QID: 39275

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the number of illicit drugs manufacturers and users is increasing in the country, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to control the same?

Nawahzada Shahzain Bugti: 1. Pakistan is maintaining a poppy free status since 2001, as recognized by UNODC. There are no reports of local manufacturing and /or increase in local manufacturing of drugs.

2. The last drug survey was conducted in 2013.

3. In this regard Bureau of Statistics has been approached to conduct fresh drug use survey in the country. They are being partnered by NIPS and funded by UNODC. True picture regarding increase or decrease in the use of drug or prevalence of a particular drug among a particular stratum of society, will be developed based on the concrete figures collected after fresh survey.

4. However, the government's efforts to control the menace of drugs continue. Presently there are 04 rehabilitation centers working in the country.

5. On supply side control, our Anti-Narcotics Force has made 459.5 tons seizures which has been recognized in the World Drug Report 2022 of UNODC. Thus, Pakistan's efforts continue to keep the country safe and to make the world the safe.

6. Anti-Narcotic Force consists of 3600 employees out of which only 2200 are operational and maintains the law enforcement activity across the country including International borders *i.e.* Iran, Afghanistan and India. In addition, ANF actively perform duties at Sea Ports, dry ports and Airports to control the drug trafficking. With the inadequate Human Resources efforts are being made at gross root level also to snub the local drug traffickers/handlers and users.

7. Furthermore, Narcotics and Psychotropic substances are being used for the manufacturing of medicine and there is a possibility that due to pilferage the same may be used for recreational activities as a drug. There is no mechanism that could monitor and collect data of those people who used such type of drugs. MNC in coordination with DRAP allocated quota of substance used for Manufacturing Narcotics and Psychotropic drugs.

(Def.) *Question No. 50 **Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary:**

(Notice Received on 22/08/2022 at 12:31 PM) QID: 39640

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the details of expenditures incurred upon the celebrations / events on Diamond Jubilee held on 14th August, 2022?

Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb: After presenting list and nature of activities for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations to ECC, Finance Division granted Rs. 650 mn to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. List of events conducted by all departments is attached in annexure-I. However, the expenditures incurred thereon by each department are given as follows.

Sr. #	Department	Proposed Funds (in millions)
1.	Press Information Department	400
2.	Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation	45
3.	Directorate of Electronic & Media Publications	66
4.	Information Service Academy	2.4
5.	Pakistan Television Corporation	136.6
	Total	650

Annexure I

Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

Diamond Jubilee Activities

Directorate of Electronic Media & Publication:

Sr. No	Activities	Timeline	Venue
1.	Special Logo designed for 75 years celebrations finalized by DEMP, Islamabad	Launched in June, 2022	
2.	Launching of Coffee Table Book on 75 Years Anniversary celebrations of Pakistan titled "Pakistan at 75....And the Journey Continues" to be arranged by DEMP, Islamabad	12 th August, 2022	Pak-China Friendship Center
3.	Launching of Coffee Table Book on 75 Years Anniversary celebrations of Pakistan titled "Cultural Crossroads" to be arranged by DEMP, Islamabad	12 th August, 2022	Pak-China Friendship Center
4.	Digital photographic exhibition on 75 Years Anniversary celebrations to be arranged by DEMP, Islamabad	12 th August, 2022	Pak-China Friendship Center
5.	Photographic and painting competition amongst college/university students to be arranged by DEMP, Islamabad	12 th August, 2022	Pak-China Friendship Center

6.	Mehfil-e-Mushaira to be arranged by DEMP, Lahore	29 th July, 2022	Lahore
7.	Intra-University speech competition in Urdu and English on 75 Years of Freedom Screening of Documentary titled "From DFP to DEMP"	10 th August, 2022	Iqra University, Karachi
8.	Publicity ; of National Anthem in connection with 75Years Anniversary celebrations	12 th August, 2022	Pak-China Friendship Center
9.	Two documentaries on 75 Years Anniversary celebrations to be screened by DEMP, Islamabad	12 th August, 2022	Pak-China Friendship Center
10.	Preparation of Special Milli Naghma with the collaboration of Muslim Institute	12 th August, 2022	Pak-China Friendship Center
11.	Adabi Mela in collaboration with ISA	11 th August, 2022	
12.	Preparation of Special Monitoring Report regarding coverage of various events/activities on national media	15 th August, 2022	
13.	Mehfil-e-Mushaira to be arranged by DEMP, Lahore	18-19 August, 2022	Pak-China Friendship Center

