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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 24th September, 2021

***Question No. 1 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 10/06/2021 at 10:30 AM) QID: 37952

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that 3G and 4G internet services are not available in the merged districts of Ex-FATA in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, if so, the steps taken by the Government for provision of the said services to those areas indicating completion duration thereof?

Syed Amin-ul-Haque: 1. Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MoITT) issued Policy Directive under Section-8 of Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-Organization) Act, 1996 regarding “Closure of Telecom Services due to National Security Concerns”. Pursuant to the GoP Policy Directive, PTA as a regulator, issued SoPs to service providers for handling the closure activity.

2. Ministry of Interior being the custodian of internal security under the Rules of Business, 1973 initiates such references and issues necessary instructions to PTA for implementation through Cellular Mobile Operators (CMTOs). PTA has to ensure compliance to such instructions.

3. Currently, voice services are available in all Districts of Ex-FATA. Recently, in pursuance of Government’s vision of providing internet services across the country, internet services have been restored in Bajaur, South Waziristan and Khyber Districts, whereas internet services in Kuram, Orakzai, North Waziristan and Mohmand Districts will be restored in phases after review of security situation by the quarters

concerned. The detail of internet services in the *Ex-FATA* Districts may be seen at **Annex-A**.



Ref: USF/MoIT-SENATE-SQ/BA/UFB

June 29, 2021

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Subject : Senate Starred Question Diary No. 6 (Group 4) Moved by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.

This is with reference to your letter no2-7/2021-Council (Senate) dated 28th June 2021 on the same subject.

Please find details of USF Projects in Merged Districts (Ex-FATA) below in response to your letter.

Broadband for Sustainable Development Projects

Sr No.	Project	SP	Population	Districts	Mausas	Status
1	Khyber	Ufone	1,751,781	Khyber Agency, FR Kohat, FR Peshawar, Karak, Hangu	503	Completed
2	Mohmand	Telenor	1,599,514	Bajaur Agency, Mohmand Agency, Maiakaniad PR	684	In progress
3	North Waziristan	Jazz	565,460	North Waziristan, FR Bannu, FR Lakki Marwat	401	In progress
4	South Waziristan	Jazz	638,286	South Waziristan, FR Tank	411	In progress
5	Kurram	Jazz	442,675	Kurram	224	In progress

Optic Fiber Cable Projects

Sr No.	Project	SP	OFC (km)	Districts	THQs/Towns	Status
1	Ex-FATA Package One	PTCL	656	North Waziristan (NWA), South Waziristan (SWA), FR Bannu, FR Lakki Marwat, FR Tank	23	Completed
2	Ex-FATA Package Two	PTCL	910	Bajaur, Mohmand, Khyber, Orakzai, Kurram, FR Peshawar, FR Kohat	40	In progress

With best regards,


Bilal Ahmed
Chief Technical Officer

By: No. 7/2021-Council (Senate) SO(C)
Date: 29/06/2021

***Question No. 2 Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan:**
(Notice Received on 30/06/2021 at 9:42 AM) QID: 37986

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state whether it is a fact that environment impact assessment has been done for the Margalla Expressway Project, if so, details indicating the environment impact area, number of tree felled and proposed to be felled and the number and names of species that will be effected by the said project?

Ms. Zartaj Gul: It is stated that the as per available official record, this Agency had not issued any environmental approval against any phase or segment of the Margalla Expressway.

However, 02 separate cases pertaining to different sections of Margalla Expressway were received and dully process by Pak-EPA as per following detailed and rejected on the basis of non-perusal by CDA.

