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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: ADMITTED QUESTIONS LIST NO. 2 (GROUP-2) FOR 364TH SENATE SESSION

Please find enclosed herewith Admitted Questions List No. 2 for 364th Session. The questions in the List will be taken up in accordance with the Allotment of Days which will be issued later on to all Ministries / Divisions.

2. The concerned Ministries / Divisions are requested to submit replies to Questions in instant List to the Senate Secretariat (**10 Hard Copies each**) and through E-Office not later than forty-eight hours before the commencement of the question hour on the day on which the questions are put down for answer in terms of Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, otherwise the reply shall be treated as **not received**.

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(ADMITTED STARRED QUESTIONS LIST NO. 2 FOR 364TH SESSION)

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<u>TOTAL QUESTIONS</u>	<u>36</u>

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 55 SENATOR HAJI HIDAYATULLAH KHAN :**

(Notice Received on 16/03/2026 at 2:29 PM) QID: 44364

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and designation of the officers / officials of Passport and Immigration Directorate working in Pakistan Embassy and Consulates in USA at present; and
- (b) the names and designations of the said officials whose cases for hiring of residences have been approved during the current year indicating also the details of those whose cases for hiring are still pending with date of applications and reasons for delay in finalization of their cases?

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 67 SENATOR ANUSHA RAHMAN AHMAD KHAN :**

(Notice Received on 6/04/2026 at 12:49 PM) QID: 44423

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:-

- (a) the criteria and standard procedure adopted for issuance of equivalence certificate and attestation / verification of educational certificates and degrees issued by various boards, universities, and other recognized institutions across the country; and
- (b) what is the attestation fee charged by various departments and the time period consumed at every step; and
- (c) what is the reason for requiring attestation from various departments once the degree is issued by the college/university; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that the present system of attestation and verification of certificates and degrees from multiple departments such as universities, HEC, and MoFA is lengthy, costly, and causes unnecessary difficulties for students and applicants; and
- (e) whether there is any proposal under consideration to improve this attestation/verification system in order to minimize delay, and financial burden, and inconvenience faced by the students?

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 71 SENATOR HAJI HIDAYATULLAH KHAN :**

(Notice Received on 15/04/2026 at 1:40 PM) QID: 44451

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of the officers of National Highway Authority currently posted as OSDs for more than three months indicating also their names, designations, grades, date and procedure of initial appointment, date of promotion to the present grade, seniority position, date of present posting and reasons for postings as OSD?

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 74 SENATOR ANUSHA RAHMAN AHMAD KHAN :**

(Notice Received on 27/04/2026 at 12:11 PM) QID: 44481

Will the Minister for National Health Services Regulations be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that MDCAT exams preparation is not offered by any educational college to its students and yet its weightage counted for admission to medical college is 55% for MBBS; and
- (b) is it true that O Level and A Level five years exams results constitute weightage of 45% for admission to MBBS; and
- (c) is it true that many questions of the MDCAT exam format/ method are not aligned with A Level exams/curriculum methodology? and
- (d) is it also true that by making such policy of lowering the weightage of O and A Level exams results for which students have spent five years studying in comparison to a MdCat test for which no formal preparation is offered by educational institutions actually puts the A Level stream students to a disadvantage?

***QUESTION NO. 38 SENATOR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI :**

(Notice Received on 22/06/2026 at 10:05 AM) QID: 44738

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated and actually utilized by the Government during the last three years for provision of free or subsidized medicines to the public; and
- (b) the number of patients who benefited from the said programme during the said period with year-wise breakup?

***QUESTION NO. 39 SENATOR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI :**

(Notice Received on 22/06/2026 at 10:06 AM) QID: 44739

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the number of sanctioned and vacant posts of doctors, nurses and paramedical staff in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Federal Government Polyclinic Hospital and Federal General Hospital during the last three years, and the steps being taken by the Government to fill these vacancies?

***QUESTION NO. 40 SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD :**

(Notice Received on 22/06/2026 at 10:28 AM) QID: 44736

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the present status of the case of Dr. Afia Siddiqui imprisoned in USA and the details of steps taken / being taken for her release?

***QUESTION NO. 41 SENATOR SAMINA MUMTAZ ZEHRI :**

(Notice Received on 22/06/2026 at 1:37 PM) QID: 44742

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:-

- (a) number of accidents of public transport took place on National Highways and Motorways during the last three years with year-wise and province-wise breakup indicating also the main causes and number of persons died and injured in the same; and
- (b) whether there is any mechanism to place at entry and exit points on Motorways and Highways for restricting entry of unsafe public transport at entry point points on all these Motorways and Highways indicating also the details of action taken against the transport vehicles / companies and drivers on account of violation of the standards of safe public transport during the said period?