Information Service Academy:

Sr. No	Activity	Timeline
1.	Towards Economic Independence, seminar	June 01, 2022
2.	Speech contest on role of media in national integration	July 18, 2022
3.	Pakistan Quiz	August 02, 2022
4.	Book Fair	August 11, 2022
5.	National Reconciliation	August 04, 2022

Press Information Department:

S. No.	Activity	Proposed action	Timeline
1.	Projection of the events across the country	Press Information Department-HQs (PID) and all RIOs of PID will be mobilized to arrange proper media coverage of the celebrations across the country to highlight struggle and sacrifices rendered by the Muslim community of Indian Sub-Continent to gain a separate homeland.	01-20 th August, 2022
2.	Publication of commissioned as well as special articles / columns	Arranging for publication of commissioned as well as special articles / columns on goodwill basis to write on various themes to highlight the spirit of Independence and nationhood from 1 st of August to draw attention of masses to the significance of upcoming independence day.	-do-

3.	Social Media Activities	Projection of the events by uploading / posting activities on PID's Website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.	-do-
4.	Messages of President and Prime Minister	Messages of the President and the Prime Minister will be shared with EP Wing for onward transmission to Press Officers posted abroad, for publication in special supplements on the occasion & for use by overseas Missions.	13 th August, 2022
5.	Publication of special Supplements	Supplements on special interviews of living veterans of Pakistan Movement will be published to recall the struggle and sacrifices of our forefathers.	14 th August, 2022
6.	Arranging media coverage of Parliamentarians' visits to various areas w.r.t. Independence Day.	Media coverage will be arranged for the visits of public office holders to their constituencies on Independence Day to express solidarity and tribute to the veteran soldiers of Pakistan Movement.	01-20 th August, 2022
7.	Special events with Press clubs (Arranging diamond jubilee seminars for journalists in collaboration with press clubs / journalistic bodies)	Diamond Jubilee Seminars / Special events will be arranged by regional offices of PID in collaboration with Press Clubs. PID will arrange on journalism in which senior journalists will be invited to talk on their struggle they rendered in early 1950s after creation of Pakistan	August 2022
8.	Issuance of Testimonials on print and electronic media	PID will issue testimonials on print and electronic media in accordance with the importance and relevance of the special days.	August 2022
9.	Diamond Jubilee Accreditation Cards	PID will issue diamond jubilee accreditation cards to the media persons.	01-31 st August, 2022
10.	Launch Ceremony of Economic Affairs Magazine	-	July 29, 2022
11.	Concert, 3D Digital Projection, Lights Show, Fireworks	-	August 13, 2022
12.	Media campaign (Electronic, print, digital/outdoor/social)	-	TBC

Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation:

Sr. No	Activities
1.	Radio Road Shows
2.	Azadi Mela
3.	Dastaan-e-Manzil
4.	Kamyabi ka Safar

5.	Ye ha Mera Pakistan
6.	Watan ki Shaan
7.	Special urdu Plays
8.	Adabi Mela
9.	National Songs Competition
10.	Mushaira (Nazr-e-Pakistan)
11.	Special Azadi Shows
12.	Awaz-e-Pakistan
13.	Azadi Quiz Show (youth prog)
14.	Pakistan Shar-e-Taraqi Par
15.	Regional Programmes
16.	Award Ceremony

Pakistan Television Corporation:

Sr. no	Activities	Timeline
1.	"Salam Pakistan" National Songs Competition 2022	8 th – 14 th August 2022
2.	Green Belief (Documentary Competition 2022)	August 2022
3.	Special Assorted Plays	August 2022
4.	Pakistan Kahani	July 2022
5.	Special Children Music Show	July 2022
6.	Raat Gaye (Special)	June 2022
7.	Travelling Tune Of Pakistan (Special)	August 2022
8.	Special Quiz Show	8 th -14 th August 2022
9.	Pehchan Pakistan	14 th August 2022
10.	Thematic Transmission (Full Day)	14 th August 2022
11.	Flag Hoisting Ceremony (Live)	14 th August 2022
12.	Fresh National Songs (In House)	8 th August 2021
13.	Har Dil Bolay Pakistan	1 st – 31 st August 2022

