NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
(Questions Branch)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **STARRED/UN-STARRED ADMITTED LISTS OF QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERING IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith Starred/Un-Starred admitted lists of Questions in English of 6 Th Rota Day Sitting for preparing replies and providing the same not later than forty eight hours before the commencement of question hour, on the day on which questions are set down under rule 82 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007 for the 31st Session of the National Assembly.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

" QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS"

Islamabad, the 11th November, 2026.

to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly to be held during 6th Rota Day Sitting

142. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

Will the Minister In-charge of the Special Investment Facilitation Council Division be pleased to state:

a) what specific SIFC-facilitated investments, which have improved consumer welfare rather than merely business profitability;

b) how many projects have achieved financial close and created employment;

c) what independent evaluation measures through SIFC's interventions reach ordinary citizens; and

d) why the Council's efforts have not translated into improved household economic sentiment?

143. * SYEDA AMNAH BATOOL

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

a) the number of villages and union councils that have been provided mobile broadband through the Universal Service Fund (USF) during the last two years, alongwith the number of those still unserved;

b) the present percentage of women who own a mobile phone and use mobile internet, as compared to men;

c) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce this digital gender gap, particularly in rural areas; and

d) the present status and timeline of the rollout of 5G services in the country?

144. * MR. DAWAR KHAN KUNDI

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

a) the number of officers of the Secretariat Group in BS-20 and BS-21 who are posted on deputation in Provinces at present;

b) the number of pending applications regarding deputation of said officers at present

c) the reasons for the delay in approval of these applications; and

d) the legal or administrative rules and regulations being relied upon to withhold the action on the applications of aforesaid officers and to prevent their posting on deputation in Provincial Governments?

145. * DR. SHAZIA SOBIA ASLAM SOOMRO

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

a) the total number of Government officers sent abroad during the last three financial years, with a year-wise and service group wise breakdown, including their designations, Basic Pay Scales, departments, destination countries and purpose of travel;

b) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on these officers, including tuition fees, travel, salaries, allowances, accommodation and other related expenses with a year wise breakdown;

c) whether officers receiving Government funded foreign education or training are required to return to Pakistan and serve the Government for a prescribed period; and

d) if so, the applicable rules and enforcement mechanism?

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146. * MR. CHANGAZE AHMAD KHAN
Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:
a) the date of submission of Pakistan's latest National Implementation Plan under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and whether it covers all chemicals added to the Convention since its adoption;
b) the date of the latest national report submitted under Article 15 of the Convention and whether any report is overdue;
c) the quantity of equipment and wastes containing polychlorinated biphenyls and of obsolete stocks of persistent organic pollutant pesticides, identified and disposed of during the last five years, year-wise; and
d) the progress made towards eliminating the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment, as required under the Convention?

147. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI
Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state:
a) how does the Government justify treating nutrition as a poverty issue when stunting affects roughly 40 percent of children under five, wasting exceeds 17 percent, anemia afflicts more than 50 percent of women and children and Pakistan ranks among the top five countries globally with the highest number of stunted children, yet nutrition spending has never exceeded 0.5 percent of GDP; and
b) given that the Benazir Nashonuma Programme covers only a fraction of the estimated 7 million malnourished mothers and children, the exact beneficiary numbers, why conditional cash transfers remain disconnected from dietary diversity and maternal health services; and
c) whether the Ministry will commit to binding coverage targets backed by independent third-party evaluations instead of repeated awareness campaigns?

148. * SYED HUSSAIN TARIQ
Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:
a) whether any assessment has been made since 1st July, 2024 of the vulnerability of major cities to urban flooding, extreme heat and other climate hazards,
b) if so, city-wise its findings thereof;
c) the measures for urban areas included in the National Adaptation Plan and the progress made on their implementation; and
d) the measures being taken by the Division, in coordination with the provinces, to strengthen the climate resilience of major cities?

