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SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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***Question No. 33 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 19/12/2022 at 9:38 AM) QID: 40061

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the procedure adopted by the Government of Pakistan for secure transmission and sale of LPG and monitoring of its prices;*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to take action against those persons selling LPG in residential areas without adopting safety procedures and violating the prices determined by the Government, if so, the progress made so far?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Any party having valid OGRA Licence can import LPG after paying applicable government duties and taxes under Clause 3.5.1 of GOP's LPG Policy, 2016 (**Annex-I**). The LPG is sold by the LPG Marketing Companies/Storage and Filling Plants in different sizes of LPG Cylinders through their distributors in the country.

The LPG prices are notified (**Annex-II**) by OGRA on monthly basis.

The OGRA has authorized (**Annex-III**) all the Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners, under the OGRA Ordinance, to take strict action against overcharging/less filling of LPG and to curb the menace of illegal LPG activities.

(b) As above. Moreover, in pursuance of the orders of the honorable Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum, the OGRA conveyed to all the Chief Secretaries on 16th September, 2021 (**Annex-IV**), the directions of the Committee that “In future responsibility will be fixed on the local administration where LPG is sold by unauthorized dealers as Automotive fuel or filled in altered CNG cylinders.”

The Provincial Governments and the Deputy Commissioners/ Assistant Commissioners are taking stern action against illegal activities including overcharging of LPG price from time to time in all the provinces.

(Annexures have been placed in Library and on the Table of the mover/concerned Member)

***Question No. 34 Senator Dost Muhammad Khan:**
(Notice Received on 20/12/2022 at 3:35 PM) QID: 40206

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the mandate, functions and key performance of the MS Wing; and*
- (b) names designation, grade, qualifications of grade 19 and above service group officials of the wing posted during the last 4 years?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:

(a) Mandate of Management Services (MS) Wing of Establishment Division.

MS Wing is an in-house management consultancy organization to the Federal Government. As per instruction No. 75 of Secretariat Instructions, MS Wing is responsible to prevent unnecessary expansion of the government and to avoid duplication/ overlapping of functions allocated to Ministries/Divisions under Schedule II to the Rules of Business and all the Ministries/Divisions have to comply with the following directions:-

- (a) Utilize free consultancy services of MS Wing as far as possible and save expenditure on foreign/local consultants.

- (b) Involve MS Wing at the time of expansion also, expansion in their activities and/or in number of personnel should be got cleared by the MS Wing.
- (c) Give representation to the MS Wing on all Commissions/ Committees concerned with the reorganization of government machinery.

Functions of MS Wing

As per Rules of Business 1973, following functions have been specified to MS Wing under Establishment Division:

- i. To act as Management Consultants to the Federal Government and to undertake case studies to solve specific management problems utilizing modern management techniques, system analysis, operations research and O&M.
- ii. Review of organizations, functions and procedures of the Divisions, Attached Departments, all other Federal Government offices and Departments, autonomous organizations and taken over industries with the objective of improving their efficiency.
- iii. Periodical review of staff strength in the Divisions, attached departments and all other Federal Government Offices.
- iv. Training of Government functionaries in modern management practices, systems analysis and operations research both within the country and abroad.
- v. Promotion of the knowledge and use of O&M concepts, systems analysis and operations research within all government offices and organizations.
- vi. (a) Reorganization of a Division or an attached department or a change in the status of an Attached Department.
- vii. (b) Organization, on a permanent basis of a working unit in a Division other than as a Section.
- viii. Determination of the status of Government offices.

Performance of MS Wing

MS Wing during last 4 years (2019-2022) have completed/ disposed of 6680 assignments/cases as described at **Annex-A**

(b) During last four years, 14 officers (BPS 19 and above) have remained posted in Management Services Wing. Their names, designation, grades and qualification are given at **Annex-B**.

Annex-A

Performance of Management Services Wing

S.No	Assignments/Cases	No. of assignments completed /cases disposed of			
		2019	2020	2021	2022
1	Management Studies	10	3	6	14
2	Periodic Reviews /Staff reviews/Creation of Posts	95	104	107	140
3	Status determination of organizations	18	12	15	9
4	Advice/views rendered on various misc. issues	43	45	37	31
5	Key Performance Indicators and Job Description of BS-17 & above	5	60	13	1
6	Matters relating to Surplus Pool dealt with	1763	1065	747	579
7	Re-designation/up-gradation of posts	89	63	39	31
8	Training Courses conducted	10	4	1	0
9	Special Assignments/Other Tasks	6	43	46	25
10	Policy/Misc Issues relating to devolution	99	18	13	12
11	Miscellaneous	238	351	364	306
Total:		2376	1768	1388	1148

In addition to the above, Management Services Wing provided technical support to following Committees/Commissions and followed up implementation of their decisions by the Ministries/Divisions concerned:

- i. Cabinet Implementation Committee (CIC)
- ii. Cabinet Committee on Institutional Reforms (CCIR)
- iii. Pay and Pension Commission
- iv. Peer Review Committee (PRC) on Performance Agreement
- v. Committee to Explore Avenues for Strengthening and Capacity Building of Ministries/Divisions
- vi. Committee for Conversion of Posts to MP Scales and Special Pay Scales

Asnnex-B
LIST OF OFFICERS OF GRADE 19 AND ABOVE OF M.S. WING, ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION
DURING LAST FOUR YEARS

Sl. #	Name	Designation	Qualification
1.	Syed Zia-ul-Hassan	Director General (BS-20)	MBA
2.	Mrs. Sharaf Jehan Qasmi	Director General (BS-20)	i) MPA ii) B.Sc (Electrical Engineering)
3.	Mr. Mahmood-ul-Haq	Director General (BS-20)	M.Sc (Eco)
4.	Mr. Shahbaz Humayun	Director General (BS-20)	MPA
5.	Mr. Muhammad Abdul Aleem	Director General (BS-20)	M.Sc (Stat.)
6.	Mr. Muhammad Nadeem	Director (BS-19)	i. MS (Business Administration) ii. M.Sc (Statistics) iii. MCS
7.	Mr. Muhammad Shahid Dayo (on deputation)	Director (BS-19)	MBA
8.	Mr. Zahir Shah	Director (BS-19)	M.A (Eco)
9.	Mr. Aatif Zulfqar	Director (BS-19)	MPA
10.	Mr. Faisal Khaliq	Director (BS-19)	M.Sc (Statistics)
11.	Rana Nasir Amin	Director (BS-19)	M.A. (Anthropology)
12.	Mr. M. Zaheer-ud-Din Khan	Director (BS-19)	Ph.D (Education), M.A. (Urdu),
13.	Mr. Safi Ullah Hassan	Director (BS-19)	M BIT M.Phil Public Policy
14.	Mr. Muhammad Rashid	Deputy Secretary (BS-19)	M.A Sociology, B.Ed.

***Question No. 35 Senator Dost Muhammad Khan:**

(Notice Received on 21/12/2022 at 4:55 PM) QID: 40221

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the action taken against the public bodies of the Federal Government on account of violation of PPRA Rules during the last four years?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: It is apprised that since September 2018 the Authority had carried out several inquiries and investigations in pursuance of the Section 5 (1) and Section 17 of the PPRA Ordinance, 2002 wherein numerous Regulatory Directives, Recommendations and Suggestions were issued to the respective Procuring Agency which include cancellation of the contract on account of serious violations besides measures to improve procurement process by ensuring transparency, widest possible competition, efficiency and value for money. Moreover, the Authority had responded to a number of queries forwarded by the national investigation agencies on the matters pertaining to the public procurement and extended facilitation to them by providing expert opinion.