14.	Rising Pakistan (Re-Orientation)	1 st – 31 st August 2022
15.	Morning @ Home (Re-Orientation)	1 st – 31 st August 2022
16.	Salam Pakistan Show (Milli Naghma Special)	14 th August 2022
17.	Testimonials	1 st – 31 st August 2022
18.	COUNT DOWN - 1 st - 13 th August	1 st – 13 th August 2022
19.	Milli Naghmas	8 th – 31 st August 2022
20.	Naamwer	1 st – 31 st August 2022
21.	Main Bhi Pakistan Hoon	1 st – 31 st August 2022
22.	Pakistan – Fact Files:	1 st – 31 st August 2022
23.	Hum Hain Pakistan:	1 st – 31 st August 2022
24.	New Windows & Graphics	August, 2022

(Def.) *Question No. 52 **Senator Fawzia Arshad:**
(Notice Received on 23/08/2022 at 12:22 PM) QID: 39656

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to create awareness and apprise the public regarding non-investment in illegal cooperative societies in ICT area?

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: Capital Development Authority, Islamabad through its website, print media and other modes create public awareness regarding illegal Housing Schemes.

(Def.) *Question No. 56 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 26/08/2022 at 9:52 AM) QID: 39516

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether any policy has been made/approved by the Government under which NADRA issues CNICs to those Afghan Nationals living in Pakistan for more than 30 years on account of their long stay, if so, details thereof?

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: No such policy has been issued by the Government under which NADRA could issue CNICs to any Afghan National; unless, they obtain Citizenship through formal procedure.

(Def.) *Question No. 57 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 26/08/2022 at 9:56 AM) QID: 39518

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the number of officers and officials of NADRA who were granted promotion during the last four years with province wise break up indicating also the criteria adopted for the same?

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: The detail of employees promoted year-wise (1st September, 2018 to 31st August, 2022) is Attached as (Annex-A).

Headcount as on 19th Jan, 2023

Person Type	No. of Employees
Regular	7632
Contractual	6481
DGR	610
Grand Total	14723

Region	No. of Employees
Headquarter	2153
RHO Islamabad	1936
RHO Karachi	1325
RHO Lahore	1707
RHO Peshawar	2533
RHO Sukkur	921
RHO Sargodha	1357
RHO Quetta	1133
RHO Multan	1658
Grand Total	14723

Summary of Promoted Employees
1st Sep, 2018 to 31st Aug, 2022

Province		Federal	Punjab					Sindh		KP	Balochistan	Year-wise Total
Category	Year	HQ	ISB	LHR	SGD	MLT	KHI	SKR	KP	QTA		
Officer	2018	92	18	16	13	7	3	6	22	10	187	
	2019	3		2		1					6	
	2020	2	2								4	
	2021	71	42	39	34	33	28	28	38	34	347	
	2022	102	49	26	10	26	18	8	38	13	290	
	Total	270	111	83	57	67	49	42	98	57	834	
Official	2018	132	122	162	154	194	88	73	122	61	1108	
	2019								1		1	
	2020	1	1	3	2	2	10	1	1		21	
	2021	1027	933	1024	821	892	834	413	1235	465	7644	
	2022	53	23	27	29	24	22	9	38	13	238	
	Total	1213	1079	1216	1006	1112	954	496	1397	539	9012	
GT		1483	1190	1299	1063	1179	1003	538	1495	596	9846	
Province wise Total		1272	4731					1541	1351	525	9420	

(Def.) *Question No. 58 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 26/08/2022 at 9:56 AM) QID: 39530

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the number of buildings hired by NADRA for its offices in the country at present with province wise and date wise break up indicating also the rent being paid in each case?