***QUESTION NO. 42 SENATOR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI :**

(Notice Received on 23/06/2026 at 9:51 AM) QID: 44743

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the number of OPD patients, emergency patients and admitted patients in the Federal Government hospitals in Islamabad during the last three years, and the measures taken by the Government to increase the provision of beds, medical equipment and medicines to cope with the increasing patient load?

***QUESTION NO. 43 SENATOR JAN MUHAMMAD :**

(Notice Received on 23/06/2026 at 9:57 AM) QID: 44748

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Government and private technical/professional institutes registered with NAVTTC with province wise and district-wise break up indicating also the quota allocated, number of students enrolled and details of stipends being provided to the enrolled students by each of the same; and
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any policy for relaxation of registration criteria or any special measures for establishment/registration of technical and vocational institutes in less developed and remote areas of Balochistan to enhance access to technical education and skills training among the youth, if so, the details thereof?

***QUESTION NO. 44 SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN :**

(Notice Received on 23/06/2026 at 12:01 PM) QID: 44617

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of NHA projects announced/processed during the last four years with province-wise break-up; and
- (b) the details of NHA project not completed during the said period?

***QUESTION NO. 45 SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN :**

(Notice Received on 23/06/2026 at 12:02 PM) QID: 44750

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the General Post offices and post offices established in the country with province-wise breakup ; and
- (b) the number of persons working in the said GPO's and POs with designation and province wise breakup?

***QUESTION NO. 46 SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN :**

(Notice Received on 23/06/2026 at 12:03 PM) QID: 44614

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of persons working in Motorway Police, with domicile / province-wise breakup indicating also the number of the same deployed / posted in each province at present?

***QUESTION NO. 47 SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD :**

(Notice Received on 24/06/2026 at 11:13 AM) QID: 44756

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:-

- (a) the names, experience and place of domicile of non-career diplomats presently posted abroad; and
- (b) the procedure laid down for appointment of the non-career diplomats?

***QUESTION NO. 48 SENATOR SAMINA MUMTAZ ZEHRI :**

(Notice Received on 24/06/2026 at 1:39 PM) QID: 44759

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken notice of the sharp increase and continued high prices of medicines in Pakistan, particularly after the Federal Budget 2026-27, if so, its details:
- (b) the details of medicines whose prices have increased during the last two years, indicating separately the increase in prices of essential medicines, insulin, cancer medicines, cardiac medicines, diabetes medicines, antibiotics, children's medicines and medicines for chronic diseases; and

(c) the number of cases registered or actions taken by DRAP against pharmaceutical companies, distributors, wholesalers or pharmacies for overpricing, unauthorized increase in Maximum Retail Price, hoarding, artificial shortage or sale of medicines in excess of approved price during the last two years?

***QUESTION NO. 49 SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD :**

(Notice Received on 29/06/2026 at 10:45 AM) QID: 44766

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:-

- (a) the names, designation and place of posting of the officers and officials posted in Pakistan foreign missions abroad who have completed their tenure of posting but are still working there indicating also the reasons for overstay in each case; and
- (b) the time by which the said officers/officials will be repatriated and fresh postings will be made in their place?

***QUESTION NO. 50 SENATOR MUHAMMAD ASLAM ABRO :**

(Notice Received on 1/07/2026 at 10:16 AM) QID: 44801

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a policy exist within Higher Education Commission (HEC) regarding approval of NOC allowing employees to study domestically and abroad, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) detail of officers and officials of the HEC who were given NOC to study domestically without obtaining a study leave during the last ten years indicating also name of educational institutions and title of their degrees; and
- (c) detail of officers and officials of the HEC who were allowed to study abroad after obtaining a study leave during the last ten years indicating also name of educational institutions and title of their degrees?

***QUESTION NO. 51 SENATOR RANA MAHMOOD UL HASSAN :**

(Notice Received on 2/07/2026 at 9:56 AM) QID: 44805

Will the Minister for Maritime Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ship repair and fuel supply facilities are available at Gwadar Port for vessels of foreign shipping lines, if so, details thereof and if not, the time by which these facilities will be provided; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to inform the foreign shipping companies regarding availability of those facilities at the port?

***QUESTION NO. 52 SENATOR MUHAMMAD ASLAM ABRO :**

(Notice Received on 3/07/2026 at 9:52 AM) QID: 44290

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- a) the current progress on M-6 Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway and timeline of project; and
- b) the revision of project timelines (if any) during the last six months?

