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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 30th September, 2022

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*[Questions Nos. 21, 26 and 27 were deferred on 4th August, 2022
(319th Session)]*

(Def.) *Question No. 21 **Senator Naseebullah Bazai:**
(Notice Received on 28/06/2022 at 12:47 PM) QID: 39258

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

- (a) the policy of induction of officers from provincial service into Pakistan Administrative Service;*
- (b) the province wise breakup of officers inducted in Pakistan Administrative Service under the said policy; and*
- (c) the total existing number of PAS Officers in Pakistan in all grades indicating the number and overall percentage of officers from Balochistan Province?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) Induction of officers from provincial services into PAS is Made as per provisions contained in the Provincial Management Services (PMS) / Provincial Civil Services (PCS) induction into Pakistan Administrative Service Rules, 2020 notified *vide* SRO No. 274(1)/2021 dated 23-02-2021 (**Annex-I**).

(b) The province wise breakup of officers inducted in Pakistan Administrative Service under Provincial Management Services (PMS) /

Provincial Civil Services (PCS) induction into Pakistan Administrative Service Rules, 2020 is as under:

Punjab	Sindh	KPK	Balochistan	GB	Total
04	03	01	02	01	11

(c) The total existing number of PAS officers in Pakistan in all grades indicating the number and overall percentage of officers from Balochistan Province are as under:

Grade / BPS	Total number of PAS officers	Total number of officers from Balochistan	Overall percentage officers from Balochistan province
BS-17	166	11	07%
BS-18	288	26	09%
BS-19	204	13	06%
BS-20	109	01	0.91%
BS-21	73	03	04%
BS-22	49	02	04%

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(Def.) *Question No. 26 **Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 29/06/2022 at 1:30 PM) QID: 39374

Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to state that:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to dissolve Pension Trust of the Civil Aviation Authority, if so, reasons thereof;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the pension fund of civil aviation authority is being transferred to the Government, if so, details thereof; and*
- (c) the steps being taken for protection of the financial rights of the pensioners of Civil Aviation Authority?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) There is no proposal under consideration to dissolve “CAA Employees Pension Fund Trust” of the Authority.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to transfer the Employees Pension Fund of Civil Aviation Authority to the Federal Government of Pakistan.

(c) CAA Service Regulations-2014 (Revised version-2019) is the guiding document to protect the financial rights of the pensioners of Authority. CAA has established “CAA Employees Pension Fund Trust” with the participation of indigenous employees being trustees of fund. To manage pension fund and to protect the financial rights of pensioners. To ensure sustainability and growth of pension fund, funds are being invested with the highest return generating instruments, Payment or pension and retirement benefits is made in a timely manner and there are appropriate controls in place to ensure accuracy, transparency and timely disbursement of payment to pensioners.

(Def.) *Question No. 27 **Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 29/06/2022 at 1:30 PM) QID: 39372

Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that pension of the Civil Aviation Authority’s pensioners has not been increased since 2020, if so, reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that House Grant and Leave Encashment are not being granted to the said pensioners since October, 2021, if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken for provision of the said fringes and benefits to the pensioners of Civil Aviation Authority indicating tentative time frame?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) It is stated that Civil Aviation Authority in 2014 for the first time prescribed “CAA Employees Pay & Pension Regulations 2014” in exercise of powers conferred under section 12 read with section 27 of CAA Ordinance 1982 and since 30-11-2014 the CAA pay & pension increase was delinked from the Federal Government.

However, the CAA Board in terms of Regulation 13(4) the CAA Board is obligated to revise the pay and pension at least once in three years.

Further as per Regulation 23 pay and pension committee is constituted to recommend revision in pay and pension of CAA employees annually.

In addition to above, Regulation 76 (2) ordains that at the time of revision of Adhoc increase in pay, CAA shall also increase the pension in equitable ratio and which shall not be less favorable as compared to the increase in pension granted by the Federal Government.

Accordingly, revision of pay scale of regular employees is made after an interval of three years. Likewise the pension should have been enhanced after three years. Disregarding the said regulations provision, pension increase to CAA pensioners was made in line with the benefit announced by the Government of Pakistan.