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: Currently, **521x** buildings are being utilized for NADRA office. Requisite information is at **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in Library and on Table of the mover/ concerned Member)

(Def.) *Question No. 61 **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**
(Notice Received on 31/08/2022 at 10:36 AM) QID: 39414

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of journalists murdered in Pakistan during last four years with city wise breakup; and*
- (b) the number of killers arrested and action taken against them?*

Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb: (a) Journalists Murdered during the last 4 years

Punjab:	15
Sindh:	11
KPK:	13
Balochistan:	03
Total:	42 -Journalists (Details are enclosed herewith at (Annex-A))

(b) Status of Cases /Action Taken against accused during the last 4 years Punjab:

Arrested:	07
On bail:	02
Under trial / process:	05

Escaped / Not arrested:	08
Police Encountered:	03
Released by Court:	01
Total:	26 -accused

Sindh:

Arrested:	04
Under trial / process:	07
Total:	11 -accused

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:

Acquitted:	02	
Under trial / process:	04	
Escaped / Not Arrested:	01	
Miscellaneous:	06	(shot by brothers/ target
Total:	13 -accused	killing/ shot dead/ killed
		by terrorists/ untraced/
		challan u/s 512 CrPC)

Balochistan:

Under trial/process:	01
Sentenced:	01
Escaped:	02
Under Police Investigation:	01
Total:	05 -accused (Details are enclosed
	herewith at Annex-B)

Annexure-A**PROVINCE / CITY-WISE LIST / DETAIL OF JOURNALISTS MURDERED IN PAKISTAN
DURING LAST FOUR YEARS****PUNJAB**

S. #	Name & Designation of Journalists	Date of murder	Station	Organization	Source
1.	Muhammad Saad Correspondent	---	Lahore	Naya Akhbar	Lahore Press Club
2.	Safdar Ali Correspondent	---	Simberyal, Sialkot	Dunya News	
3.	Muhammad Wajid	---	Burewala	Roze News	
4.	Zeeshan Ashraf Butt Ex-Chairman Press Club / Correspondent	27-03-2018	Sambrial, Sialkot	Nawa-i-Waqt	Lahore Press Club DGPR, Government of the Punjab, Lahore
5.	Mirza Waseem Baig Shaheed Correspondent	2019	Sarai Alamgir, Gujrat	92 News	
6.	Saeed Butt	2018	Abdul Hakeem	Khabrain Multan	
7.	Zia ur Rehman Farooqi Correspondent	28-04-2022	Kabeer Wala, Distt Vehari	7 News	
8.	Rao Matloob	2019	Kabeer Wala	Daily Naya Dor	
9.	Husnain Shah Reporter / Crime Reporter	24-01-2022	Lahore	Capital News	
10.	Mian Razzaq Correspondent	17-05-2017	---	ARY News	
11.	Zahid Ali S. Reporter	18-04-2020	Faisalabad	Koh-e-Noor TV	
12.	Muhammad Nizam City Reporter	2019	Muzafargarh	Daily Pakistan	
13.	Kashif Hussain Correspondent	2021	Hafizabad	Daily Khabrain	
14.	Lala Fazal Jan Reporter	2022	Sargodha	Overseas News	
15.	Zia Kamboh	2022	Khanewal	---	

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S. #	Name & Designation of Journalists	Date of murder	Station	Organization	Source
1.	Aziz Memon	16-02-2020	Mehrabpur (Distt. Khairpur)	Daily Kawish / KTN News	Council of Pakistan Newspapers Editors (CPNE)
2.	Ajay Lalwani	18-03-2021	Sukker City	Royal News TV	
3.	Ali Sher Rajpar	04-05-2019	Pad Eidan (Distt. Noshero Feroz)	Daily Awami Awaz	
4.	Mr. Mureed Abbas	09-07-2019	Karachi city	Bol News	Pakistan Press Foundation (PPF)
5.	Mr. Ilyas Warsi	14-06-2019	Hyderabad	Daily Kawish	
6.	Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Mandrani	27-05-2020	Gari Khero (Distt. Jacobabad)	Daily Koshish	Karachi Union of Journalists (KUJ)
7.	Mr. Noor Lanjwani	November, 2020	Jacobabad City	Daily Sindh Express	
8.	Mr. Nazim Jokhio	3-11-2022	Malir Farmhouse Karachi	Social Media Activist	
9.	Mr. Murtaza Shar	30-01-2022	Jhol town (Distt. Sanghar)	Wasn't affiliated with any media for the last 3 years	
10.	Mr. Athar Mateen	18-02-2022	Karachi City	Samaa TV	
11.	Mr. Ishtiaq Sodharo	01-07-2022	Khairpur city	Sindhi Weekly	