149. * MS. SHAISTA PERVAIZ
Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:
a) the number of consents granted under the Basel Convention for the import of hazardous and other wastes into Pakistan during the last three years, alongwith year-wise and category-wise, and including the quantity imported thereunder;
b) the number of consignments of hazardous or plastic waste found to have entered Pakistan without such consent during the same period, and the number of above returned to the country of export;
c) the date of the latest annual report submitted by Pakistan under Article 13 of the Convention; and
d) the measures being taken to regulate the import of plastic waste and end-of-life ships in accordance with the Convention?

150. * SYEDA AMNAH BATOOL
Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state:
a) the foreign exchange earned by Pakistani freelancers during 2025-26 as compared to the previous year and the number of freelancers registered with the Pakistan Software Export Board;
b) the number of e Rozgar centers functioning in the country, alongwith the number of young people trained there during 2025-26 and the number of women among them;
c) the steps taken to resolve the problems freelancers face in receiving international payments; and
d) whether the Government intends to provide special facilitation, such as co working spaces and easy loans for equipment, to women freelancers working from home?

151. * MR. MUHAMMAD MOIN AAMER PIRZADA
Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state:
a) how many Federal Ministries have achieved full adoption of the e-Office system as of 30th June, 2026;
b) which Ministries are still below target and why; and
c) what measures are being taken by the Government to safeguard data and prevent cyber-attacks on the federal *e-Office* infrastructure?

152. * MS. ASIYA NAZ TANOLI
Will the Minister of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:
a) the details of new projects launched by the Government relating to climate change, afforestation, renewable energy and environmental protection;
b) the total funds allocated and utilized for these projects during the last three Fiscal Years; and
c) the current status of implementation of these projects, along with the targets achieved so far?

153. * MR. MUHAMMAD MOIN AAMER PIRZADA
Will the Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:
a) whether the rightsizing plan of 43 Ministries and 400 Attached Departments has been completed;
b) how many posts have actually been abolished and how much annual saving has been achieved thereby; and
c) what monitoring mechanism exists to ensure that rightsizing does not hinder service delivery?

154. * DR. SHAZIA SOBIA ASLAM SOOMRO
Will the Minister In-Charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:
a) whether the Government has introduced or is considering introducing, a new policy governing foreign education and training of Government officers, particularly regarding expenditure from public funds and the mandatory return of officers to Pakistan;
b) the details of the existing and proposed policy, including the eligibility criteria, selection procedure, approval mechanism; and
c) the details of rules governing officers sent abroad for higher education, professional training, deputation or on the study leave?

155. * MR. CHANGAZE AHMAD KHAN
Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:
a) the agreements signed with other countries under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement since 1st January, 2025 and the quantity of emission reductions each covers;
b) the number of projects authorized for carbon credit transfer, sector-wise and the share of proceeds accruing to the Government under each; and
c) the arrangements made to prevent double counting of emission reductions transferred abroad against Pakistan's nationally determined contribution?

156. * MS. ZAHRA WADOOD FATEMI
wil the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state:
a) the measures being taken by the Government to ensure stable and uninterrupted internet connectivity across the country;
b) particularly in areas where users continue to experience frequent service disruptions despite the ongoing expansion of advanced telecommunications infrastructure;
c) the reasons behind recurring temporary internet outages and fluctuations that adversely affect professional activities, virtual meetings, online education and digital businesses; and
d) what steps are being taken to improve the reliability and consistency of internet services for consumers?

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157. * SYED HUSSAIN TARIQ
Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:
a) the present status of the establishment of the Pakistan Climate Change Authority and the Pakistan Climate Change Fund under the Pakistan Climate Change Act, 2017;
b) the funds allocated to and released from the fund since its establishment, alongwith year-wise detail thereof;
c) the reasons for any delay in making the Authority and the funds for fully functional; and
d) the number of posts sanctioned for the Authority and the number filled; and
e) the date of the last meeting of the Pakistan Climate Change Council?

158. * MS. TAMKEEN AKHTAR NIAZI
Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state:
a) whether the Government has assessed the inflation-adjusted value of financial assistance provided to poor households during the last three Financial Years; and
b) what measures have been taken to ensure that assistance to keeps pace with rising prices of food, electricity and other essential commodities?