***QUESTION NO. 53 SENATOR KAMRAN MURTAZA :**

(Notice Received on 7/07/2026 at 3:49 PM) QID: 44844

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of HIV patients in Pakistan is increasing, if so, the number of HIV cases detected so far in the country indicating also the reasons thereof indicating also the steps being taken by the government in this regard; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that the main reason for the spread of HIV in Pakistan is the repeated reuse of used syringes, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the steps being taken by the Government to control this practice?

***QUESTION NO. 54 SENATOR DR. ZARQA SUHARWARDY TAIMUR :**

(Notice Received on 13/07/2026 at 4:00 PM) QID: 44895

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of students enrolled in public and private medical colleges under the Federal Government during the current year; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that a large number of seats in those colleges remained vacant, if so, details and reasons thereof?

***QUESTION NO. 55 SENATOR DR. ZARQA SUHARWARDY TAIMUR :**

(Notice Received on 13/07/2026 at 4:01 PM) QID: 44894

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the legal and institutional status of the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP); and
- (b) whether CPSP is a private or public institution indicating also its status with postgraduate medical training institutions in countries such as the United Kingdom?

***QUESTION NO. 56 SENATOR SYED WAQAR MEHDI :**

(Notice Received on 16/07/2026 at 11:03 AM) QID: 44916

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the hospitals and dispensaries functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination in the country;
- (b) the details of the doctors and paramedical staff posted at the said health facilities; and
- (c) whether residential accommodation is available for the doctors and paramedical staff serving in those health facilities, if so, the details thereof?

***QUESTION NO. 57 SENATOR SAMINA MUMTAZ ZEHRI :**

(Notice Received on 16/07/2026 at 1:04 PM) QID: 44923

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether it is a fact in April 2025, in a letter to Prime Minister Transparency International Pakistan had expressed concerns over regulatory loopholes in the pharmaceutical sector, disclosing violations of medical device rules and delays in approvals by manufacturers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether it is also a fact that at that time, as highlighted by Transparency International Pakistan, only two Federal Inspectors of Drugs were functional across the entire country due to a complete halt in recruitment for over two and a half years, if so, the details thereof indicating also the steps being taken by the Government to address the said issue?

***QUESTION NO. 58 SENATOR SYED WAQAR MEHDI :**

(Notice Received on 17/07/2026 at 10:46 AM) QID: 44937

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons working in the educational and Non-educational cadres in federal Urdu University campuses in Islamabad and Karachi separately; and
- (b) whether the composition of the syndicate of the said University is complete, if so, the name of its Members and their present tenure?

***QUESTION NO. 59 SENATOR DR. ZARQA SUHARWARDY TAIMUR :**

(Notice Received on 17/07/2026 at 10:48 AM) QID: 44939

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state that

- (a) whether it is a fact that a recently FIA has uncovered an alleged illegal human placenta processing and smuggling network in Islamabad, if so, the details thereof indicating also the details of action taken against those involved; and
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent the illegal collection, processing and export of human placental tissue in the country?

***QUESTION NO. 60 SENATOR KAMRAN MURTAZA :**

(Notice Received on 20/07/2026 at 3:59 PM) QID: 44961

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of registered/officially recognized Nursing Institutes, Colleges, Schools and Nursing Departments at Universities working in the country at present indicating also the name of institute, its registration date, location, and facilities being provided by it to the students;
- (b) the procedure laid down for affiliation/registration of a nursing institute with the Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council (PNMC);
- (c) the number of applications for affiliation/registration pending with the Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council at present indicating also the name of the applicant, date of application, name and location of institute along-with details regarding any field visit conducted by the PNMC and reasons for pendency; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the PNMC for efficient disposal of the pending applications?

***QUESTION NO. 61 SENATOR KAMRAN MURTAZA :**

(Notice Received on 22/07/2026 at 3:42 PM) QID: 44976

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Pakistanis who have proceeded abroad for employment during the last three years with country-wise breakup; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that Pakistani workers employed abroad are usually paid lower wages as compared to workers of other countries, primarily due to the comparatively their lower level of education and skills, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to address the same?

***QUESTION NO. 62 SENATOR ASAD QASIM :**

(Notice Received on 24/07/2026 at 10:01 AM) QID: 45003

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of pharmaceutical firms that left Pakistan or ceased their operations during the last two years, indicating also the reasons of closure / exit thereof;
- (b) the estimated capital outflow or economic loss to Pakistan due to the closures of the said companies during that period; and
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government for stabilization of Pharmaceutical sector and prevention of further flight of pharma firms from Pakistan?

