

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
"UN-STARRED QUESTIONS"

Islamabad, the 9th July, 2026.

for **6th Rota Day Sitting.**

36. MS. SHAHIDA REHMANI

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

- a) whether the Ministry has introduced any training or employment scheme to provide employment opportunities to the youth in Information Technology (I.T) Sector;
- b) if so, the number of beneficiaries under the scheme and the types of technical skills;
- c) whether the said schemes have/had a positive impact on employment opportunities; and
- d) if not, the new schemes which are expected to be introduced for the youth in the next budget?

37. SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA

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

- a) whether totally performance evaluations of Federal Ministries were conducted by the Ministry during the Years 2024-25; and
- b) if so, the criteria used, outcomes identified, and the actions taken to address underperforming ministries?

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Acting Secretary

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS"

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

142. * MS. ASIYA NAZ TANOLI

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

- a) how the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) (Amendment) Act 2026 will help in accelerating the rollout of fibre, towers and 5G services across the country; and
- b) what steps are being taken to sustain the growth of IT exports, projected at around 4.5 to 4.6 billion dollars current Fiscal Year, and to expand digital skills among the youth?

143. * MS. SEHAR KAMRAN

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

- a) whether Pakistan Telecommunication Authority has taken notice of the frequent increase in mobile package prices by telecom companies, reportedly ranging between 10% to 20% on a near-monthly basis;
- b) if so, the details of actions taken by the Authority to regulate or review such price increases; and
- c) the measures being adopted by the Government to protect consumers from excessive pricing and ensure fair competition in the telecom sector?

144. * MS. TAHIRA AURANGZEB

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state the details of the schemes by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal at present for providing relief to the poor and needy people in the country?

145. * MS. MUSSARAT RAFIQUE MAHESAR

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that in Pakistan, climate change disproportionately affects women, particularly those in rural areas; and
- b) how government has designed climate strategies to empower women and ensure their active participation in disaster management?

146. * MS. ASIYA NAZ TANOLI

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:

- a) what incentives are being introduced under the new National Electric Vehicle Policy to promote the adoption of electric vehicles and expand charging infrastructure; and
- b) when the rules and bilateral arrangements will be made/finalized for carbon trading under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement?

147. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:

- a) why extreme temperatures are occurring in Pakistan despite the international community's target of limiting warming to 1.5°C by 2030;
- b) whether Mithi and Shaheed Benazirabad reach high than 40°C alongwith, warmer nights in coastal cities reaching 25°C, yet Pakistan remains without a comprehensive National Adaptation Plan to address already-arriving climate thresholds; and
- c) what immediate mitigation and adaptation strategies will be deployed ahead of the summer months?

148. * MR. SHER AFZAL KHAN

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

- a) the details of the Recruitments made against clerical posts by the Division during last three years;
- b) the names of the top 3 left over interviewed candidates against each posts, with the marks obtained in written test and interview; and
- c) the names, designations of the interview Committees alongwith number of candidates interviewed and also the respective dates?

149. * MS. SHAHIDA BEGUM

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Ministry has conducted or commissioned any study, survey, inventory or risk assessment regarding the presence of microplastics, per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), endocrine disrupting chemicals and other emerging environmental contaminants in Pakistan air, drinking water, rivers, lakes, soil, agricultural products, seafood and human populations; if so, the details and findings thereof;
- b) whether Pakistan currently possesses the technical, laboratory and regulatory capacity required for the identification, monitoring and risk assessment of such contaminants, including PFAS compounds recently listed under the Stockholm Convention; and
- c) if not, what steps are being taken by the Government to establish such capacity;
- d) whether any national inventory, monitoring framework, regulatory standards or action plan exists for the management, reduction and eventual elimination of these contaminants, particularly in imported products, industrial processes, packaging materials, firefighting foams, pesticides, textiles, cosmetics and consumer goods; and
- e) what measures has the Government taken or proposes to take to fulfilling Pakistan's obligations under the Stockholm Convention and establish a national programme for monitoring and controlling emerging contaminants?

150. * MR. FATEH ULLAH KHAN

Will the Minister In-Charge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that according to the joint report of the NDMA, Deputy Commissioner (DC) D.I.Khan and the Provincial Government regarding the floods of 2022, as many as 75,335 houses were completely destroyed;
- b) if so, what strategy has been devised by the Federal Government for their rehabilitation;
- c) whether the Government intends to allocate any financial assistance or funds for the said affected people to reconstruct their houses; and
- d) the time by which the process of payments for rehabilitation to these affected people will be initiated?

151. * MS. GHAZALA ANJUM

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state the Tehsil-wise details of the beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and Bait-ul-Maal of the district of Chitral, during the last three (03) years and the pending cases at present?

152. * MS. TAHIRA AURANGZEB

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state:

- a) the total number of vehicles owned by the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) across the country;
- b) whether each of the said vehicles is currently in use;
- c) if so, the name of the each city and details as under whose utilizational and possession are said vehicles;
- d) the total petrol or diesel consumed and the total distance in kilometers travelled by each vehicle during the last five years; and
- e) the details of the grades of officers to whom these vehicles have been allotted alongwith the justification for such allotments?