In pursuance of the Regulations pertaining to 2nd tier, redressal of the blacklisting/debarment and proceedings of the Grievance Redressal Committee, the Authority after hearing parties had issued orders for rectification of the violations of Procurement Regulatory Framework.

***Question No. 36 Senator Sania Nishtar:**

(Notice Received on 22/12/2022 at 3:02 PM) QID: 40224

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to give details about the status of implementation of Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarship program, particularly selection criteria of new awardees of the said program for the year 2021/22 and 2022/23?

Ms. Shazia Marri: The undergraduate scholarship project was launched in light of an agreement between Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and Higher Education Commission (HEC) in 2019-20 for providing merit and needs-based scholarships over 4-5 years of undergraduate education, including actual tuition fees and stipend @ Rs.40,000 per student per annum, to qualified undergraduate students from low-income families to study in HEC recognized public sector Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of all regions of Pakistan including

Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. During the 7th meeting of the Project Steering Committee held on February 22, 2021, the project budget was initially approved as Rs. 27.9 billion for a total of 72,000 scholarships over the project life. However, on the recommendations of the PSC, the BISP Board in its 49th meeting held on June 15, 2021 revised the project budget to the tune of Rs. 38 billion and the total number of scholarships to 102,000.

Implementation Status:-

Enrolment of all 102,000 students has been completed in three batches and there will be no further entry under the project. The entire budget allocated for the current financial year (CFY) has been released to HEC for disbursement to the students through participant universities. The project would come to close in 2025-26 upon graduation of students enrolled in the third and last batch. Following are brief statistics of the project:

Total Budget of the Project:	Rs. 38.015 billion
Funds released so far:	Rs. 29.254 billion
Total Scholarships under the project:	102,000
(All scholarships granted in three batches)	
Duration of the Project:	2019-2020 to 2025-2026

Selection Criteria for New Awardees:

There has been no change in the selection criteria adopted for earlier batches; currently a total of 102,000 scholarships have already been awarded in 3 years till FY 2021/22 as per approved design of the project. Further, there will be no fresh intake in coming years.

***Question No. 37 Senator Sania Nishtar:**

(Notice Received on 23/12/2022 at 4:15 PM) QID: 40231

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to give details about the status of implementation of decisions taken by the 10th Steering Committee meeting of the Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarship Committee?

Ms. Shazia Marri: The point-wise implementation status of the decisions taken in the 10th Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting is attached as **Annex-A**.

**IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE DECISIONS OF THE 10TH PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE
(PSC) MEETING**

S.#	Decisions of 10 th PSC Meeting	Status of Implementation
1	Children of all government employees with gross monthly income upto Rs. 45,000 will be eligible for the award of Benazir Undergraduate Scholarship Project (BUSP) and recoveries will be initiated from the wrong awardees in batches I and II of BUSP as well as disciplinary action will be taken against those students, who have provided false statements about their monthly family income.	Implemented
2	SOPs will be designed by Higher Education Commission (HEC) for compliance of procedures by Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).	Not Applicable. The decision is primarily linked with further enrollment of students, whereas on the recommendations of PSC, the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Board in its 49 th meeting held on June 15, 2021 enhanced the scholarships from 72,000 to 102,000 with corresponding budget increase from Rs.27.9 billion to Rs.38.015 billion over the life of the project, with critical assumption that no fresh intake will be done in years 4 and 5 of the project, so that the project life is not kept perpetually extended which may not be sustainable.
3	Missing CNICs of all the applicants and government servants' data of every single awardee/parents will be submitted to Chairman HEC.	Implemented.
4	Clear instructions through letters will be issued by HEC to all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to convey to all BUSP students to avoid duplication of scholarships and that submission of any fake statement will lead to recoveries and revocation of	Implemented.

	their admissions.	
5	Clear charter for International scholarship Award Committee (ISAC) and its members will be drafted by HEC and share with all HEIs. Each International Scholarship Award Committee (ISAC) member will also sign a no conflict of interest statement. ISACs will verify and sort out the grey areas of information provided by the students during the selection process by recording their comments in the minutes of meetings.	Not Applicable. The decision is primarily linked with further enrollment of students, whereas on the recommendations of PSC, the BISP Board in its 49 th meeting held on June 15, 2021 enhanced the scholarships from 72,000 to 102,000 with corresponding budget increase from Rs.27.9 billion to Rs.38.015 billion over the life of the project, with critical assumption that no fresh intake will be done in years 4 and 5 of the project, so that the project life is not kept perpetually extended which may not be sustainable.
6	Special Audit of 8-10 universities will be conducted by Internal Audit Wing BISP during current financial year (CFY), in the light of the recommendations of the assessment exercise and a third party audit firm may also be hired for conducting sample based audit of the BUSP universities, after mutual agreement between HEC and Internal Audit Wing BISP.	Implemented.
7	Project Steering Committee will approve Standard Operating Procedure SOPs for Vice Chancellors (VCs) / Financial Aid Offices (FAOs) of HEIs to avoid any wrongdoing and HEC would write to the respective provincial governments on the respective VC's performance in case of any violation.	Not implemented. The matter is pending at HEC level.
8	SOPs of Physical verification will be prepared by the HEC to institutionalize the process.	Implemented.
9	All savings accrued in a savings account by a University have to be deposited in the government treasury.	Implemented.
10	Dedicated current accounts will be maintained by all the HEIs. All savings accrued in a savings account, if opened	Implemented. HEC has instructed all HEIs to open

	by a university under BUSP, needs to be deposited in government treasury. Proof to this effect has to be submitted to HEC and BISP.	dedicated accounts. Out of 135 Universities, 115 Universities have opened the dedicated bank accounts, so far.
11	HEC will provide composition of various scholarships granted at a particular HEI in the form of a pie chart for approximately 30 HEIs in order to see the share of BUSP.	Partially Implemented Higher Education Commission (HEC) has provided details of other scholarships granted in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtukhwa provinces Annexed as "B".
12	HEC will continue to strive to build HR particularly to ensure maintaining of dedicated Financial Aid Offices (FAOs).	Partially implemented. Following guidelines /instructions issued by HEC to all universities: Financial Aid Office may be strengthened / established if still not formed. With the volume of projects the concerned office is responsible to handle and report to the sponsoring agencies, the concerned office must be equipped with proper staff to improve quality and delivery of services, especially for day to day reporting.
13	Conference will be organized by HEC immediately after Eid. And next meeting of PSC will be held within a month's time	The matter is pending at HEC level.
14	Policy and Research Unit, BISP will prepare a Concept Paper on the categorization of Universities for which HEC will nominate their focal person(s) and also provide requisite data and assistance. The Concept Paper will be presented in the next PSC meeting, which will be held within a month's time.	Not Implemented. Policy and Research Unit has submitted set of indicators based on which data gathering activity is required to be carried out. HEC views that since categorization activity also involves extensive data gathering in field, clarification is also required if BISP will bear expenditure of the activity as there is no budget head for it. HEC also views that since the purpose of categorization of HEIs is to rank universities mainly based on its performance of disbursement of funds to beneficiaries, as the project is currently running on a reimbursement mode the futility of the activity needs to be