Since, the pay scale defined by the Authority are higher as compared to the pay scales defined by the Government of Pakistan, the pensioners of Authority are receiving high pension as compared to the pension drawn by GoP employees of the same grade.

The CAA Board and the Federal Government has not increased in pension in 2020.

Subsequently, DGCAA constituted a pay & pension committee in terms of Regulation 23 read with Regulation 76(2) of CAA Service Regulations-2014 (Revised 2019) on 26th November, 2021 to study and recommend increase in PCAA pension. The Committee furnished its recommendations to increase in pension with effect from 1st July, 2021. The same was presented to PCAA Board in its 191st 192nd & 193rd meetings held on 25th March, 8th April, & 30th June, 2022 respectively. However, Members of the Board raised few technical queries related to financial impact which are being addressed. The same shall be presented in the upcoming PCAA Board meeting.

(b) Special House Building Grant:

It is apprised that the PCAA Board in its 192nd meeting held on 8th April, 2022 has withdrawn the Special House Building Grant due to following, reasons:—

- At the time of initial approval of Special House Building Grant by CAA Board's 181st meeting held on 27th November 2019, the quorum of the board was not complete, hence approval accorded for the said grant is "*void ab initio*".
- PCAA Board also constituted a committee in the chairmanship of Joint Secretary Aviation with members from Finance Division and PCAA. The committee concluded that the special house grant is not financially sustainable/ feasible.
- Moreover, the pensionary benefits for PCAA employees are calculated on the basis of emoluments received as per Civil Aviation Service Regulations-2014 revised 2019 and the Special House Building Grant is not prescribed under the definition of emoluments.
- In this regard, an Admin Order has been issued for cessation and recovery of payments made to all such retired employees/ pensioners who have received Special House Building Grant.

Furthermore, it is a settled principle that grants cannot be withdrawn from the pension fund of employees and cannot be regarded as "pensionary benefits"; same principle is upheld by the Honorable Supreme Court in 2022 SCMR-518. Moreover, there is no concept of grants in any Government setup for their retiring officials. This was an exception and was granted without lawful Authority and without any financial impact consideration. The Authority cannot sustain any such endeavors which endangers the whole pension fund/scheme in future.

Leave Encashment:

Leave encashment upto 365 days for PCAA retiring employees was originally approved in CSR 2014 later on, PCAA Board in its 181st meeting held on 27th November 2019 approved leave encashment at accumulated leave balance of 730 days which is extraneous and a financial burden to PCAA. Accordingly, the rule of leave encashment, in the Civil Aviation Service Regulations 2014 (revised 2019), was amended with the approval of PCAA Board in its 192nd meeting held on 8th April, 2022 (Encl-03). The reduction in number of days for leave encashment has been done to align it with the Federal Government rules/Estacode.

(c) It is apprised that no payment on account of Special House Building Grant shall be made by PCAA in line with decision of CAA Board rather the same is liable for recovery from employees who were disbursed the same earlier, as the same is without lawful authority and not covered under the defined retiring benefits. As regards, leave encashment in lieu of LPR *i.e.* 365 days, payment of the same as been resumed in May 2022 and so far 58 officers / staff have been disbursed the same.

***Question No. 39 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 7/09/2022 at 3:13 PM) QID: 39605

Will the Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of BS-17 and above officers posted in Establishment Division from 2008 till date with cadre-wise breakup i.e. PCS/PMS/Federal Government;*
- (b) *the details of officers inducted in OMG and other service groups through lateral induction/absorption from 2008 till date; and*
- (c) *the number of officers repatriated by the Establishment Division to their parent departments after absorption in various Ministries/Divisions and attached departments, following the May 2013 verdict of the Supreme Court?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) The detail of BS-17 and above officers posted in Establishment Division from 2008 till date is as under:

- i. List of Secretaries is at **Annex-I.**
 - ii. List of Additional Secretaries is at **Annex-II.**
 - iii. List of Sr. Joint Secretary/Joint Secretaries is at **Annex-III.**
 - iv. List of Deputy Secretaries is at **Annex-IV.**
 - v. List of Section Officers is at **Annex-V.**
- (b) The detail from 2008 till date is as under:
- i. List of Armed Forces Officers and Provincial Governments Officers inducted in Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS) is at **Annex-VI.**

- ii. List of Armed Forces Officers inducted in Police Service of Pakistan (PSP) is at **Annex-VII**.
- iii. List of Provincial Police Officers encadred in PSP is at **Annex-VIII**.
- iv. List of officers appointed by transfer in Office Management Group (OMG) is at **Annex-IX**.
- v. List of officers inducted in Secretariat Group (SG) is at **Annex-X**.