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S. #	Name & Designation of Journalists	Date of murder	Station	Organization	Source
1.	Wahab	---	Karak Kohat	Din News	DG Information & PRs, Government of KPK, Peshawar
2.	Zaman Mehsood	---	South Waziristan D.I. Khan	Daily Ummat	
3.	Haroon Khan	Oct. 2017	Swabi	Nai Baat	
4.	Javidullah Khan	---	Swat Malakand	Daily Ausaf	DG Information & PRs, Government of KPK, Peshawar
5.	Noorul Hassan	03-12-2018	Nowshera	Royal News	
			Pishtakhara	Roze News	Home & Tribal Affairs Department, Government of KPK, Peshawar
6.	Ifthikhar Ahmad (Journalist)	02-07-2022	Charsadda	Express News	
7.	Tahir Hussain	13-08-2019	Khan Raziq Shaheed	The News	Home & Tribal Affairs Department, Government of KPK, Peshawar
8.	Ihsan Ullah Sherpao	30-10-2018	Charsadda	Radio Dilbar Charsadda News	
9.	Waseem Alam (Media Worker)	10-04-2021	Karak	Local News	
10.	Abdul Wahab (Journalist / focal person)	12-06-2022	Yaqoob Khan Shaheed, Karak	Local News	
11.	Muhammad Sohail Khan (Reporter)	16-10-2018	Hattar, Haripur	K-2 TV	
12.	Aman Ullah Media Reporter	30-04-2019	Paroa, D.I. Khan	Local Journalist	
13.	Qais Javed Maseeh Media Worker	07-12-2020	Cantt. D.I. Khan	Local Journalist	

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S. #	Name & Designation of Journalists	Date of murder	Station	Organization	Source
1.	Abdul Wahid Raisani General Reporter	April, 2021	---	Daily Azadi, Quetta	The Director (PR), RIO, PID, Quetta
2.	Anwar Khetran Social Media Activit	23-07-2021	---	---	
3.	Shahid Zehri Journalist	October, 2021	Hub, Balochistan	Metro One	

Annexure-B**PROVINCE / CITY-WISE LIST / DETAIL OF KILLERS ARRESTED****PUNJAB**

S. #	Name & Designation of Journalists	Action Taken Against Accused / Killers	Source
1.	Muhammad Saad Correspondent Naya Akhbar	Arrested	Lahore Press Club
2.	Safdar Ali Correspondent Dunya News	Arrested	
3.	Muhammad Wajid Roze News	On bail	
4.	Zeeshan Ashraf Butt Ex-Chairman Press Club / Correspondent Nawa-i-Waqt	Not arrested Suo Moto Case is under trial	Lahore Press Club DGPR, Government of the Punjab, Lahore
5.	Mirza Waseem Baig Shaheed Correspondent 92 News	2 arrested 2 escaped 02 accused were killed in police encountered whereas the third one has been released by the court	
6.	Saeed Butt Khabrain Multan	Not arrested	
7.	Zia ur Rehman Farooqi Correspondent 7 News	Arrested 1 escaped Case is under trial	
8.	Rao Matloob Daily Naya Dor	1 arrested 1 escaped	
9.	Husnain Shah Reporter / Crime Reporter Capital News	On bail Case is under trial	
10.	Mian Razzaq Correspondent ARY News	Encountered	
11.	Zahid Ali S. Reporter Koh-e-Noor TV	Arrested	
12.	Muhammad Nizam City Reporter Daily Pakistan	Case is under trial	
13.	Kashif Hussain Correspondent Daily Khabrain	Unidentified, despite registered an FIR, no accused has been arrested yet	
14.	Lala Fazal Jan Reporter Overseas News	Unidentified, Police registered FIR, No accused has been arrested yet	
15.	Zia Kamboh	Case is under trial	

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S. #	Name & Designation of Journalists	Action Taken Against Accused / Killers	Source
1.	Aziz Memon Daily Kawish / KTN News	Case under process	Council of Pakistan Newspapers Editors (CPNE) Pakistan Press Foundation (PPF) Karachi Union of Journalists (KUJ)
2.	Ajay Lalwani Royal News TV	Case under process	
3.	Ali Sher Rajpar Daily Awami Awaz	Killer arrested	
4.	Mr. Mureed Abbas Bol News	Killer arrested	
5.	Mr. Ilyas Warsi Daily Kawish	Killer arrested	
6.	Mr. Zulfikar Ali Mandrani Daily Koshish	Case under process	
7.	Mr. Noor Lanjwani Daily Sindh Express	Case under process	
8.	Mr. Nazim Jokhio Social Media Activist	Case under process	
9.	Mr. Murtaza Shar Wasn't affiliated with any media for the last 3 years	Killer arrested	
10.	Mr. Athar Mateen Samaa TV	Case under process	
11.	Mr. Ishtiaq Sodharo Sindhi Weekly	Case under process	