		discussed in detail in the next PSC.
15	BISP will release the funds for ongoing scholarships of Batch-I and II on the full guarantee and assurance of the Chairman HEC that complete Funds utilization reports in softcopy fully checked and actually reconciled by HEC due to non-availability of CNICs will be provided to F&A Wing, BISP for funds release. HEC will obtain correct CNICs information from the universities within one month's time and provide the same in soft copy on the Funds Utilization Reports (FURs) to the BISP's F&A Wing.	Implemented.
16	In future, there will be no submission of Funds Utilization Reports (FURs) without correct information of CNICs. Further, a process will be devised by the PSC's sub-committee on Finance so that the release of funds to students is not delayed.	Implemented. BISP and HEC are already working on it.
17	The chairs decided that PSC's sub-committee on Finance and PRU team of BISP will sit together to examine the reconsideration of scholarship amounts for BUSP students in detail and come up with a practical proposal with its financial implications, in the next PSC meeting.	The next meeting of PSC's sub-committee on Finance has been scheduled on 02-02-2023 and the matter is included in the agenda for the meeting.
18	The Project Steering Committee PSC's Sub-committee on Finance will meet to further discuss amendments in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Operations and Payments Manual and recommend the amendments for the approval of PSC in its next meeting.	The next meeting of PSC's sub-committee on Finance has been scheduled on 02-02-2023 and the matter is included in the agenda for the meeting.
19	The proposal for establishment of a PMU for Benazir Undergraduate Scholarship was approved. However, the reporting arrangement for the PMU will be decided after due deliberation between Co-Chairs.	Not Applicable. The decision is primarily linked with increased workload by virtue of further enrollment of students and management of currently enrolled batches, however after exhausting all the scholarship slots
		and graduating of more and more students of Batch-I, the workload has considerably reduced which can now be managed with the current set up. The issue needs to be reconsidered in detail in the next PSC.

Annex-B**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA****a) Provincial Benevolent Fund****Merit Scholarships**

This scheme was introduced in 2004 for the children of serving government employees with the aim to encourage the talented students on their achievement in Board and University exams (final result). The merit scholarship program was initially introduced for **top ten position** holders, however, keeping in view the large number of talented candidates the amount and numbers of scholarships have been **upgraded**.

Category	No. of Scholarships	Scholarship
SSC	50	Rs.16,000/-
Intermediate	50	Rs.32,000/-
B.A / B.Sc.	50	Rs.40,000/-
Professional Colleges / Universities	50	Rs.48,000/-

b) Chief Minister Educational Endowment Fund (CMEEF)

The present Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has launched this initiative with initial seed money of Rs. 500 million. The seed money has been enhanced by providing further grant of Rs. 500 million. The Endowment Fund is regulated under Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Higher Education Scholarships Endowment Fund Act, 2014 and governed by a Board under the chair of Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The scholarships are advertised each year. The scholarships are awarded in collaboration with the approved institutions through MOUs. The students apply directly to the institutions. Application forms and other relevant information are available on the websites of these institutions. The scholarship amount is disbursed to the institution directly on semester basis. The scholarship covers tuition fee, lab, libraries, food, hostel charges and monthly stipend of Rs.5000/- per month

Eligibility Criteria:

A prospective recipient should be

- Domiciled in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- A student qualified for admission on merit in any of the "Approved Institutions".
- Monthly income of his father/guardian (from all sources) should not be more than Rs.100,000/per month

For Scholarships in Foreign Institutions:

- Having offer of admission in one of the top 10 universities of the world (QS ranking)
- Fulfilling HEC criteria for award of M.Phil / PhD scholarship
- * 10 % of the fund is reserved for foreign scholarship

c) Frontier Education Foundation

Frontier Education Foundation (FEF) was established as a Corporate Body in 1992 under an Act of the Provincial Assembly. The principal function of FEF was promotion and development of

education in private sector in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa through financial help and other measures. All the administrative and management powers of FEF vest in the Board of Directors. The Foundation used to give grants and loans to educational institutions and conducting short in-service training courses for teachers of private sector schools.

Meanwhile the Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through an Ordinance, established Elementary Education Foundation in 2002 and the role of FEF was restricted to colleges and higher education. The grant facility was also discontinued. Other activities like financial assistance for existing and new educational institutions in private sector, holding workshops for in-service teachers and seminars for creating awareness in public continue.

Inland Scholarships

Frontier Education Foundation launched scholarship scheme for the poor and deserving students of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The basic criteria for this scholarship is based on Merit-cum-need. The Foundation selected highly prestigious 41 universities of Pakistan for this scholarship. Since 2002-2010, 6,205 scholarships are awarded.

Eligibility Criteria

- No applicant(s) will be considered if their family income exceeds Rs.50,000 per month
- 50% scholarships reserved for females whereas 2% scholarships are reserved for students with different abilities

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS IN PUNJAB

a) Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF)

The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) under guidance of the Board of Directors is providing opportunities to the talented but needy students to fulfill their dreams and aspirations and at the same time to become partner in the development and welfare of Pakistan.

The PEEF, since its inception in 2009 has awarded more than 380,000 scholarships to students of Punjab and other provinces which are currently pursuing education through public and private sector institutions and Centre of Excellence like LUMS, NUST, FAST, IBA Karachi, GIKI Swabi, etc. These scholarships have been awarded for pursuing:

- Secondary
- Intermediate
- Graduation
- Masters
- PhD

As on 30th July, 2020, PEEF has awarded more than 380,000 scholarships worth Rs. 22 billion. Furthermore, with the inclusion of 2020-21 year's scholarships, the total number of scholarships awarded will be raised to more than 394,000.

b) Chief Minister Merit Scholarship (CMMS) Program under PEEF

These scholarships are awarded for top QS 50 ranking universities of world. Since 2016, 87 scholarships are awarded. The scholarship scheme focuses the meritorious students of Punjab while have also allocated a special quota for the students coming from other federating units of Pakistan as well.

Scholarship Coverage

PhD Scholarships awarded under CMMS are fully funded and cover the following costs:

- 100% Tuition fees
- Boarding and Lodging (as per approved rates)
- Health Insurance
- Airfare

Discipline wise allocation of scholarships

Allocation of the scholarships is as follows:

- 80 % scholarships are reserved for science disciplines
- 20% of scholarships are reserved for Social Sciences/Humanities and Arts.

Geographical distribution of scholarships

Geographical distribution of scholarships is as follows:

- 90% scholarships are awarded to the students of Punjab.
- 10% scholarships have been allocated for the other federating units of Pakistan

c) Punjab Benevolent Fund Scholarships

The Provincial Benevolent Fund Board invites applications on the prescribed form for grant of Educational Scholarship through publication in the newspaper each year.

