

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
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Islamabad, the 08-09- 2026.

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 5th 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 30th Session of the National Assembly.


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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS"

Islamabad, the 8th September, 2026.

to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly
to be held during **5th Rota Day Sitting**.

114. * SYEDA AMNAH BATOOL

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

- a) what is the current status of the rollout of 5G in Pakistan;
- b) the cities where 5G trials, testing or commercial preparation have been initiated alongwith details thereof; and
- c) the expected timeline for affordable access to 5G services for common users?

115. * DR. MAHREEN RAZZAQ BHUTTO

Will the Minister for Special Investment Facilitation Council Division be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that during the FY 2025-26 Pakistan received net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) US\$1.64 billion, while foreign investors repatriated profits and dividends amounting to approximately US\$2.2 billion;
- b) if so, the sector-wise details of such repatriation and the reasons why fresh FDI remained below profit outflows;
- c) what measures the Government has adopted to attract diversified, export-oriented foreign investment and encourage reinvestment of profits by existing foreign investors; and
- d) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the impact of these profit outflows on the country's foreign exchange reserves and current account; if so, the details thereof?

116. * DR. SHAZIA SOBIA ASLAM SOOMRO

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

- a) the list of Federal Commissions, Authorities, Councils and other Statutory Bodies whose posts of Chairperson, Chairman, Chief Executive or Head are presently vacant;
- b) the date from which each such post has remained vacant;
- c) whether an acting charge has been assigned;
- d) the reasons for non-appointment against each vacant post; and
- e) the expected timeline for filling these vacancies?

117. * MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

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

- a) the details of all policy matters, disputes and other cases presently pending before the Council of Common Interests (CCI), indicating the date of referral, subject matter and period of pendency in each case;
- b) the cases in which the CCI directed the constitution of committees or assigned any Ministry, Division or Agency to examine the matter and submit recommendations, together with the details of such directions;

- c) whether the aforesaid directions have been complied with in letter and spirit;
- d) if not, the cases in which compliance is pending, delayed or incomplete, the reasons therefor and the present status thereof;
- e) the cases in which committee reports or recommendations have been submitted but final decisions of the CCI are still awaited, together with the period of such pendency; and
- f) the measures being adopted by the Government to ensure the early disposal of all pending matters before the Council of Common Interests (CCI)?

118. * SYED RAFIULLAH

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

- a) the prescribed eligibility criteria and merit determination mechanism adopted by the Federal Public Service Commission for recommending candidates who qualify the Central Superior Services (CSS) Competitive Examination;
- b) whether candidates securing a third division in any academic examination are eligible for recommendation under the applicable rules; if so, the relevant provisions thereof;
- c) the province/region-wise number of candidates from Balochistan and the previous erstwhile FATA areas who appeared in, qualified, and were recommended in the CSS Competitive Examination during each of the last five years;
- d) whether any review has been undertaken to assess the representation of candidates from underrepresented areas in the CSS Competitive Examination; if so, the findings and recommendations thereof; and
- e) whether the Government is considering any policy measures to improve the participation and representation of candidates from underrepresented areas in the civil services; if so, the details thereof?

119. * SYED RAFIULLAH

Will the Minister In-Charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 63, replied on 14th May, 2026 and to state:

- a) whether the Federal Employees Benevolent and Group Insurance Fund (FEB&GIF) has conducted any independent third-party audit of its collections, bank deposits, investment income and utilization thereof during the last five years; if so, the findings thereof;
- b) whether any honorarium was paid to the officers and employees of the Fund during the said period;
- c) if so, the legal basis and criteria fixed thereof, the amount paid to each employee;
- d) whether it was linked to performance or any special assignment, the particulars thereof;
- e) the details of employees excluded from such honorarium, together with the reasons therefor;
- f) the number of pending cases relating to benevolent grants, group insurance claims, scholarships and other admissible benefits, the average time for their disposal; and
- g) whether the Government proposes to introduce an online case submission and real-time case tracking system for beneficiaries, and the timeline therefor?

120. * SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA

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

- a) whether the Division has undertaken any reforms to improve transparency and efficiency and reduce political interference in posting/promotions; if so, the details thereof; and
- b) the average time period of transfer consumed to process posting requests and disciplinary cases during the last Financial Year?

121. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

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

- a) whether Pakistan has submitted three proposals to the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage, and what specific projects or sectors these proposals target, given that the Fund's board has postponed funding decisions until December after receiving 176 proposals worth \$2.8bn against only \$342m earmarked for the pilot phase;
- b) what concrete steps are being taken by the Government to strengthen domestic climate resilience-including flood defences, climate-resilient agriculture, heat action plans, and early warning systems so that Pakistan does not remain dependent on uncertain international funding; and
- c) what domestic allocation has been made for these priorities in the current Fiscal Year?

122. * DR. NAFISA SHAH

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

- a) the number and type of enforcement actions taken during the latest winter season against industrial units, brick kilns, vehicles and other sources found in violation of applicable air- quality standards;
- b) the official air-quality data recorded in Lahore and Faisalabad during the last winter season; and
- c) the coordination mechanism between the Federal Government and Provincial Environmental Protection Agencies for reducing winter smog?

123. * MS. SEHAR KAMRAN

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

- a) the year wise and Province wise details of the bifurcation of broadband subscribers including mobile and fixed broadband in the country during the last five years; and
- b) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to expand broadband penetration and improve digital connectivity across the country?

124. * MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

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

- a) whether numerous claims under the Federal Employees Benevolent & Group Insurance Funds (FEB & GIF), including Farewell Grant and retirement benefits, remain pending for prolonged periods;
- b) if so, the number of such cases and reasons for delay particularly Case No. PAA/OF-2763;
- c) whether applicants are often given vague or repetitive explanations for delay, without fixing responsibility upon concerned officials; if so, the details thereof;

- d) whether the Government proposes a real-time online system for submission of applications, uploading documents, issuance of tracking numbers, and enabling applicants to monitor the status and movement of their claims until final disposal/payment;
- e) whether an independent third-party audit of the funds, including pending claims, financial management and administrative expenditure, has been conducted; if not, whether such audit is proposed; and
- f) whether responsibility will be fixed upon officials found responsible for unjustified delay or negligence?

125. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

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

- a) whether it is a fact that the mobile and internet service quality remains poor even in major cities like Karachi, despite the 5G spectrum auction raising available spectrum from 274 MHz to 754 MHz with only 449 active 5G sites across 22 cities (less than 1% of national towers and just 50 sites in Karachi);
- b) whether the committee's concerns regarding up to 10 hours of daily load shedding affecting mobile towers have been addressed; and
- c) what progress has been made on the Prime Minister's high level committee to ensure uninterrupted power supply to telecom infrastructure given the PTA's acknowledgment that service quality has not improved?

126. * MS. NATASHA DAULTANA

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

- a) whether the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has any launched the Talent Hunt Programme for Schools across Pakistan, if so; details thereof;
- b) what number of students/schools are expected to benefit from this programme, particularly in terms of identification, training and further opportunities in professional cricket;
- c) whether it is a fact that some schools having proper playgrounds, sufficient students strength and sports facilities did not register themselves for the PCB Talent Hunt Programme; if so, what mechanism is available to ascertain the reasons for non-registration; and
- d) whether any accountability or explanation is sought from the principals/administrations of such schools for deliberately not registering eligible students/schools and thereby depriving talented students of an opportunity?

127. * DR. NAFISA SHAH

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

- a) the total amount of international climate and reconstruction finance pledged for the rehabilitation of the 2022 in flood-affected areas;
- b) the amount committed, approved, released and actually utilised to date, separately identifying loans and grants; and
- c) the mechanism is used to track the transfer and utilisation of such funds at Federal, Provincial and District levels?