153. * SYED RAFIULLAH

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Ministry has conducted an assessment of the cumulative environmental and public health impacts of coal-fired power generation, industrial emissions, brick kilns, cement plants and other major stationary pollution sources in Pakistan; and
- b) the current status of compliance of such facilities with national environmental quality standards, emissions monitoring requirements;
- c) the detail of environmental approvals, indicating the number of facilities inspected, found in violation and penalised during the last three years;
- d) whether continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) have been installed and made operational at major industrial and power generation facilities;
- e) if not, the reasons thereof and timelines for implementation of above; and
- f) how the Government intends to reconcile continued investment in carbon-intensive infrastructure with Pakistan's commitments under the Paris Agreement and its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)?

154. * SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environment Coordination be pleased to state:

- a) what mechanism is in place to ensure that provincial climate adoption plans are aligned with national climate change policy; and
- b) how is the Ministry monitoring their Implementation?

155. * MS. SEHAR KAMRAN

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

- a) whether any proposal is under consideration by the Government for the establishment of a high- performance, cloud-based, AI-enabled data centre in Karachi, through National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC), if so, the details thereof; and
- b) the expected impact of such facility on digital infrastructure, data sovereignty, and I.T sector growth in the country?

156. * MS. GHAZALA ANJUM

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication be pleased to state the details of the work under the Universal Services Funds (USF) completed in the district of Chitral and future projects thereof?

157. * MR. ANJUM AQEEL KHAN

Will the Minister In-Charge of the Special Investment Facilitation Council be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Government to attract foreign investment in the country particularly from Qatar in tourism and hospitality, the real estate and construction sectors?

158. * MR. SHER AFZAL KHAN

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to state the year wise details of the amounts of Audit objections framed against Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) during the last three years?

159. * MS. SHAISTA PERVAIZ

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

- a) the district-wise list of areas in the country currently without 3G/4G coverage; and
- b) the number of Universal Service Fund (USF) projects sanctioned for these areas, with their physical and financial status; and
- c) the timeline for completion of the pending projects?

160. * MR. ANJUM AQEEL KHAN

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state what plan is being considered by the Government to transition from "reactive to proactive risk-based approach for drought management", as climate change is making droughts frequent and severe, leading to water stress?

161. * MR. MUHAMMAD BASHIR KHAN

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to refer to starred question number 68 replied on May 14, 2026 and state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the wives of police and levies personnel in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had been receiving financial assistance under the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) for several years and the said assistance has now been discontinued; and
- b) whether it is also a fact that now deductions are being made from the salaries of said police and levies personnel if so, details thereof?

162. * SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA

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

- a) whether there is any digital literacy program launched by the Ministry for youth and women; and
- b) if so, the details of such programs, their funding, and outreach targets?

163. * SYED RAFIULLAH

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

- a) whereas Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Quality of Service (QoS) reports show consistent failure of mobile operators to meet minimum standards;
- b) whether it is a fact that Universal Service Fund (USF) projects have not produced meaningful rural connectivity improvements; and whereas enforcement of licence obligations remains weak and largely reactive;
- c) If so, whether PTA has ever formally declared any mobile operator in breach of QoS or licence obligations during the last five years; if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons thereof;
- d) the year-wise details of fine imposed on telecom operators versus fine actually recovered;
- e) what enforcement actions (service suspension, directed investment, or consumer compensation) have been taken against non-compliant operators;
- f) whether the Government considers the current penalty regime sufficient deterrence or merely a cost of business; and
- g) operator-wise data on QoS compliance, penalties imposed and recovered, and USF rural coverage outcomes for the last five years?

164. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

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

- a) whether the Establishment Division successfully delivered three successive workshops under the Basic Essential Skills for E-Governance (BEEP) initiative for civil servants in April 2026, intended to equip Federal officers with foundational digital tools required for contemporary public administration;
- b) what key topics were covered in these capacity-building sessions; and
- c) whether these workshops follow the Division's March 2026 directive requiring a 50% workforce presence under a rotating attendance model, alongside the Government's broader push to digitize administrative workflows;
- d) what is the cumulative number of officers who have completed the BEEP training so far; and
- e) what performance indicators are being used to assess whether these digital upskilling efforts have led to measurable gains in operational efficiency and public service delivery across different ministries?

165. * MR. MUHAMMAD FAROOQ SATTAR

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

- a) what measures are being taken by the Government for strengthening the country's Cyber defence capabilities; and
- b) will the Ministry ensure that cyber security policies align with international best practices?

166. * MR. ALI MUHAMMAD

Will the Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination be pleased to state:

- a) the total amount of international climate finance, adaptation finance, loss and damage funding, grants and concessional financing committed and disbursed to Pakistan during the last five years, indicating the source, amount, purpose and implementing agency in each case;
- b) the projects and programmes financed through such funds, their approved cost, physical and financial progress, and the measurable outcomes achieved in terms of climate resilience, flood protection, water security, ecosystem restoration and emissions reduction; and
- c) whether the Ministry has undertaken any assessment of the effectiveness and impact of climate-financed projects implemented after the 2022 floods;
- d) if so, provide details of the findings, including projects delayed, underperforming or not yet made operational;
- e) what mechanism exists to ensure transparency, monitoring and public disclosure of climate finance received by Pakistan; and
- f) whether the Government intends to establish a publicly accessible climate finance tracking portal?

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