Educational

Current rates for award of Educational Scholarship granted to the children of government servants per annum are as follows:

Gazetted (Part-I)

• Primary to Matric level	PKR 10,000
• F.A, B.A and equivalent level	PKR 28,000
• M.A and equivalent level, BDS, MBBS, B.Sc (Eng), DVM, B.Sc (Hon), Agri, B. Pharmacy, M.Phil, PhD, etc.	PKR 32,000

Non - Gazetted (Part-II)

• Primary to Matric level	PKR 1,500
• F.A, B.A and equivalent level	PKR 6,000
• M.A and equivalent level, BDS, MBBS, B.Sc (Eng), DVM, B.Sc (Hon), Agri, B. Pharmacy, M.Phil., PhD, etc.	PKR 8,000

A special scholarship is awarded to the high achievers i.e. children securing 90% or more marks in any examination in (Matriculation or above), are awarded PKR 50,000 instead of normal rates.

*Question No. 38 **Senator Sania Nishtar:**

(Notice Received on 23/12/2022 at 4:18 PM) QID: 40232

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to give details about the status of utilization of the BISP budget for the year 2022/23 except the cash transfers made in response to the floods?

Ms. Shazia Marri: It is apprised that the status of utilization of the BISP's Budget for the year 2022-23 except the Cash Transfer made in response to the flood is attached as **Annex-A**.

Annex-A

Benazir Income Support Program (BISP)
Status of Utilization of Budget (Except Flood Emergency Cash Assistance)
for the Year 2022/ 23

Sr. No.	Program Heads	(Rs in Billions)	
		Year 2022-2023	
		Budget Estimates	Actual Utilization (31-12-2022)
1	Benazir Kafaalat-Unconditional Cash Transfers	240.100	118.651
2	Targeted Fuel Subsidy *	48.000	-
3	Benazir Taleemi Wazaif (Waseela-e-Taleem)	35.000	12.849
4	Benazir Heath & Nutrition (Nashonama)	21.380	8.830
5	Benazir Undergraduate Scholarship Program	9.270	8.615
6	NSER project	1.703	0.114
7	Direct Cost of Cash Transfers/Other Programs	4.547	2.992
8	ERE and General Admin Expenditure	4.078	1.582
	Total	364.078	152.051

*Finance Division has re-purposed Rs. 48 Billion earlier budgeted for "Fuel Subsidy Scheme" for "Flood Emergency Cash Assistance". The budget estimates for FY 2022/23 will be revised accordingly.

***Question No. 40 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**
 (Notice Received on 26/12/2022 at 2:07 PM) QID: 40160

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government has not yet fully implemented the Cyber Security Policy in the country, if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to fully implement the Cyber Security Policy especially in the Federal Government organizations / Divisions for secure cyber security regime?*

Syed Amin-ul-Haque: (a) Implementation of Cyber Security is vast subject, requires enabling of eco-system (already envisioned in National Cyber Security Policy) in line with international standards and

best practices, henceforth involves Cross-Sectoral approach including, Government (Federal / Provincial) and Private Sector.

It is also apprised that MoITT is a policies legislative frameworks development body in IT as well as cyber security domain, which are evolved through consultation with relevant stakeholders. MoITT also play its role in cyber security capacity building and internet governance. **“National Cyber Security Policy (NCSP)” was approved in July 2021**, which is a 1st step to describe the cyber security landscape and to setup goals, objectives and principles for establishing cyber security ecosystem in Pakistan. NCSP defined the adoption of three-layered Cyber Security Ecosystem *i.e* National, Sectoral & Organizational levels. Moreover, implementation of cyber security measures and methodologies are to be ensured at respective organizational / management levels, through compliance of international standards and employing Chief Information Security Officers (CISO) / Security Organizations.

(b) Response from MoITT: Presently, different Govt. Bodies, Sectoral Regularity Authorities / organizations like (PTA, SBP, SECP, NTISB) are also ensuring information security compliance through regular audits/ assessments, create awareness and issue of cyber security advisories / alerts at ministries, organizations and departments. Details of completed, ongoing and planned projects at Government level, to strengthen and establish cyber security ecosystem in the country are placed at **Annexure-A**.

Annex-A

Detail of Cybersecurity ecosystem in the Country:

- i. Establishment of “National Centre of Cyber Security” (NCCS). Cyber Security Academy and Research and Development for indigenous production of Software / Hardware.
- ii. Approval of “Pakistan Cloud First Policy” February - 2022: To mitigate breaches for public and private clouds, to enhance proficiency and decrease cost through online economical infrastructures.
- iii. Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) rules / Framework; being formulated by MoITT; at final stages for government’s approval.
- iv. Establishment of National CERT (NCERT), a PSDP sponsored by MoITT and being executed by NTISB. NCERT is likely to be established / functional by June 2023. The Setup will provide desired technical and operational facility, capacity and will work with sectoral stakeholders (CERTS) to enable secure cyber ecosystem in Pakistan.
- v. **Personal Data Protection Bill:** Draft was approved (in principle) by Cabinet in February 2022. However, now under review at PM Advisory Council of IT & Digital Economy.

- vi. **Data Governance Policy:** The purpose is to define the roles and responsibilities for different data creation and usage types, and to establish clear lines of accountability and protection. Initial draft consultation with stakeholders has been completed.
- vii. The Project '**Demand Driven Industry Quality & Capacity Enhancement Program**' is under execution stage. The objective of this project is to define the standards, policies, benchmarks and frameworks for government departments to conceive, plan, design, procure, develop or deploy and implement ICT solutions.
- viii. **Secure Data Exchange Layer of Pakistan:** Development of the secure technological infrastructure to facilitate the smooth exchange and analysis of data (e.g service bus, APIs and analytic engines) under Digital Economy Enhancement Project (DEEP).
- ix. PTA has already established Telecom CERT (accessible to its licensees) and is in process of establishing Telecom Security Operation Center (TSOC).
- x. Issuance of '**Critical Telecom Data and Infrastructure Security Regulations (CTDISR)**': All PTA licensees are bound to comply these regulations through 3rd party audit firms and validation by PTA team.
- xi. **Cyber Security Framework for Auditors:** To standardize Cyber Security auditing process for all PTA licensees and Audit firms.
- xii. **Cyber Security Capacity Building:** Measures taken by MoIT&T and its attached departments are as under:
 - a. "**Cybersecurity Hackathon**": Successful conduct of 1st National Cybersecurity Competition (**Hackathon-2021**) to bridge the existing gap between supply and demand of talented cyber security experts available in Pakistan. Successful conduct of **Workshops** (for 800+ selected candidates) and 2nd **Competition Hackathon-2022** (at Islamabad & provincial capitals).
 - b. **Hands-on training and certifications** for availability of highly skilled professionals with expertise in specific IT tools & technologies to support Pakistan's IT Industry growth in local and international markets (In progress)
 - c. **High Impact Skills Boot Camps:** As pilot project of MoIT&T, certain critical new ICT technologies will be established through service provider on Train the Trainer (TOT) concept at different locations of Pakistan initially in Islamabad and Karachi (In progress / under execution)
 - d. **Google Career Certification Program:** Launched in Pakistan in partnership with Institute of Rural Management (IRM) comprises of high-end skills i.e AI, Data Analytics, Cyber Security, Ethical Hacking.
 - e. **Cyber Security Capacity Building for Government Employees:** As directed by PMO, one training session (Basic Level) was conducted (for nominated focal persons of ministries and departments) by MoITT at NITB in November 2022; whereas NTISB has also conducted Training Sessions (03 days) at Air University in January 2023. MoITT is now planning / designing an advance level cyber security training / workshop for government sector to be executed in collaboration with affiliated organizations i.e PSEB and Ignite.