128. * MS. SHAGUFTA JUMANI

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

- a) the prescribed measurable benchmarks by Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) for cellular mobile operators regarding coverage, signal strength, call drops, data speeds and service availability, including specific timelines for rectification;
- b) whether, despite recent surveys indicating satisfactory service, PTA is aware of poor signals, inadequate coverage and frequent interruptions in rural/remote areas, and the measures being taken to bridge the rural-urban connectivity gap;
- c) whether PTA independently conducts field assessments of actual connectivity and, if so, their frequency, methodology and results;
- d) the operator-wise number of advisories, notices and fines imposed during the last five years for quality-of-service failures, amounts actually recovered and cases pending/disputed;
- e) whether operators are required to restore faulty towers within a prescribed timeframe and maintain sufficient backup energy for uninterrupted services; and
- f) the corrective steps taken for ensuring effective accountability of PTA and cellular operators for reliable, equitable connectivity for all citizens?

129. * MR. CHANGAZE AHMAD KHAN

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

- a) the number of irregular, duplicate or ineligible beneficiaries detected during the last five financial years amount involved and recovery made;
- b) the number of cases of illegal deductions, unauthorized charges, fake biometric verification, unauthorized withdrawals or other malpractices relating to BISP payments;
- c) whether reported complained of detected through monitoring/audit or otherwise brought to its notice and action taken thereon;
- d) the number of bank branches, campsites, agents/POS agents and ATMs used for disbursement their monitoring mechanism and the number of agents/POS agents suspended, blacklisted or proceeded against with amount recovered;
- e) whether BISP proposes to expand direct digital payments, bank accounts, debit cards, ATMs, mobile wallets and other secure channels to minimize human intervention and dependence on intermediaries, ensuring beneficiaries receive the full sanctioned amount; and
- f) the time bound plan to strengthen verification, monitoring, grievance redressal and recovery, ensuring transparent, secure and dignified payment?

130. * MR. MUHAMMAD USMAN BADINI

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

- a) the current status of broadband and mobile internet services in the districts of Noshki, Chagai, Washuk and Kharan, indicating the areas where such services are unavailable or inadequate;
- b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of inadequate internet connectivity on students, job seekers, businesses and access to digital public services in the said districts;
- c) whether any projects are being implemented or proposed to improve internet connectivity in these districts, including through the "Universal Service Fund (USF) or any other programme; if so, the details thereof; and
- d) the measures taken or proposed by the Government to ensure reliable, affordable and high-speed internet access in the said districts?

131. *** SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA**

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

- a) the details of the budget allocated to the Division during Financial Year 2025-26; and
- b) the heads under which the funds were utilized, including administrative expenses and policy coordination initiatives?

132. *** MS. SAMINA KHALID GHURKI**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that under the Rules of Business 1973, it is the responsibility of the Ministry to prepare "Year Book" on the end of every Financial Year, regarding the performance and achievements uploading on its website for the information of general public;
- b) if so, the details of the Year Book for the Year 2024-25 and in case of not preparing the same, the reasons thereof; and
- c) the action taken against the responsible functionaries for their negligence?

133. *** SYEDA AMNAH BATOOL**

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

- a) what measures are being adopted by the Ministry to improve broadband and fiber connectivity in underserved districts of the Country;
- b) the number of schools, colleges or public offices connected with high speed internet during the last two years; and
- c) whether any special plan exists for rural and remote areas; if so, the details?

134. *** SYED HUSSAIN TARIQ**

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

- a) whether the Federal Government has formulated a comprehensive national policy or action plan to reduce the production, use and disposal of single-use plastics;
- b) if so, the salient features and implementation status thereof;
- c) the measures being adopted during the last three years to coordinate with provincial Governments for enforcing restrictions on single-use plastics and promoting environmentally sustainable alternatives;
- d) whether the Ministry has undertaken any assessment of the environmental, public health and economic impacts of single-use plastic pollution, including micro-plastics; if so, the findings thereof;
- e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen plastic waste recycling infrastructure, promote extended producer responsibility for manufacturers, importers of plastic products; and
- f) implement Pakistan's national and international commitments on plastic pollution reduction?