(c) Nil report. Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in the referred judgment has neither declared any law of the Federal Government ultra-wires of the constitution nor directed to repatriate the Federal Government officers absorbed under the relevant laws. Moreover, Apex Court *vide* Order dated 16-12-2019, passed in Civil Appeal No.1481 of 2015 (**Annex-XI**) declared the absorption in Military Lands and Cantonments Group (ML&CG) proper & legal. The Court further observed in para 25 of the said judgment that verdict passed by Apex Court in Crl. Org Petition No. 89/2011 is not relevant as the Court was there considering the laws applicable to civil servants of Government of Sindh.

However, it is clarified that Establishment Division is the cadre administrator of four Occupational Groups/Services *i.e.* PAS, PSP, SG & OMG. The officers are appointed in these groups/services through initial appointment/ induction/ encadrement / appointment by transfer under the relevant laws/rules of the respective service/group/cadre. The details whereof is as under:

- i. Induction in PAS is made under Rule 7 of the Civil Service of Pakistan (Composition and Cadre) Rules, 1954 (**Annex-XII**) read with Provincial Management Services (PMS) and Provincial Civil Services (PCS) induction into PAS Rules 2020 (**Annex-XIII**) which was approved by the Federal Cabinet and concurrence of FPSC.
- ii. Appointment by transfer in OMG is made under Paras 5 & 9 of OMG Constitution-1975 (**Annex-XIV**) and Appointment by Transfer in Office Management Group (Conduct of Examination) Rules, 2020 (**Annex-XV**), notified with the approval of the Federal Cabinet and concurrence of FPSC.

- iii. Provincial Police Officers are encadred/appointed in PSP under Rule 7 of PSP (Composition, Cadre & Seniority) Rules, 1985 (**Annex-XVI**).
- iv. Induction in Secretariat Group is regulated under policy O.Ms available at S1 No. 8 of Chapter-3 of Estacode-2021 (**Annex-XVII**).
- v. Armed Forces Officers are inducted in three Groups *i.e.* PAS, FSP & PSP under Policy O.M dated 10-03-1982 (**Annex-XVIII**).

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***Question No. 26 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 22/08/2022 at 3:00 PM) QID: 39447

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the budget allocated for Federal Lodge (Qasr-e-Naz) during the Fiscal Year 2021-22 and expenditure incurred upon the renovation and maintenance of the said lodge indicating also the rent received by the Government for the year 2021-22?

Reply not received.

***Question No. 31 Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi:**

(Notice Received on 23/08/2022 at 12:24 PM) QID: 39652

Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) rent/lease charges collected from various kiosks established by rent a car firms at Jinnah International Airport, Karachi;*
- (b) mechanism evolved to check services offered to passengers by said firms; and*
- (c) facilities provided to employees who work round the clock at the kiosks?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) Details of Rent A Car & Radio Cab concessions at JIAP Karachi are as under:

Concession	Name of Licensee	Duration	Current license fee
Rent-a-Car Services	M/s Reems Travel & Tours	09-08-2021 to 08-08-2026	Rs. 814,000/- p.m.
Radio Cab Services No. 01.	M/s Pak Limousine Services (Metro Radio Cab)	11-02-2017 to 10-02-2022 (Four tender attempts have been completed)	Rs. 2,842,549/- p.m.