***Question No. 41 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 30/12/2022 at 12:23 PM) QID: 39897

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the vehicles purchased by the oil and gas regulatory authority during the last two years; and*
- (b) the details of vehicle presently on the pool of the said entity indicating name, make up, monthly POL charges for the last two years and name of officers by whom the vehicles are being used?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) It is submitted that during the last two years, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority purchased 09 x vehicles for enforcement duties and allocation for OGRA Regional Offices. Detail of 09 vehicles is as below:-

Vehicles Make & Model:

Toyota:	Make	Model
	01 x Atlis	2022
	05 x Yaris	2021
Suzuki:	02 x Cultus	2021
	01 x Pick-up	2021

Here attention is drawn to Section 3(2), 4(1), 17 & 18 of OGRA Ordinance 2002, according to which the Authority is self-competent to decide its administrative and financial matters and fully empowered to incur expenditure in accordance with its budgetary provision duly approved by the Budget Committee. The Finance Division *vide* its U.O. No. F.7(6) Exp-I V/2011-814 dated 09-12- 2011 (**Annex-I**) clarified that economy measures are not applicable on self-financing organization which do not receive any funds from Government.

M/o Law & Justice *vide* its legal opinions tendered on dated 24-12-2019 & 21-07-2022 (**Annex-II & III**) explicitly clarified that OGRA is an independent regulator with its own identity distinct from the Federal Government.

Apart from the above, the Establishment Division *vide* its letter No. 1(3)/97-Dir(R) dated November 13, 2002 (**Annex-IV**), has also clearly defined OGRA's legal status whereby it has been stated that OGRA is an organization independent of Government control and exclusively empowered to perform its regulatory functions, which fall in its jurisdiction under the Ordinance.

In view of the foregoing, it is clarified that OGRA has legitimately incurred the expenditure on account of purchase of vehicles in accordance with the powers vested with the Authority under the law to perform its enforcement, operational, general & PR/protocol tasks etc.

(b) **Annexure-V.**

Names of officers who are using these vehicles:

(Use of these vehicles)

All the above said OGRA fleet cars are meant for general pool and being used for operational, protocol, enforcement, court cases & for other general nature of day to day duties of the Authority. No officer or Member including Chairman is entitled & allocated with any of official vehicle of the Authority.

As regards fuel, it is submitted that every OGRA vehicle has been given the facility of PSO fleet card to operate the official vehicle, for official business of OGRA.

As submitted above that all official vehicles are reserved in general pool and are meant/being used for operational, enforcement, protocol duties etc. and as such no any officer or Member of the Authority or Chairman is entitled/allocated a dedicated car. The cars are allocated for the purpose as mentioned above as and when required.

It is further submitted that the Authority has extended the facility for private use of its pool vehicles occasionally on need basis in respect of its officers @ Rs. 10/- per km on payment basis as & when required by its officers. Apart from this, the facility of hiring of pool vehicles for private use on payment basis @ Rs 3/- per km has also been extended to the Members/Chairman of Authority in accordance with Cabinet Division's

Staff Car Rules 1980 [Rule-5(7)] (Government of Pakistan). Moreover, to keep the record straight and to avoid any audit objection, Log Books of these vehicles are also being maintained properly.

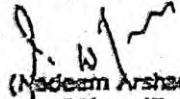
Annexure-I

Government of Pakistan
Finance Division
(Expenditure Wing)

Subject: **OBSERVATION OF WOMEN, MINORITIES (NON-MUSLIMS) AND
DISABLED PERSONS QUOTA**

1. Reference Cabinet Division's O.M. No 5/3/2010/ RA-I/FAB, dated 14
November, 2011 on the above subject

2. Economy Measures are not applicable on self financing organization
which do not receive any funds from government.


(Nadeem Arshad)
Section Officer (Exp. IV)
Ph: 9203034

L. Muhammad Ayub, Section Officer (RA-I), Cabinet Division, Islamabad
n.Div.'s U.O.No.F.7(6)Exp.IV/2011-814 dated 9th December, 2011

Annexure-II

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE**

No.130/2019-Law-1

Islamabad, the 24th December, 2019OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: COMPLIANCE OF DAC DECISIONS DATED 13-07-2013
REGARDING ARTS 2015-16 ON THE ACCOUNTS OF OGRA.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Cabinet Division's O.M. No. 2/1/2015-R-II/OGRA, dated 19-11-2019 on the subject noted above and to state that the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority is an autonomous body, constituted under the "Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance 2002". Section 42 of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance 2002 empowers the competent authority to make regulations to carry out the provision of the Ordinance.

2. In response to the first query, it is pointed out that as per regulation 79 of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Service Regulations 2005, the pay Scales, allowances and perquisites admissible to the regular employees shall be determined from time to time by the Authority.

3. Second query which is related to over payment due to provision of leave encashment facility to employees beyond entitlement is clear from regulation 30 sub regulation (11) of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Service Regulations 2005. Regulation 30 entitles the employee to encash earned leaves at the rate of gross salary last drawn for each year of 365 days.

(SAADAT IQTIDAR ALAM)
Section Officer

Cabinet Division,
(Mr. Shahid Ahmed),
Section Officer (RA-II),
Cabinet Secretariat,
Islamabad.

Annexure-III

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

F.No.150/2019-Law-I

Islamabad, the 21st July, 2022**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: **CLARIFICATION ON OIL AND GAS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (OGRA) SERVICE REGULATION 2005.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to Cabinet Division's O.M. No. 3/1/2007-RA-IV/OGRA, dated 15-07-2022 on the above subject and to state that the audit pointed out that the management of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) had framed Service Regulation in 2005 without getting them vetted from the Ministry of Finance. It is stated that OGRA is a Regulatory Authority established by the Federal Government under section 3 (1) of the OGRA Ordinance, 2002, per section 3 (2) of the same the Authority shall be independent in the performance of its functions and shall be a body corporate. It is further pointed out that section 14 (re-produced below) of the same Ordinance empowers the Authority to employ officers, experts, consultants etc. on such terms and conditions as it may deem fit, the procedure for such appointments and the terms and conditions of employment of such persons shall be prescribed by Regulations.

14. Recruitment of Employee. (1) Authority may, from time to time, employ officers, members of its staff, experts, consultants, advisers, and other employees on such terms and conditions as it may deem fit.

(2) The Authority shall prescribe by regulations the procedure for appointment, promotion, termination and other terms and conditions of employment of person's employees under sub-section (1).

2. Further section 42 of the Ordinance empowers the Authority to make regulations not in-consistent with the provisions of the Ordinance or the Rules for carry out its functions under the Ordinance, further sub-section 2 of section 42 provides that the regulations may provide for all or any of the following matters, the same is re-produced below:-

42. Power to make regulations. - (1) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, make regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance or the rules, for the carrying out of its functions under the Ordinance.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, such regulations may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

(d) Establishment of terms and conditions of employment and remuneration policies for staff, consultants and advisers of the Authority.