S. No.	Name of the Project	Name of the proponent	Status
01.	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report of Extension of Margalla Avenue From Constitution Avenue to Murree Road, Islamabad. Date of Receipt: 13-07-2009	Assistant Director Roads (Division-IV) Capital Development Authority (CDA), Islamabad.	i) The instant case was submitted by the proponent before Pak-EPA for environmental approval on 13 th July, 2009. The proposed project is the extension of Margalla avenue from constitution avenue to Murree road Islamabad. ii) Despite advice for release of public hearing notice in press for holding of public hearing vide letter dated 01-10-2009 and issuance of three subsequent reminders dated 13-11-2009, 24-12-2009 and 29-11-2010, no action was taken by proponent. (Annex-I). iii) The case was closed by Pak-EPA due to failure / non-performance in lieu of the provision of clarification regarding the commencement of development activities on the proposed project in violation of Section 12 of PEPA' 1997. (Annex-II).
02.	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report of Construction of Khayaban-E-Margalla From, G.T. Road to Khayaban-E-Iqbal, Sector D-12, Islamabad. Date of Receipt: 22-10-2013.	M/s MAK Engineering Services Peshawar.	The instant case was submitted by proponent before this Agency for environmental approval on 22 nd October, 2013. The proposed road (09 KM), at the border of Taxila and Islamabad, starts from a point on National Highway closed to Sangjani Town, extending to northeast in almost straight line and ends at western end of Sector, D-12. The case was closed by Pak-EPA due to failure / non-performance in lieu of the provision of clarification regarding the commencement of development activities on the proposed project in violation of Section 12 of PEPA' 1997 and Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan's Suo-Moto action of case No. 22/2007 (Wherein CDA was directed not to carry out any activity in MHNP). (Annex-III).

(Annexures have been placed on the table of the house as well as library.)

***Question No. 3 Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan:**
(Notice Received on 30/06/2021 at 9:43 AM) QID: 37987

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

(a) *number of trees planted, surviving & traceable under the billion tree Tsunami project; and*

(b) *the species and number of plants, planted under the said project?*

Ms. Zartaj Gul: (a) Total number of trees planted are 1007.086 Million till June 2021. According to the Preliminary Assessment done by the independent Third Party Monitoring Consortium (UN-FAO, IUCN and WWF), the success/survival rate of plants/regeneration was reported between 75% to 90%.

(b) Detail of province-wise species planted / regenerated / distributed reported till June 2021 is given below:—

Province/ Territory	No of plants (million)	Name of plant species
KP	390.94	<i>Pinus roxburghii</i> (chir pine), <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (Sufeda), <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> (Robinia), <i>Pinus brutia</i> (Cyprus pine), <i>Populus caspica</i> (White poplar), <i>Salix babilonica</i> (Weeping willow), <i>Populus deltoides</i> (Sufeda), <i>Cedrus deodara</i> (Deodar), <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Asmani), <i>Acacia nilotica</i> (Kikar), <i>Melia azedarach</i> (Persian lilac/Bakain), <i>Pinus wallichiana</i> (Kail), <i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Iple iple), <i>Populus deltoides</i> (Sufeda), <i>Dalbergia sissoo</i> (Shisham), <i>Sapindus mukorossi</i> (Ritha), <i>Callistemon viminalis</i> (Bottle brush), <i>Morus alba</i> (Mulberry), <i>Acacia seyal</i> (Talh), <i>Acacia albida</i> (Sufed kikar), <i>Albizia lebbek</i> (Kala sirin), <i>Mangifera indica</i> (Mango), <i>Quercus incana</i> (Rein), <i>Populus nigra</i> (Lombardy poplar), <i>Juglans regia</i> (Walnut), <i>Populus euramericana</i> (Doghla poplar), <i>Bombax cieba</i> (Simal), <i>Bauhinia variegata</i> (Kaliar), <i>Acacia modesta</i> (Phulai), <i>Punica granatum</i> (Anar), <i>Alnus nitida</i> (Sharol), <i>Cedrela toona</i> (Tun), <i>Acer caesium</i> (Maple), <i>Pinus helepensis</i> (Quetta pine), <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> (Lachi), <i>Zizyphus mauritiana</i> (Ber), <i>Elaeagnus hortensis</i> (Sanjata), <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> (Lachi), <i>Acacia farnesiana</i>