(b) The licensees are bound to:

- Charge the fare as per the approved rates of RTA per trip per kilometer.
- Issue electronic/printed receipt for each transaction/payment.
- Run/Operate the facility in accordance with requisite Government permission/ licenses; have valid RTA/applicable Government authority license to operate the facility.
- Comply with provisions of the applicable Motor Vehicles Ordinance/Act, the regulations and rules and all other applicable Local, Provincial, and Federal Laws.
- Display contact information of the licensee and C.O.O/APM JIAP Karachi on a placard/stitched on the back seat of driver in each and every vehicle operating at the airport for the convenience of passengers.
- Operate vehicles of model up to four (04) years old only.
- Submit medical fitness certificate of its Staff/Drivers.
- Ensure that all hired drivers have valid PSV license and are not more than fifty years of age.
- Provide adequate insurance cover for passengers utilizing the service without extra charges.

(c) The desired information is as under:

- (i) All CAA commercial licensees in accordance with the standard tender terms and conditions are bound to comply with all applicable labor laws / EOBI rules and are required to

ensure compensation to its employees as per minimum wage rate and EOBI benefits as approved by the Federal / Provincial Governments from time to time;

- (ii) In addition to above, there are multiple common facilities provided by CAA which include:
- Drinking Water
 - Mosques and prayer rooms (separately for men / women)
 - Lavatories
 - Staff / Welfare Canteen
- (iii) Furthermore, commercial concessionaires also provide food medical and transportation facilities to their employees as per their policies.

***Question No. 32 Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi:**
(Notice Received on 23/08/2022 at 12:25 PM) QID: 39653

Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to state the details of facilities being provided at Islamabad International Airport to the staff of Airport Security Force, Civil Aviation Authority, airlines staff, janitorial staff and travelers?

Khawaja Saad Rafique: The desired details are as under:

1. Camp area for the residence of family /bachelor of ASF personnel has been established.
2. Pick and drop facility to the personnel of ASF from Camp Area to IIAP Islamabad has also been provided ASF.
3. Sufficient number of bath rooms for the employees working at IIAP Islamabad.
4. Staff canteen.
5. Facility of Metro bus playing from Rawalpindi / Islamabad to IIAP Islamabad.
6. Wi-Fi at Terminal Building.
7. Emergency First Aid.
8. Escalators and Elevators Facility
9. Day Care Rooms.
10. Banks / ATMs
11. Masajids.

12. Prayer areas in Lounges.
13. Free parking facility.
14. Proper Trauma Center.
15. Petrol Pump.
16. Mess facility for ASF personnel at Camp Area.
17. Staff Canteen for ASF personnel at IIAP Islamabad.

For Travelers.

1. Free trolleys
2. Wi-Fi at Terminal Building
3. Emergency First Aid
4. Escalators and Elevators facility
5. Rent-a-Car service
6. Cafeterias in Lounges
7. Parking
8. Ramps
9. Toilets for special persons
10. Ticketing offices of airlines
11. Food outlets and snack bars
12. Baby Day Care Rooms
13. Banks/ATMs
14. Masjid
15. Prayer areas in Lounges
16. Money exchange
17. Proper Trauma Center
18. Petrol Pump

***Question No. 33 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 24/08/2022 at 9:10 AM) QID: 39299

Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) *the losses suffered by PIA during the last four years and the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken or being taken by the government to control the losses of PIA?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) Losses suffered during the last four years are as under:-

Year	PKR in Million
2019	(52,601)
2020	(34,642)
2021	(50,101)
2022 (Jan-Mar)	1,291*

Operating Profit*

- As a result of ban on the European Union Air Safety Agency (EASA) coupled with the negative impact of Covid-19 on the global aviation industry.
 - With the efforts made, PIA expects highest revenue of approximately PKR 16.5 Billion for the month of July, 2022 which is highest ever during 2022. Aircraft fuel remained the single largest element of the total cost, which increased by 8% due to the high average fuel cost. Devaluation of Pak Rupee by 47% in 2021 also caused an increase in exchange loss for the year.
- (b) Steps taken by the Government to reduce the loss of PIACL, and to turn it into a profitable institution are:-
- i. For financial restructuring of the Company, a comprehensive business plan has been prepared by IATA consultant, and presented to GoP to take a further way forward with the restructuring of PIACL. Main factor of the study the routes of UK and Europe are to be opened due to which a reasonable profit is expected.
 - ii. In April/ May, 2022 route rationalization exercise has been conducted. Loss making routes have been rationalized and flights on profitable routes have been added. which has resulted in significant reduction of losses and increase in revenue.
 - iii. Since May, 2022 Induction of 04 A-320 narrow body aircraft along with A-320 flight simulator is underway. These new aircrafts would add to the revenue generation on new/ profitable routes. Similarly, in-country availability of simulator will substantially reduce the cost incurred on training of the pilots from abroad.