159. * MS. MUSSARAT RAFIQUE MAHESAR
Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:
a) the details of climate adaptation projects being implemented through the Ministry across Pakistan as at 30th September, 2026, indicating each project's location, approved cost, source of funding and expenditure incurred; and
b) the details of physical progress and scheduled completion date of each project, together with the reasons for any delay and the action taken so far to address it?

160. * MR. MUHAMMAD BASHIR KHAN
Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state:
a) whether the Universal Service Fund (USF) has been allocated at the Provincial and District levels;
b) if so, how much funding has been allocated to District Lower Dir during last three years;
c) the name of the company which has been awarded the contract for the relevant projects; and
d) if the contract has not been awarded to the relevant company, who will be held responsible for any alleged embezzlement or misappropriation of funds amounting to billions of rupees?

161. * MS. TAHIRA AURANGZEB
Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state:
a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to conduct research on effects of electromagnetic radiations emitting from mobile phone towers in the country on human health; and
b) what steps are being taken by the Government to control the said radiation from mobile phone towers?

162. * MS. SHAGUFTA JUMANI
Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:
a) the number of glacial lakes in Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa identified as hazardous as on 30th September, 2026, region-wise;
b) the number of early warning systems installed in valleys prone to glacial lake outburst floods, valley-wise and the number functional at present;
c) the year-wise number of glacial lake outburst flood events occurred during the last three years; and
d) the details of warnings issued before each; and
e) the measures being adopted by the Government to extend early warning coverage to the remaining vulnerable valleys?

163. * DR. NAFISA SHAH
Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state:
a) whether it is a fact that poor single, divorced or widowed women are not eligible to receive income support under the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP);
b) whether it is also a fact that poor elderly men and persons with disabilities are excluded from such support;
c) the reasons for such exclusion, if any; and
d) whether the Government is considering expanding eligibility criteria to include these vulnerable groups?

164. * MR. JAMES IQBAL
Will the Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state:
a) the measures adopted by the Government for compensations of the losses incurred; and
b) the steps being taken to prevent or mitigate such incidents in the future in view of the recurring incidents of cloud bursts during episodes of heavy rainfall and floods across the country over the last three years; and
c) the losses which have been suffered by the country and the nation as a result thereof during the last three years?

165. * MS. ALIYA KAMRAN
Will the Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:
a) whether the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has reviewed the effectiveness of the pre-qualification system ensuring open competition, transparency and value for money;
b) whether it has examined the possibility that a limited pool of pre-qualified firms may facilitate cartelization, monopolistic/oligopolistic practices, coordinated pricing, repeated awards and exclusion of new entrants/SMEs, particularly where only a few pre-qualified firms participate;
c) whether data is maintained regarding concentration of contracts among recurring firms and instances where prices quoted by pre-qualified firms substantially exceed prevailing market previous procurement prices;
d) whether, in cases of inadequate competition or excessive pricing, procuring agencies may cancel the process and invite fresh open tenders, including non-pre-qualified firms; and
e) whether the Government proposes mandatory market-price testing, periodic reopening of pre-qualification and safeguards ensuring that pre-qualification establishes eligibility only and does not create an exclusive procurement pool, thereby ensuring best value for public money?

166. * MS. SHAZIA MARRI
Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state:
a) the reasons for declining telecom investment, high taxes, regulatory fragmentation and barriers to digital inclusion and the measures taken thereon;
b) the progress achieved in the 5G spectrum auction and measures adopted to ensure affordable, reliable connectivity, particularly in underserved areas;
c) the measures adopted to rationalize telecom taxes, streamline regulatory responsibilities and attract investment in digital infrastructure;
d) the current status of the PTCL-Telenor transaction and the outstanding privatization related obligations of Etisalat International, particularly the recovery of the remaining proceeds due to the Government of Pakistan, indicating the amount outstanding, legal or administrative impediments and steps taken for recovery of above; and
e) the targets and timelines established to improve connectivity, affordability, digital literacy and telecom investment?

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