A perusal of the above reveals that the ORGA is empowered under section 14 and 42 (2) (d) of the Ordinance to make regulations by way of a notification in the official Gazette to affix terms and conditions of employment and remuneration policies for its

officers, advisers, consultant etc. appointed under the section 14 of the same Ordinance. The governing law i.e. the ORGA Ordinance, 2002 does not stipulate nor mandate obtaining of concurrence of the Finance Division before formulation of the Service Regulations.

4. The contention of Audit that per Rule 12 of the Rules of Business, 1973, no Division shall, without prior consultation with the Finance Division, authorize the issue of any order which involves a change in the terms and conditions of service of Government servants on their statutory rights and privileges and has financial implications is an accurate reproduction of the quoted Rule however the inference drawn from the same is not supported. The Rule 12 of the Rules of Business, 1973 mandates that a Division of the Federal Government shall not issue any order with financial implication prior to consultation with the Finance Division. A "Division" is defined in S 2 (vi) of the ROB, 1973 to mean:-

"Division" means a self-contained administrative unit responsible for the conduct of business of the Federal Government in a distinct and specified sphere and declared as such by the Federal Government.

5. The OGRA per the section 3 of its enabling law is an independent regulator with its own identity distinct from the Federal Government henceforth the same cannot be termed as a Division for the purposes of Rule 12 of the Rules of Business, 1973.

6. In view of the aforementioned, OGRA service regulations are not required to be vetted by the Finance Division.


(SHAHID NASEER)
Section Officer

Cabinet Division,
(Mr. Shafqat Ali Chachar),
Deputy Secretary (RA),
Cabinet Secretariat,
Islamabad.

Annexure-IV

Government of Pakistan
Establishment Division
(M. S. Wing, PPARC)

No. I(3)97-Dir(R)

Islamabad, the Nov 13, 2002

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: DETERMINATION OF LEGAL STATUS OF OIL & GAS
REGULATORY AUTHORITY (OGRA) AND NATIONAL
ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY POWER

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Cabinet Division's U.O. No. 5/1/2002-RA/OGRA, dated 25-09-2002 on the subject cited above and to say that the case regarding the determination of status of Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) was examined in the light of the facts ascertained from Oil & Gas Regulatory Ordinance 2002 (XVII of 2002) and compared against the parameters established for determining the status of any organization. It is revealed that: -

- i) OGRA has a distinct Mission Statement, special powers and independent in the performance of its functions without any administrative control from the Government. However, for the sake of interaction with Federal and Provincial Governments it is placed with the Cabinet Division.
- ii) It is a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to enter into contracts, acquire and hold property and to sue and be sued in its name. The Authority generates its own funds without any budgetary support from the Government.
- iii) The Authority is empowered to recruit officers, members, staff, experts, consultants and other employees of the Authority on such terms and conditions as it deems fit, besides having its own pay scales.

2. In view of the above, it is evident that OGRA established under a statute is an organization independent of Government Control and exclusively empowered to perform its regulatory functions, which fall in its jurisdiction under the Ordinance. It therefore, fulfill the criteria and has the status of an autonomous body.

3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.


Khusran Ali Shah
Deputy Director

Cabinet Division,
(Mr. M. Asiraf, Deputy Secretary),
Islamabad.

Annex-V

January 2021 to December 2021													
Month wise	Jan 021	Feb 021	Mar 021	Apr 021	May 021	Jun 021	July 021	Aug 021	Sep 021	Oct 021	Nov 021	Dec- 021	Total
GV-785 Honda City													
POL	-	20	-	-	-	107	20	-	117	152	57	20	493
Charges	-	2400	-	-	-	12840	2400	-	14040	18240	6840	2400	59160
GAC-079 Honda Civic													
POL	251	102	326	240	139	771	288	320	250	411	320	361	3779
Charges	30120	12240	39120	28800	16680	92520	34560	38400	30000	49320	38400	43320	453480
GAD-019 Toyota Gli													
POL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GAD-022 Toyota Gli													
POL	525	333	560	328	588	424	291	484	443	460	366	420	5222
Charges	63000	39960	67200	39360	70560	50880	34920	58080	53160	55200	43920	50400	626580
GAE-099 Honda City													
POL	215	99	220	138	134	417	321	371	263	350	323	308	3159
Charges	25800	11880	26400	16560	16080	50040	38520	44520	31560	42000	38760	36960	379080
GAE-020 Honda City													
POL	187	198	154	128	114	335	233	234	212	191	204	244	2434
Charges	22440	23760	18480	15360	13680	40200	27960	28080	25440	22920	24480	29280	292080
GAF-017 Toyota Revo													
POL	135	190	372	335	563	409	415	334	398	292	317	304	4064
Charges	16975	24250	46500	41875	70375	51125	51875	41750	49750	36500	39625	38000	808600
GAF-880 Toyota Altis													
POL	132	76	143	137	136	340	387	216	171	423	650	339	3150
Charges	15840	9120	17160	16440	16320	41520	46440	25970	20520	50760	78000	40680	584400
GAF-990 Toyota Altis													
POL	335	291	392	366	471	500	460	500	430	344	402	379	4870
Charges	40200	34920	47040	43920	56520	60000	55200	60000	51600	41280	48240	45480	584400
GAF-991 Suzuki Bolan													
POL	141	115	116	127	133	212	109	133	146	98	98	67	1495
Charges	15920	13800	13920	15240	15960	25440	13080	15960	17520	11760	11760	8040	179400
GAF-079 Toyota Altis													
POL	162	288	145	243	168	267	224	281	294	162	185	209	120
Charges	19440	34560	17400	29160	20160	32040	26880	33720	35280	19440	22200	25080	14400

January 2021 to December 2021

GAF-098 Toyota Altis														
POL	204	211	267	305	267	408	205	207	305	261	459	437	3536	
Charges	24480	25320	32040	36600	32040	48960	24600	24840	36600	31320	55080	52440	424320	
GV-190 Honda City														
POL	288	138	128	214	474	844	372	350	225	361	408	365	4167	
Charges	34560	16560	15360	25680	56880	101280	44640	42000	27000	43320	48960	43800	500040	
GAJ-990 Suzuki Pickup														
POL						25	100	62	79	47	164	29	506	
Charges						3000	12000	7440	9480	5640	19680	3480	60720	
GAK-092 Toyota Yaris														
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GAK-384 Toyota Yaris														
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Charges														
GAK-096 Suzuki Cultus														
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Charges														
GAK-096 Suzuki Cultus														
POL														
Charges														
GAS-305 Toyota Altis														
POL														
Charges														
Grand Total										POL (Liter) Charges				
										36932 4953660				