- iv. On 1st August, 2022, one 777 aircraft grounded for nearly eight months has been made operational. Similarly, work on one A-320 and 777 aircraft is underway for recovery during one month.
- v. In June, 2022 fares rationalization on domestic as well as international to increase seat factors and enhance the revenue generation.
- vi. As per VSS, 1816 employees were reduced to the actual figure of 10,926 due to which the recurring expense has been significantly reduced.

***Question No. 34 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 24/08/2022 at 9:59 AM) QID: 38700

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that in year 2020, the Federal Government had allocated fifty percent quota to Islamabad domicile holders for recruitment against the posts in BS-1 to 16 in federal institutions; if so,*
- (b) *the number of persons appointed so far against that quota?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) Yes, it is a fact that that Federal Government notified that vacancies in BS-6 to 15 in offices which serve only the region of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) shall not at any time of initial appointment, be filled less than 50% of persons domiciled in the ICT and such posts in BS-1 to 5 in all offices situated within ICT shall not, at any time by initial appointment, be filled less than 50% from amongst the persons domiciled in the ICT.

- (b) (a) 950 Khakroobs and 16 Truck Loaders in BPS-1 have been recruited in Capital Development Authority (CDA) having domicile of Islamabad Capital Territory.
- (b) No recruitment has been made in the following departments since 2020:

- (i) ICT Administration
- (ii) Islamabad High Court, Islamabad
- (iii) Federal General Hospital
- (iv) Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences
- (v) Federal Government Polyclinic Post Graduate Medical Institute

***Question No. 35 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**
(Notice Received on 25/08/2022 at 9:52 AM) QID: 39469

Will the Minister for Aviation be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to start flights from Peshawar to Islamabad and Lahore, if not, the reasons thereof?

Khawaja Saad Rafique: • PIA launched twice-weekly flights between Lahore and Peshawar by ATR-42 from 1st October, 2021 but no flight operated from 1st October to 3rd December, 2021 due to very poor passenger loads. The following table shows the passenger booked for the sector Lahore-Peshawar-Lahore from 1st October to 31st December, 2021 which clearly indicates that the operation of the flight is not commercially viable:—

	PK648 (LHE-PEW)	PK649 (LHE-PEW)
Date	PAX Load	PAX Load
01-Oct	2	8
04-Oct	2	3
08-Oct	5	8
15-Oct	8	5
18-Oct	2	17
22-Oct	1	3
25-Oct	4	1
29-Oct	3	7
01-Nov	1	5
05-Nov	5	1
12-Nov	5	4
19-Nov	4	5
26-Nov	8	5
03-Dec	5	4

- The development of road infrastructure, the distances have been reduced and are less time-consuming as well as cheaper than air travel. The distance between Islamabad and Peshawar is around 184.87 kilometers which is around two hours journey with a normal car speed of 110 kilometers per hour. Similarly, Lahore to Peshawar distance has also been reduced. Based on these facts, there is very limited demand for Peshawar-Islamabad and Peshawar Lahore routes.

- Wherever a commercial opportunity arises, PIA mounts flights to facilitate its valued customers. In line with the current demand, PIA has started flight operations from Peshawar to Quetta with twice-weekly flights. With the increase in demand, PIA will increase its flights.

***Question No. 38 Senator Saifullah Abro:**

(Notice Received on 29/08/2022 at 10:55 AM) QID: 39679

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the lists of allotments made by FGEHA in category-I and category-II against Constitutional Quota in Park Road Housing Scheme?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD,
the 29th September, 2022

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN,
Secretary.