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S. #	Name & Designation of Journalists	Action Taken Against Accused / Killers	Source
1.	Wahab Din News	Shot by brothers	DG Information & PRs, Government of KPK, Peshawar
2.	Zaman Mehsood Daily Ummat	Target killing	
3.	Haroon Khan Nai Baat	Shot dead	
4.	Javidullah Khan Daily Ausaf	Killed by terrorists	
5.	Noorul Hassan Royal News	Murdered Untraced	DG Information & PRs, Government of KPK, Peshawar
6.	Iftikhar Ahmad (Journalist) Express News	Murdered Pending Court	Home & Tribal Affairs Department, Government of KPK, Peshawar
7.	Tahir Hussain The News	Acquitted	Home & Tribal Affairs Department, Government of KPK, Peshawar
8.	Ihsan Ullah Sherpao Radio Dilbar Charsadda News	Pending Court	
9.	Waseem Alam (Media Worker) Local News	Pending Court	
10.	Abdul Wahab (Journalist / focal person) Local News	Pending Court	
11.	Muhammad Sohail Khan (Reporter) K-2 TV	Acquitted	
12.	Aman Ullah Media Reporter Local Journalist	Challan u/s 512 CrPC,	
13.	Qais Javed Maseeh Media Worker Local Journalist	Acquitted	

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S. #	Name & Designation of Journalists	Action Taken Against Accused / Killers	Source
1.	Abdul Wahid Raisani General Reporter Daily Azadi, Quetta	Targeted firing The matter apparently seems to be a bike snatching incident. The case is under investigation by the provincial police.	The Director (PR), RIO, PID, Quetta
2.	Anwar Khetran Social Media Activist	Firing The case is under trial in the court of law, one of culprit sentenced rather other two are escaped.	
3.	Shahid Zehri Journalist Metro One	Martyred	

(Def.) *Question No. 69 **Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi:**
(Notice Received on 9/09/2022 at 3:06 PM) QID: 39790

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether PTV has produced or intends to produce program (s) targeting talent hunt in far flung areas of the country?

Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb: PTV at all its centers including Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Multan, and AJK TV along with its channels, specially PTV Home, PTV National and PTV Bolan are focused on finding new talent from all over the country and there is a long list of precious gems of talent discovered and presented by PTV. Similarly, by following its legacy PTV is still producing such programmes which are providing a platform to hidden talents from Rural as well as Urban areas of the country.

1. **Travelling Tunes of Pakistan:** A new Music Show is being produced from PTV Home currently. Recording of programmes is in progress in which new regional folk singers and musicians from Gilgit-Baltistan to Gawadar (Balochistan) are participating and showcasing their diverse abilities even in their regional languages.

2. **Creative Kids:** PTV Karachi centre is specially producing an innovative programme in which kids from both Urban and Rural areas are participating and show casing their skills.

3. **Rising Pakistan:** This is a leading live Breakfast Show of PTV Home, Islamabad bringing children and youth along with their achievements in a daily segment. Till now talent from all the provinces including Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir has participated

in this programme from all walks of life including fields related to entertainment, education, science, sports etc.

4. **Sab Sur Hamary:** A music programme for kids being produced from PTV Lahore Centre.

5. **Awaz Pakistan:** Production team along with PTV Sales Office, Karachi is planning a special talent hunt programme to bring out amazing voices from across Pakistan. Sales team has taken up the task of branding the show.

***Question No. 6 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 21/12/2022 at 9:50 AM) QID: 39916

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Succession Certificate from NADRA is mandatory for transferring of property and inheritance for which a fee of Rs. 20,000/- is being charged, if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to reduce the said fee, if so, the time thereof and if not, reasons thereof ?

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: NADRA has been entrusted by the Federal and Provincial Governments for issuance of Letters of Administration for immoveable properties and Succession Certificates for moveable properties to legal heirs of deceased in accordance with respective succession laws. National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) is one of the recognized organizations that has earned respect and trust both nationwide and internationally on the basis of its state-of-the-art facilities and services.