January 2022 to December 2022													
Month vise	Jan 022	Feb 022	Mar 022	Apr 021	May 022	Jun 022	July 021	Aug 022	Sep 022	Oct 022	Nov 022	Dec- 022	Total
GV-785 Honda City													
POL	20	107	126	141	36	223	-	151	19	115	105	118	1661
Charges	2500	13375	15750	17625	4500	27875	-	18875	2375	14375	13125	14750	145125
GAC-079 Honda Civic													
POL	347	284	299	341	333	201	230	336	262	107	223	316	3279
Charges	43375	35500	37375	42625	41625	25125	28750	42000	32750	13375	27875	39500	409875
GAD-019 Toyota Gli													
POL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	266	326
Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13500	59850	73350
GAD-022 Toyota Gli													
POL	492	430	565	223	487	344	471	90	128	132	241	188	3791
Charges	61500	53750	70625	27875	60875	43000	58875	11250	16000	16500	30125	23500	473875
GAE-099 Honda City													
POL	136	326	259	162	88	155	94	158	235	440	399	116	2568
Charges	17000	40750	32375	20250	11000	19375	11750	19750	29375	55000	49875	14500	321000
GAE-020 Honda City													
POL	25	142	233	70	157	328	149	85	404	453	247	174	2467
Charges	3125	17750	29125	8750	19625	41000	18625	10625	50500	56625	30875	21750	308375
GAF-017 Toyota Revo													
POL	322	836	514	813	466	361	362	781	394	374	266	283	5772
Charges	40250	104500	64250	101625	58250	45125	45250	97625	49250	46750	33250	35375	721500
GAF-880 Toyota Altis													
POL	124	134	266	170	234	413	305	314	289	442	133	184	3008
Charges	15500	16750	33250	21250	29250	51625	38125	39250	36125	55250	16625	40285	353000
GAF-990 Toyota Altis													
POL	465	430	769	654	588	552	501	523	573	502	402	70	6029
Charges	58125	53750	96125	81750	73500	69000	62625	65375	71625	62750	50250	8750	645525
GAF-991 Suzuki Bolan													
POL	78	63	76	123	53	103	37	30	203	75	75	39	955
Charges	9750	7875	9500	15375	6625	12875	4625	3750	25375	9375	9375	8750	119375
GAF-079 Toyota Altis													
POL	249	162	237	152	111	231	161	188	143	163	208	148	2153
Charges	31125	20250	29625	19000	13875	28875	20125	23500	17875	20375	26000	18500	269125
GAF-098 Toyota Altis													
POL	496	499	452	255	400	338	347	401	369	569	309	547	4982
Charges	62000	62375	56500	31875	50000	42250	43375	50125	46125	71125	38625	68375	622750

January 2022 to December 2022																
GV-190 Honda City																
POL	317	316	264	290	519	504	315	414	281	461	363	371	4415			
Charg	39625	39500	33000	36250	64875	63000	39375	51750	35125	67625	45375	46375	551875			
es																
GAJ-990 Suzuki Pickup																
POL	51	134	72	72	77	99	45	80	128	190	164	70	1191			
Charg	7900	20211	10824	10824	12416	21157	10852	20840	30362	42848	37195	19785	245214			
es																
GAK-092 Toyota Yaris																
POL	121	170	251	242	316	144	249	209	387	364	434	162	3049			
Charg	17746	26104	37716	36402	47507	31955	59993	48756	92029	82252	97872	36072	614404			
es																
GAK-093 Toyota Yaris																
POL	204	204	237	332	79	240	187	257	225	353	192	198	2703			
Charg	30209	31606	35759	49925	11876	49701	44816	66087	53368	79627	43311	43057	553042			
es																
GAK-094 Toyota Yaris																
POL	91		92	86	32	90	63	64	65	104	64	60	811			
Charg	13429		13846	12972	4901	19777	14596	14984	15521	23487	14432	13230	161175			
es																
GAK-383 Toyota Yaris																
POL	204	154	244	297	188	148	206	322	379	248	435	363	3225			
Charg	30153	23970	36690	44737	28312	33013	49568	75150	89962	63008	98096	79946	654605			
es																
GAK-384 Toyota Yaris																
POL	38	272	282	56	164	196	113	165	267	263	300	289	2396			
Charg	5521	4226	42366	8419	24656	41887	26775	38154	63429	69356	67786	61747	454302			
es																
GAK-096 Suzuki Cultus																
POL	101	97	95	60	103	37	57	157	293	183	238	205	1606			
Charg	14816	14788	11276	9020	15485	8674	13715	36167	69716	41270	53799	45269	332995			
es																
GAK-097 Suzuki Cultus																
POL	113	151	75	63	106	37	84	102	171	167	113	243	1425			
Charg	16533	23405	11275	9601	16820	8674	20042	23695	40630	24131	25482	53597	273085			
es																
GAS-505 Toyota Altis																
POL				40	324	161	248	239	322	318	468	248	2368			
Charg				6013	50762	35233	59799	55430	76376	71772	105685	54586	515656			
es																
Grand Total													60188			

*Question No. 42 **Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 2/01/2023 at 11:18 AM) QID: 40124

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise detail of total funds available and spent by the Universal Service Fund (USF) since its inception along-with its funds presently lying with the Ministry of Finance; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that a number of projects of providing cellular/data services in the unserved areas of the country are under consideration, if so, details thereof indicating names of the projects, with district and province wise location, cost of the project and tentative date of completion thereof?*

Syed Amin-ul-Haque: (a) USF Company has been established during financial year 2005-06 under Section 42 of Company Ordinance for the provision of telecom services in the unserved and underserved areas across the country. The year wise details of total fund available and spent is placed at **Annexure “A”**.

(b) As stated above, USF is mandated organization for telecom services across the country. USF has launched/planned a number of projects under the voice and highspeed broadband data services program (3G/4G).

It is apprised that projects, worth **PKR 42.3 billion**, are under execution whereas many projects are planned for the un/underserved population in rural and remote areas across the country. Moreover, depending upon the size of project targets, the completion timelines fluctuate and range from 6 months to 18 months. The requisite detail of the USF projects in the provinces with targeted Districts is placed at **Annexure “B”**.

Annex-A

Statement of USF Fund Flow Since inception to 30th Dec, 2022		
Year	Rs. in Million	
	Inflow	Spending
2005-06	887.59	-
2006-07	0.52	50.00
2007-08	3,353.97	288.64
2008-09	7,286.82	1,701.32
2009-10	18,642.03	2,294.37
2010-11	14,782.45	4,146.00
2011-12	5,744.40	1,159.75
2012-13	10,677.80	3,615.00
2013-14	14,784.05	6,223.04
2014-15	11,355.86	142.24
2015-16	5,011.52	7,853.39
2016-17	4,924.51	8,434.70
2017-18	5,931.04	9,619.24
2018-19	6,412.76	6,950.10
2019-20	6,697.09	4,890.99
2020-21	6,959.73	6,301.41
2021-22	7,634.48	18,750.00
2022-23 (Dec - 22)	212.08	8,250.00
Total	131,298.72	90,670.19

Summary	
USF	Rs. Million
Contributions	131,298.72
Recovery from PTA*	12,411.60
Interest Earned**	17,366.65
Share of AJK USF held***	653.87
Total Receipts	161,730.84
Spending of USF	90,670.19
Net Fund	71,060.65
Funds with Ministry of Finance	57,210.50
Fund at Public Account	13,850.15

Note:

*Recovered this collection from PTA and diverted to PLA of MoIT during 2014-15.
** Interest on investment and bank balance. Interest discontinues in 2016.
*** AJK share of USF payable to AJK.