***QUESTION NO. 63 SENATOR HAJI HIDAYATULLAH KHAN :**

(Notice Received on 29/07/2026 at 3:00 PM) QID: 45033

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names, designations and date of posting of the officers in BPS-17 and above posted in Pak Missions in USA at present?

***QUESTION NO. 64 SENATOR HAJI HIDAYATULLAH KHAN :**

(Notice Received on 6/08/2026 at 12:45 PM) QID: 45070

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the details of procurements amounting to more than 5 lakh made by PIMS during the last 3 years indicating also the names and addresses of firms participated in the bid/ quotations, their SECP Registration number, rates quoted and the name and rate of the successful bidders in each case?

***QUESTION NO. 65 SENATOR JAN MUHAMMAD :**

(Notice Received on 6/08/2026 at 2:44 PM) QID: 45082

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the employees appointed during 1995-1996 and terminated during 1996-1999 of NHA, who were later reinstated/regularized into service under the Sacked Employees Reinstatement Act, 2010 (SERA-2010) have also been granted relief of restoration pursuant to the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan dated 17.12.2021; and
- (b) whether all such reinstated/restored employees of NHA are being allowed all service benefits at par with other employees, especially those were regularized from Contract / Daily Wages during 2011 & 2013; if not, reasons thereof?

***QUESTION NO. 66 SENATOR JAN MUHAMMAD :**

(Notice Received on 6/08/2026 at 4:42 PM) QID: 45081

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the NHA had regularized the services of a number of persons appointed during the period from 2004 to 2010 on contract/daily wages basis on the recommendations of the Cabinet Sub-Committee in the years 2011 & 2013, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the services/status of those employees are still being treated as "Regular" after the Supreme Court judgment dated 13.09.2024, wherein the regularization of the services of contract/daily wages employees on the recommendation of the said sub-Committee has been declared void ab-initio, if so, the details thereof?

***QUESTION NO. 67 SENATOR HAJI HIDAYATULLAH KHAN :**

(Notice Received on 12/08/2026 at 2:59 PM) QID: 45112

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- a) the details of the number of individuals who visited Foreign Affairs' Liaison Office Peshawar during the current year indicating also the services they availed and the amount they deposited in each case with month-wise break-up; and
- b) Whether it is a fact that basic services such as shelter, fans, water cooler are not available for people waiting in the queue at the Foreign Affairs' Liaison Office Peshawar, if so, reasons thereof?

***QUESTION NO. 68 SENATOR ABID SHER ALI :**

(Notice Received on 20/08/2026 at 2:22 PM) QID: 45134

Will the Minister for National Health Services Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the contract period of the company working on IT services at Polyclinic Hospital Islamabad, indicating also the time when it started, and the time by which the same will end?

***QUESTION NO. 69 SENATOR ABID SHER ALI :**

(Notice Received on 20/08/2026 at 2:23 PM) QID: 45135

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Ministry of National Health Services and NUST provided

laptops to Polyclinic Hospital during 2025 and 2026, if so, the details thereof, indicating also the number and serial numbers of the laptops along-with names of recipients and the basis for their allocation?

(b) the names and designations of the persons currently using the computers that were already available at the said Hospital; and

(c) whether the same have been auctioned; if so, the date of such auction and, if not, the details thereof?

**SYED HASNAIN HAIDER
SECRETARY**

Islamabad, the 10th September, 2026

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

(ADMITTED UN-STARRED QUESTIONS LIST NO.2 FOR 364TH SESSION)

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<u>TOTAL QUESTIONS</u>	<u>03</u>

QUESTION NO. 6 SENATOR HAJI HIDAYATULLAH KHAN :

(Notice Received on 9/07/2026 at 4:27 PM) QID: 44866

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is fact that some Pakistanis have been arrested/ detained in Japan, Spain and Portugal, if so, the details thereof indicating also their names, CNIC number, nature of offence and the legal assistance provided to them during the last 3 years?

QUESTION NO. 7 SENATOR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI :

(Notice Received on 16/07/2026 at 9:54 AM) QID: 44914

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the measures taken by the Government to improve the provision of consular services to overseas Pakistanis during the last two years?

QUESTION NO. 8 SENATOR HAJI HIDAYATULLAH KHAN :

(Notice Received on 18/08/2026 at 11:57 AM) QID: 45127

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the details of the buses for students at Government Colleges in Islamabad during 2025 indicating also the expenditure incurred on the said busses on account of fuel and repairs with a month-wise break-up?

**SYED HASNAIN HAIDER
SECRETARY**

Islamabad, the 10th September, 2026