		(vilayati kikar), <i>Tamarix aphylla</i> (Frash), <i>Eucalyptus citriodora</i> (Lemon Scented Gum), <i>Pistacia integerrima</i> (Kangar),
Punjab	68.675	<i>Acacia nilotica</i> (Kikar), <i>Acacia modesta</i> (Pulai), <i>Dodonea viscosa</i> (Sanatha), <i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Iple iple), <i>Zizyphus mauritiana</i> (Ber), <i>Acacia senegal</i> (Gum Arabic), <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (Sufeda), <i>Ehretia serrata</i> (Puran), <i>Terminalia arjuna</i> (Bahera), <i>Dalbergia sissoo</i> (Shisham), <i>Morus alba</i> (Mulberry), <i>Melia azedarach</i> (Bakain), <i>Albizia lebbeck</i> (Siris), <i>Cordia myxa</i> (Lasura), <i>Mangifera indica</i> (Mango), <i>Bombax cieba</i> (Simal)
Sindh	408.39	<i>Avicennia marina</i> (Timmar), <i>Acacia nilotica</i> (Babul), <i>Albizia lebbeck</i> (Siris), <i>Azadirachta indica</i> (Neem), <i>Terminalia arjuna</i> (Bahera), <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (Sufeda), <i>Acacia catechu</i> (Cutch tree), <i>Rhizophora mucronata</i> (Kamo), <i>Acacia senegal</i> (Gum arabic), <i>Prosopis cineraria</i> (Kandi), <i>Conocarpus erectus</i> (Conocarpus), <i>Ficus religiosa</i> (Pipal), <i>Olea ferruginea</i> (Kahu), <i>Eucalyptus citriodora</i> (Lemon Scented Gum), <i>Manilkara zapota</i> (Cheku), <i>Parkinsonia aculeate</i> (Parkinsonia), <i>Bombax cieba</i> (Simal), <i>Callistemon viminalis</i> (Bottle brush)
Balochistan	6.102	<i>Olea ferruginea</i> (Kahu), <i>Azadirach indica</i> (Neem tree), <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> (Robinia), <i>Melia azedarach</i> (Persian lilac/Bakain), <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Asmani), Quetta ash, <i>Morus alba</i> (Mulberry), <i>Punica granatum</i> (Anar), <i>Acacia nilotica</i> (Kikar), <i>Acacia catechu</i> (Cutch tree),
AJK	110.59	<i>Bombax cieba</i> (Simal), <i>Populus euramericana</i> (Doghla poplar), <i>Salix acmophylla</i> (Willow), <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (Lachi), <i>Populus deltoides</i> (Sufeda), <i>Pinus roxburghii</i> (Chir), <i>Cedrus deodara</i> (Deodar), <i>Populus ciliata</i> (Himalayan poplar), <i>Populus caspica</i> (White poplar), <i>Acacia nilotica</i> (Kikar), <i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Iple iple), <i>Dalbergia sissoo</i> (Shisham), <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> (Robinia), <i>Pinus wallichiana</i> (Kail), <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Asmani), <i>Salix tetrasperma</i> (Indian willow), <i>Populus nigra</i> (Lombardy poplar), <i>Morus alba</i> (Mulberry), <i>Sapindus mukorossi</i> (Ritha), <i>Bauhinia purpurea</i> (Bauhinia), <i>Ulmus wallichiana</i> (Kain), <i>Melia azedarach</i> (Persian lilac/Bakain), <i>Quercus incana</i> (Rein)
GB	22.39	<i>Elaeagnus hortensis</i> (Sanjata), <i>Salix tetrasperma</i> (Indian willow), <i>Populus nigra</i> (Lombardy poplar), <i>Populus deltoides</i> (Sufeda), <i>Populus hybrid</i> (Sufeda), <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (Sufeda), <i>Robinia</i>

		<i>pseudoacacia</i> (Robinia), <i>Cedrela serrate</i> (Himalayan cedar), <i>Pinus wallichiana</i> (Kail), <i>Olea europaea</i> (Wild olive), <i>Platanus orientalis</i> (Chinar), <i>Populus euphratica</i> (Bahan), <i>Populus ciliate</i> (Himalayan poplar), <i>Syzygium cumini</i> (Black plum), <i>Juglans regia</i> (Walnut), <i>Olea ferruginea</i> (Kahu), <i>Cedrus deodara</i> (Deodar), <i>Populus caspica</i> (White poplar), <i>Salix babilonica</i> (Weeping willow), <i>Platycladus orientalis</i> (Morpankh), <i>Casuarina Equisetifolia</i> (Saru)
Total	1007.087	

*Question No. 4 **Senator Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 2/07/2021 at 11:00 AM) QID: 38011

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state as to whether it is a fact that Universal Services Fund is being spent in the backward areas of Pakistan, if so, the details of existing total funds, funds spent during the last 5 years, on various projects with province wise break-up indicating those in Ex- FATA and District Malakand?