Furthermore, NADRA is performing its functions dispensed by virtue of Succession Laws. NADRA is also conferred with the function to collect fees as prescribed in Succession Rules by Federal and Provincial Governments. Moreover, fee for Succession applications with deceased assets worth less than 100,000/- is Rs. 10,000/- only.

***Question No. 7 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 21/12/2022 at 9:51 AM) QID: 40068

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the present status of progress on ML-1 project of Pakistan Railways?

Khawaja Saad Rafique: Modified PC-I, has been approved by ECNEC at cost of **9.8 billion US\$** on **31st October 2022**.

National Development Reform Commission (**NDRC**) and National Railways Administration of China (**NRA**) have been requested to hold an early Joint Financing meeting with Pakistan Counterparts of **Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives** and **Ministry for Railways** for way forward for resolution of all pending issues including.

- a. Finalization of loan terms
- b. Consideration of loan interest rate on special concessional terms
- c. Tendering for package-I and intra package adjustment
- d. Time line for finalization of commercial contract with the contractor

***Question No. 8 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 21/12/2022 at 9:52 AM) QID: 40069

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the developmental budget allocated and spent under PSDP during the last three years with province and year wise breakup?

Khawaja Saad Rafique: Pakistan Railways is a Federal Entity and it has operations all over Pakistan. The Development budget allocated and spent under Public Sector Development Sector (**PSDP**) is therefore, not allocated province wise. However, the development projects are located throughout the country.

Last three years PSDP Project allocation and utilization details are as under:-

(Rs. In million)				
Sr.#	Year wise	Allocation	Releases	Utilization
1	2019-20	16,000.000	10038.982	8,787.243
2	2020-21	24,000.000	9000.000	8,599.376
3	2021-22	30,025.540	15766.961	14,279.354

***Question No. 11 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 29/12/2022 at 10:18 AM) QID: 39688

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ground water level in Islamabad has drastically gone down particularly in areas of Sector G-11 and beyond, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct small dams in Islamabad particularly near the Margalla Hills for harvesting rain water in order to overcome the shortage of water and to improve the ground water level in Islamabad, if so, the details thereof?*

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: (a) Yes, it is a fact that the ground water level in Islamabad has gone down however, the extent of depletion varies in different areas. As far as areas of Sector G-11 and beyond are concerned, there is no general aquifer (underground water bearing strata) available and ground water is only present in few pockets which is also depleting. The main reason for ground water depletion in Islamabad is due to the fact that there is no natural source of ground water re-charge available in Islamabad, whereas, the ground water, wherever available, is being extracted and supplied to meet demands of the residents of Capital City.

(b) Presently there is no any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct small dams in Islamabad particularly near Margallah Hills due to non-availability of feasible dam sites. In 2005, a study was undertaken by CDA to explore the possibility of constructing 06 Nos. small dams in foot hills of Margalla but none of them proved feasibly mainly due to technical reasons. However, recently it has been planned to construct a dam at Shandara in ICT region which is subject to outcome of its feasibility study being initiated. It is worth mentioning that a PC-I regarding Rain Water Harvesting for ground water recharge in Islamabad has been approved by CDA-DWP for construction of 100 Nos. Recharging wells; out of which 45 Nos. have already been completed and work on the remaining ones is in progress. The Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) is rendering technical assistance in this Project.

***Question No. 12 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 30/12/2022 at 11:16 AM) QID: 39868

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an illegal Afghan Refugees Camp has recently been established by the Afghan refugees near press club, F-6, Islamabad, if so, the details of action being taken by Capital Development Authority against the said refugee camp, and if not reasons thereof?

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: Number of Afghan refugees/agitators camps established near Press Club has significantly reduced and remaining camps will be removed. Moreover, further report may also be sought from CDA, Islamabad.

ISLAMABAD,
the 19th January, 2023

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN,
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DEFERRED QUESTION

Question No. 1 was deferred on 7th October, 2022 (321st Session)

(Def.) Question No. 1 **Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 22/08/2022 at 10:43 AM) QID: 39455

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the details of the allotments of plots in different DHA schemes to civilian employees of grade 19 and above of the Ministry since 2010?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD,
the 19th January, 2023

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN,
Secretary.