PROJECTS UNDER EXECUTION

S. No	Programme	Names of Projects	Districts	Total Mauzas	Total Population	Awarded Subsidy [PKR]	Project Completion Status
1	Voice & High-Speed Broadband Data Services (2G/3G/4G)	Mastung Lot	Mastung, Zarat	226	142,197	652,000,000	75%
2		Kech Lot	Kech, Panigur	306	345,567	2,077,763,109	50%
3		Chaghi Lot	Chaghi, Nushki	170	160,915	1,369,655,940	75%
4		Pishin Lot	Pishin, Killa Abdullah, Quetta	378	646,620	1,319,809,195	Work in Progress
5		Panigur Lot	Panigur	69	153,429	590,000,000	25%
6		Lasbela Lot	Lasbela, Awaran	223	154,083	1,773,747,000	25%
7		Killa Saifullah Lot	Killa Saifullah, Zohab	111	115,287	3,572,973,000	Work in Progress
8		Loralai Lot	Loralai	143	82,953	2,600,000,000	Work in Progress
9		Musakhel Lot	Musakhel, Barkhan, Sherani	114	71,792	3,397,000,000	Work in Progress
10		Sibi Lot	Sibi	47	33,743	1,964,762,420	Work in Progress
11		Gwadar Lot 2	Gwadar	19	15,260	188,131,368	Work in Progress
Grand Total = 11				1,806	1,921,846	19,505,842,032	

S. No	Names of Projects	Districts	Total Road Segment (Kms)	Awarded Subsidy (PKR)	Project Completion Status
1	Voice & High-Speed Broadband Data Services for National Highways & Motorways (2G/3G/4G)	NH&MW - M8 (Rato Dero - Gwadar)	Larkana, Kambar Shahdad Kot, Jhal Magsi, Khuzdar, Gwadar, Awaran, Kech	478.38	4,822,797,972 Work in Progress

PLANNED PROJECTS

Program	Project	Districts
Voice and High-Speed Broadband Data Services (3G/4G)	Small Lot-59	Jaffarabad, Nasirabad
	Kalat	Kalat
	Dera Bugti	Dera Bugti, Kohlu

PROJECTS UNDER EXECUTION

S. No	Programme	Names of Projects	Districts	Targets Mauzas	Total Population	Awarded Subsidy (PKR)	Project Completion Status
1	Voice & High-Speed Broadband Data Services (2G/3G/4G)	North Waziristan Lot	North Waziristan Agency, FR Bannu, FR Lakki Marwat	401	565,460	192,083,284	50%
2		South Waziristan Lot	South Waziristan Agency, FR Tank	411	638,286	90,096,348	Work in Progress
3		Kurram Lot	Kurram	224	442,675	92,245,746	Work in Progress
4		Chitral Lot	Chitral, Upper Dir, Lower Dir	648	720,129	1,372,085,052	50%
5		Swat Lot	Swat	34	65,695	781,469,991	25%
6		Swabi Lot	Nowshera, Mardan, Charsadda, Swabi	70	163,706	555,000,000	75%
7		Bannu Lot	Bannu, Lakki Marwat	117	165,413	201,531,669	75%
8		Buner Lot	Buner, Shangla	102	95,840	2,037,810,752	Work in Progress
		Grand Total = 8		2,007	2,857,204	5,322,322,842	

S. No	Programme	Names of Projects	Districts	Total Road Segment (Kms)	Awarded Subsidy (PKR)	Project Completion Status
1	Voice & High-Speed Broadband Data Services for National Highways & Motorways (2G/3G/4G)	NH&MW N35 (Karakorum Highway)	Attock, Haripur, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Batagram, Kohistan	144.33	1,229,012,007	Work in Progress

S. No	Names of Projects	Districts	Total Destinations	Total Road Segments (Kms)	Awarded Subsidy (PKR)	Project Completion Status
1	Voice & High-Speed Broadband Data	TD-K1	Mansehra, Abbottabad	97.95	1,172,958,500	Work in Progress
2	Services for Tourist Destinations	TD-K2	Swat & Upper Dir	55.88	883,360,268	Work in Progress
	Grand Total = 2		27	153.83	2,056,318,768	

PLANNED PROJECTS

Program	Names of Project	Districts
Voice and Highspeed Broadband Data Services (3G/4G)	Kohat	Kohat, Ex-FR Kohat
Voice and Highspeed Broadband Data Services (3G/4G) for NH&MW	NH & MW-M16 (Swat Motorway)	Upper Kohistan Swabi, Mardan, Malakand

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PROJECTS UNDER EXECUTION

S. No	Programme	Names of Projects	Districts	Total Mauzas	Total Population	Awarded Subsidy (PKR)	Project Completion Status
1	Voice & High-Speed Broadband Data Services (2G/3G/4G)	Jhelum Lot	Jhelum, Chakwal	263	343,595	254,720,966	50%
2		Attock Lot	Attock, Rawalpindi	306	345,978	308,924,164	75%
3		Sahiwal Lot	Okara, Pakpattan, Sahiwal	778	574,411	681,284,742	75%
4		Mianwali Lot	Khushab, Mianwali	186	376,518	1,599,130,467	Work in Progress
5		Jhang Lot	Jhang, Bhakkar, Toba Tek Singh	721	1,035,188	2,256,599,207	Work in Progress
6		Lodhran Lot	Lodhran, Vehari	300	377,996	1,189,934,567	Work in Progress
7		Nankana Sahib Lot	Nankana Sahib, Kasur, Sheikhupura	301	498,333	468,897,727	Work in Progress
8		Sialkot Lot	Sialkot, Narowal, Gujrat	232	255,276	624,802,198	Work in Progress
		Grand Total = 8		3,087	3,807,295	7,384,294,038	

S. No	Programme	Names of Projects	Districts	Total Road Segment (Kms)	Awarded Subsidy (PKR)	Project Completion Status
1	Voice & High-Speed Broadband Data Services for National Highways & Motorways (2G/3G/4G)	NH&MW M4	Hafizabad, Faisalabad, Toba Tek Singh, Khanewal, Multan	70.67	44,927,050	50%
2		NH&MW Hakla-Di Khan	Di Khan, Lakki Marwat, Mianwali, Attock, Rawalpindi	96.33	375,356,871	Work in Progress
		Grand Total = 2		167	420,283,921	

PLANNED PROJECTS

Program	Project	Districts
Voice and Highspeed Broadband Data Services (3G/4G)	Small-Lot-P12	Sargodha
	Faisalabad	Faisalabad, Chiniot, Sargodha
	Gujranwala	Gujranwala, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahauddin
	Bahawalnagar-Border	Bahawalnagar
Voice and Highspeed Broadband Data Services (3G/4G) for NH&MW	Rahim Yar Khan-Border	Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalpur
	N70 (Rakimi to Multan)	DG Khan, Muzaffargarh, Multan

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PROJECTS UNDER EXECUTION

S. No	Programme	Names of Projects	Districts	Total Mauzas	Total Population	Awarded Subsidy (PKR)	Project Completion Status
1	Voice & High-Speed Broadband Data Services (2G/3G/4G)	Kambar Shahdad Kot Lot	Larkana, Kambar Shahdad Kot	359	494,968	246,405,845	75%
2		Naushero Feroz Lot	Naushero Feroz, Shaheed Benazirabad,	438	166,457	451,645,455	50%
3		Tharparkar Lot 2	Tharparkar	60	72,006	874,315,253	Work in Progress
		Grand Total = 3		857	733,431	1,572,366,553	

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