Syed Amin ul Haque: Universal Services Fund (USF) under Ministry of IT & Telecom is mandated to empower the under-served and un-served areas through Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to achieve a digitally inclusive Pakistan and thereby improving the lives of communities by making high speed internet services available and affordable for all. With the above stated objective Universal Services Fund is being utilized. As desired detail of USF Funds utilization is as under:—

- Total funds till to date = Rs. 135.974 billion
- Current balance: = Rs. 32.118 billion
- Current balance at Federal Consolidated Fund (FCF) = Rs.57.21 Billion
- Province wise breakup of Funds spent during the last Five years including EX-FATA is at **Annexure A**
- Subsidy contracted = Rs.4.48 billion
- Subsidy spent = Rs.1.5 billion
- Position of District Malakand is at **Annexure-B**

Annexure-A

PUNJAB				KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA				
PROJECT NAME	SUBSIDY CONTRACTED	SUBSIDY PAID	PROJECT NAME	SUBSIDY CONTRACTED	SUBSIDY PAID	PROJECT NAME	SUBSIDY CONTRACTED	SUBSIDY PAID
Small Lot Punjab-1	317,046,260	337,046,260	Cherial (B&H)	-	1,887,256,398	Cherial (B&H)	-	1,887,256,398
Small Lot Punjab-2	56,480,571	30,320,199	Shangela	-	1,620,744,837	Shangela	-	1,620,744,837
Bahawalpur	343,707,707	278,966,164	Kohistan	3,501,205,679	2,135,196,529	Kohistan	3,501,205,679	2,135,196,529
Bahawalnagar	166,611,139	338,288,908	Phybat	1,937,947,014	1,907,960,779	Phybat	1,937,947,014	1,907,960,779
Bahawalnagar	198,525,713	119,115,426	Mohmand	849,657,146	105,483,177	Mohmand	849,657,146	105,483,177
Dera Ghazi Khan	481,027,547	196,411,018	D.I. Khan	595,600,231	579,529,484	D.I. Khan	595,600,231	579,529,484
Small Lot Punjab-4	48,000,000	37,812,923	South Waziristan	192,083,284	81,246,847	South Waziristan	192,083,284	81,246,847
Muzaffargarh	650,219,902	260,087,960	South Waziristan	90,098,348	18,019,259	South Waziristan	90,098,348	18,019,259
Jhelum	254,720,968	50,944,193	Korram	92,245,746	18,409,159	Korram	92,245,746	18,409,159
GHC-UC PB-LOT4	154,078,229	30,815,645	Cherial (H&B) (H)	1,372,985,057	274,417,010	Cherial (H&B) (H)	1,372,985,057	274,417,010
GHC-UC PB-LOT5	1,240,000,000	316,000,000	Sewabi	555,160,000	111,000,000	Sewabi	555,160,000	111,000,000
GHC-UC PB-LOT6	1,725,000,000	345,000,000	Sawal	781,469,991	156,793,598	Sawal	781,469,991	156,793,598
MTR	1,165,000,000	233,000,000	GHC-UPK Package-1	700,000,000	688,486,049	GHC-UPK Package-1	700,000,000	688,486,049
GTR	-	(40,187,995)	GHC-UPK (PATA) Package-2	2,559,864,984	511,972,596	GHC-UPK (PATA) Package-2	2,559,864,984	511,972,596
HTR	-	(52,966,380)	TOTAL	14,008,200,605	10,917,651,862	TOTAL	14,008,200,605	10,917,651,862
TOTAL	6,925,418,034	2,329,838,821						

SINDH				BALUCHISTAN				
PROJECT NAME	SUBSIDY CONTRACTED	SUBSIDY PAID	PROJECT NAME	SUBSIDY CONTRACTED	SUBSIDY PAID	PROJECT NAME	SUBSIDY CONTRACTED	SUBSIDY PAID
Small Lot Sindh-1	23,000,000	23,000,000	Turbat	-	2,285,812,849	Turbat	-	2,285,812,849
H&B B&O DADU	236,795,758	173,436,604	Zobai	-	2,636,635,515	Zobai	-	2,636,635,515
Hydrabad	449,692,145	449,692,145	Kalat	-	2,604,057,707	Kalat	-	2,604,057,707
Small Lot S3	84,711,871	16,942,374	Khuzdar	2,350,354,559	1,611,836,380	Khuzdar	2,350,354,559	1,611,836,380
Tharparker	1,197,734,483	958,187,344	Chagai	1,219,103,440	2,143,408,591	Chagai	1,219,103,440	2,143,408,591
Sanghar	588,349,155	470,335,324	Awaran Isildia	2,257,557,475	2,257,557,475	Awaran Isildia	2,257,557,475	2,257,557,475
Ghotki	886,437,033	117,287,586	Khuzdar-Washuk	885,402,064	885,402,064	Khuzdar-Washuk	885,402,064	885,402,064
Small Lot S4	24,019,608	4,403,292	Dera Bugti	1,026,432,290	974,159,769	Dera Bugti	1,026,432,290	974,159,769
Shikarpur	344,391,302	68,838,050	Small Lot Baluchistan-1	365,000,000	365,000,000	Small Lot Baluchistan-1	365,000,000	365,000,000
GHC-UC-SD-LOT1	1,310,000,000	262,000,000	H&BKW (G-3) (H) 10K-251	799,000,000	754,930,908	H&BKW (G-3) (H) 10K-251	799,000,000	754,930,908
GHC-UC-SD-LOT2	1,756,485,815	351,293,163	H&BKW (G-2) (H) 25K-651	250,443,306	150,395,983	H&BKW (G-2) (H) 25K-651	250,443,306	150,395,983
GHC-UC-SD-LOT3	2,100,000,000	420,000,000	N&B (W) Lot 3 (H) 50K-701	411,176,333	328,941,064	N&B (W) Lot 3 (H) 50K-701	411,176,333	328,941,064
STR V	-	217,427,300	Small Lot Baluchistan-3	47,000,000	47,000,000	Small Lot Baluchistan-3	47,000,000	47,000,000
TOTAL	8,081,217,019	1,531,444,022	Bolan	471,000,000	229,600,000	Bolan	471,000,000	229,600,000
			Small Lot Baluchistan-2	220,000,000	220,000,000	Small Lot Baluchistan-2	220,000,000	220,000,000
			Jaffer abad	88,034,687	7,590,379	Jaffer abad	88,034,687	7,590,379
			Mastung	652,000,000	136,400,000	Mastung	652,000,000	136,400,000
			Chaghan	1,369,655,940	247,892,409	Chaghan	1,369,655,940	247,892,409
			Gwadar	450,000,000	90,000,000	Gwadar	450,000,000	90,000,000
			Kech	2,077,763,109	368,803,021	Kech	2,077,763,109	368,803,021
			Pishin	1,319,809,195	148,758,863	Pishin	1,319,809,195	148,758,863
			Pinglor	590,000,000	118,000,000	Pinglor	590,000,000	118,000,000
			TOTAL	16,810,734,288	20,426,683,198	TOTAL	16,810,734,288	20,426,683,198

TOTAL SUBSIDY COMMITTED	47,580,718,001
TOTAL SUBSIDY DISBURSED	38,267,242,695

TOTAL	1,531,444,022
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FEDERAL AND MAJLI PROVINCIAL					
PROJECT NAME	SUBSIDY CONTRACTED	SUBSIDY PAID	PROJECT NAME	SUBSIDY CONTRACTED	SUBSIDY PAID
Small Lot Islamabad-1	82,245,225	80,485,225	Small Lot Islamabad-1	82,245,225	80,485,225
Sweet Homes	-	1,839,662	Sweet Homes	-	1,839,662
WEC-I	108,448,211	108,448,211	WEC-I	108,448,211	108,448,211
WEC-II	98,950,950	98,950,950	WEC-II	98,950,950	98,950,950
FOE Phase-I	148,518,708	262,820,708	FOE Phase-I	148,518,708	262,820,708
ICTOS- HR-FDC-1	540,975,890	498,454,669	ICTOS- HR-FDC-1	540,975,890	498,454,669
WEC-III	52,475,200	50,226,510	WEC-III	52,475,200	50,226,510
FOE Phase-II	228,688,222	220,291,647	FOE Phase-II	228,688,222	220,291,647
Computer Subsidy for National Library	23,313,000	23,313,000	Computer Subsidy for National Library	23,313,000	23,313,000
Computer Subsidy for the Girls Education	10,959,000	10,278,400	Computer Subsidy for the Girls Education	10,959,000	10,278,400
TOTAL	1,154,148,043	1,164,824,792	TOTAL	1,154,148,043	1,164,824,792

ANNEX-B

Detail of Universal Service Fund subsidy spent in Malakand District is as under:-

1. BDS Mohmand Lot covering areas of Malakand District valuing Rs.850 million.
2. 13-new BTS sites have been installed in areas of Malakand District under BSD Mohmand project.
3. A number of OFC nodes have been deployed in Malakand District under the umbrella of OFC KPK project. The detail is as under:

District	THQ & Towns	Node	Links	Length KM's
Malakand	Warter	Warter	Warter-Dargai	7.6
Malakand	Karkai	Karkai	Daragi-Karkai	3.6
Malakand	Ghari Usman Khel	Ghari Usman Khel	Ghari Usman Khel-Karkai	8.49
Malakand	Nasho Kandu	Nasho Kandu	Ghari Usman Khel-Nasho Kandu	9.3
Malakand	Koper	Koper	Nasho Kandu-Koper	2.94
Malakand	Badarga	Badarga	Koper-Badarga	5.34
Malakand	Kharki Dehri	Kharki Dehri	Sakhakot-Karki Dehri	6.45
Malakand	Khar	Khar	Batkheela-Khar	4.5
Malakand	Deri Julgram	Dheri Julgram	Khar-Dheri Julgram	3
Malakand	Totken	Totken	Dheri Julgram-Totken	10.8

4. An OFC node has been upgraded at Batkhela and extended up to Khar.
5. Total approximate subsidy spent under the OFC program in Malakand District is Rs.64 million.

***Question No. 5 Senator Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 6/07/2021 at 11:54 AM) QID: 38029

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state whether it is fact that under the Rule of Business, each Division has to prepare Annual Book of performance, achievements of the ministry and its departments, if so, the details of year Books published during the last three years and if not reasons there of indicating also the reasons action taken against the responsible functionaries?

Ms. Zartaj Gul: According to rule 25 (2) and (3) of Rules of Business, 1973.

“Each Division shall, for the information of the Cabinet and for general public, prepare and upload on its website as a permanent record a Year Book which shall contain the details of its activities, achievements and progress during the proceeding financial year etc.

Accordingly, Ministry of Climate Change have already uploaded on the Ministry’s Website the Year Books for the last years (*i.e.* 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20) which can be accessed by clicking the link www.gov.mocc.pk.

***Question No. 6 Senator Muhammad Akram:**

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Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the number of trees that were planted so far in Balochistan, Sindh and Punjab under the 10 Billion Tsunami Project (BTTP) indicating also the district-wise break-up of trees planted in Balochistan?

Ms. Zartaj Gul: Following is detail of trees planted under Ten Billion Trees Tsunami Programme in Balochistan, Sindh and Punjab till June 2021:—

- **6.069 million** trees have been planted / distributed in Balochistan, **408.39 million** trees have been planted / regenerated / distributed in Sindh while **68.675 million** of trees have been planted / regenerated / distributed in Punjab.
- District-wise break-up of plants planted / distributed in Balochistan is as under:

S. No.	Name of District	Total No. of plants
Zhob Circle		
1	Zhob	303,133
2	Loralai	38,400
3	KillaSaifullah	73,550
4	Sherani	105,650
5	Barkhan	97,650
6	Musakhel	84,120
7	Duki	16,500
	Sub-Total	719,003

	Quetta Circle	
8	Quetta	792,161
9	Pishin	87,442
10	Chagai	224,393
11	Nushki	307,707
12	Killa Abdullah	37,810
	Sub-Total	1,449,513
	Sibi Circle	
13	Sibi	80,330
14	DeraBugti	116,176
15	Kohlu	20,400
16	Harnai	173,695
17	Ziarat	48,680
	Sub-Total	439,281
	Nasirabad Circle	
18	Dera Murad Jamali	119,188
19	Jaffarabad	265,915
20	Kachhi	248,973
21	JhalMagsi	45,580
22	SohbatPur	43,600
	Sub-Total	723,256
	Kalat Circle	
23	Lasbella	1,014,735
24	Khuzdar	143,768
25	Kalat	56,420
26	Mastung	74,911
27	Kharan	648,715
28	Washuk	134,750
29	Awaran	53,070
30	Soorab	5,000
	Sub-Total	2,131,369
	Mekran Circle	
31	Gwardar	380,401
32	Kech	151,266
33	Panjgur	75,340
	Sub-Total	607,007
	Grand Total	6,069,429

***Question No. 7 Senator Walid Iqbal:**

(Notice Received on 7/07/2021 at 3:50 PM) QID: 38039

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state whether the officers of National Assembly, Senate, other constitutional bodies and services other than the occupational groups can be posted as Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: The posts of Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners are manned by the officers of Pakistan Administrative Service and Provincial Civil Services being their cadre posts as envisaged in the schedule appended with the Civil Service of Pakistan (Composition and Cadre) Rules, 1954 and service rules of Provincial Civil Services / Act of Provincial Assembly. Specifically Section 2 (r) and Section 3 of the Punjab Civil Administration Act, 2017 which provides as under:

“2 (r) “Service” means Pakistan Administrative Service or Provincial Management Service Punjab.

3. Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioner.- (1) The Government shall appoint a Commissioner for each Division a Deputy Commissioner for each District and an Assistant Commissioner for each Tehsil in the Punjab from amongst the officers of the Service.”

***Question No. 8 Senator Walid Iqbal:**

(Notice Received on 7/07/2021 at 3:50 PM) QID: 38041

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state whether the officers of National Assembly, Senate, other constitutional bodies and services other than the occupational groups can be posted as Chief Secretaries of the four provinces, Gilgit Baltistan and AJK?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: The officers of PAS are posted as Chief Secretaries of the four provinces by Establishment Division, Government of Pakistan in consultation with the provinces in terms of Rule 15 (iv) of the Civil Service of Pakistan (Composition and Cadre) Rules, 1954 (**Annex-I**) read with Para 2 (iv) and

(vi) of Inter-Provincial Agreement of 1993 reached between Federal and Provincial Governments (**Annex-II**). Likewise, transfer / posting of Chief Secretary, Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir is made in terms of Clause (viii) of Karachi Agreement, 1949, (**Annex-III**). However, transfer / posting of Chief Secretary, Gilgit-Baltistan is made by the Prime Minister being the competent authority. Under the existing framework, officers of National Assembly, Senate, other constitutional bodies and services other than the Pakistan Administrative Service cannot be posted as Chief Secretaries of the four provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan and AJK.

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

***Question No. 11 Senator Khalida Ateeb:**

(Notice Received on 28/07/2021 at 4:40 PM) QID: 38118

Will the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state that whether it is a fact that work on Hyderabad Airport has been stopped, if so, reasons thereof indicating also tentative date of completion of the project and operationalisation of Airport?

Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan: It is apprised that no engineering Services Project is under consideration, in pipeline or suspended at Hyderabad Airport. Moreover, Hyderabad Airport is an operational airport and can handle aircraft upto ATR-42. Therefore, it rests with the airlines operators to start flight operations from / to Hyderabad Airport considering its financial viability / passenger load.

***Question No. 15 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 5/08/2021 at 9:45 AM) QID: 38158

Will the Minister Incharge of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that poverty index / ratio has increased substantially during last year, if yes, please indicate percentage of increase and reasons thereof?

Reply Not Received

The Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division has transferred this question to the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives. But the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives has not accepted it so far.

***Question No. 16 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 6/08/2021 at 9:40 AM) QID: 38169

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the increase registered in the financial losses of PIA during the last three years?

Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan: A significant reduction instead of increase in PIA losses has been noted as evident from the year-wise audited figures for the last three years as per details given below:—

PKR in Million	
Year	Losses
2018	(67,327)
2019	(52,602)
2020	(34,643)

***Question No. 17 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 9/08/2021 at 10:00 AM) QID: 38173

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the details of properties owned by PIA in foreign countries indicating also profit earned from the same during the last three years?

Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan: The properties owned by PIA in foreign countries and revenue being earned from these properties is placed at **Annex-I**.

Annex-I

PROPERTIES OWNED BY PIA

Sr. No.	Station	Description of Property	Comments
1.	New York	Residence for PIA General Manager (Americas)	Renovated and rented out in March, 2020 at US\$ 5700/- per month. However, from August, 2020 onwards due to Covid-19, rent reduced to US\$ 5500/- per month.
2.	Amsterdam	Residence (PIA Manager Benelux)	Currently under renovation. Shall be rented out after renovation is completed.
3.		Apartment	Currently under renovation. Shall be rented out after renovation is completed.
4.		PIA Town Office	Currently under renovation. Shall be rented out after renovation is completed.
5.	Tashkent	PIA Sales Office	Renovated and rented out from January, 2020 at US\$ 1750/- per month.
6.	Delhi (India)	PIA Booking Office	Recently vacated and presently laying vacant. No action taken due to hostile geo political situation with neighbor.
7.	Bombay (India)	Residence Accounts Manager	Recently vacated and presently laying vacant. No action taken due to hostile geo political situation with neighbor.

ISLAMABAD,
the 23rd September, 2021

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