135. * DR. SHAZIA SOBIA ASLAM SOOMRO

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

- a) the detail of Divisions, Departments, Attached Departments, Units and other offices functioning under the administrative control of the Prime Minister's Office;
- b) total budget allocated and expenditure incurred by each such entity during the last two Financial Years; and
- c) the details of the functions and justification for the continuation of each such entity during the said period?

136. * MS. SHAHIDA REHMANI

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

- a) whether it is a fact that residents of several areas of the country have been facing poor mobile network coverage and inadequate internet services for the last twenty years despite the presence of multiple cellular mobile operators, including Jazz, Zong and U-fone;
- b) if so, the names of such areas, the reasons for the continued poor quality of service, and
- c) the steps being taken by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to ensure compliance with the prescribed Quality of Service (QoS) standards by the cellular mobile operators;
- d) whether the Government has conducted any survey or assessment regarding the quality of mobile voice and broadband services in such underserved areas; if so, the findings thereof;
- e) whether any penalties, directions or enforcement actions have been taken by the PTA against the cellular mobile operators failing to provide the required quality of service in such areas; if so, the details thereof; and
- f) the timeline within which reliable mobile network coverage and broadband internet services are expected to be provided to the affected areas, particularly in view of the Government's plans for the introduction of 5G services?

137. * DR. MAHREEN RAZZAQ BHUTTO

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

- a) whether it is a fact that the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has introduced SIM-based/mobile wallet mechanisms for the registration, verification and disbursement of financial assistance to beneficiaries;
- b) if so, the details thereof, including the telecom companies, banks and payment service providers engaged for the purpose;
- c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding unauthorized issuance or retention of SIMs, illegal deductions from stipends, biometric fraud, harassment, exploitation or maltreatment of beneficiaries by BISP officials, franchisees, retailers, banking correspondents or other service providers;
- d) if so, the number of complaints received during the last five years, province-wise details thereof, and the action taken against the persons found responsible; and
- e) whether any independent monitoring, grievance redressal and accountability mechanism has been established to ensure that beneficiaries receive the full amount of financial assistance without exploitation: if so, the details thereof?

138. * MS. SHAISTA PERVAIZ

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

- a) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) was conducted prior to the reconstruction, widening, landscaping and associated civil works undertaken on Atatürk Avenue, Islamabad, including the area adjacent to the Islamabad Marriott Hotel;
- b) if so, details of the approval conditions imposed and the agency responsible for granting such approval;
- c) whether the Ministry Pak-EPA or any other competent authority has received complaints or conducted any assessment regarding the quality of construction, drainage design, tree removal, pedestrian safety, environmental impacts or deterioration of the road shortly after completion; and
- d) if so, the findings thereof and indicating the corrective measures adopted or will be proposed?

139. * MR. NAVEED AAMIR

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

- a) the reasons for the continuous poor performance of the Pakistan Cricket Team now-a-days; and
- b) whether it has now become impossible to improve the performance of the Pakistan Cricket Team?

140. * MS. SHAISTA PERVAIZ

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

- a) the number of beneficiaries removed from the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) during the last year and the grounds for removal;
- b) the number of complaints received regarding unauthorized deductions by payment agents and the action taken thereon;
- c) the mechanism available to a wrongly excluded beneficiary including the family to seek restoration; and
- d) the steps being taken by the Government to eliminate deductions at the point of payment?

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
"UN-STARRED QUESTIONS"

Islamabad, the 8th September, 2026.

for **5th Rota Day Sitting.**

@31. MS. SHAHIDA REHMANI

Will the Minister for Special Investment Facilitation Council be pleased to state whether the goals for establishing the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) in the country are achieved; and if so, the details thereof?

43. SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA

Will the Minister for Special Investment Facilitation Council Division be pleased to state what initiatives has the Division taken to boost foreign investment in Pakistan during 2025-2026?

44. SYED RAFIULLAH

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

- a) the number of Review Petitions filed by the Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) before the Supreme Court of Pakistan in respect of pension related matters during the last five years;
- b) the present status of each such review petition;
- c) whether any final judgment has been rendered by the Supreme Court in respect of such matters; if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether the judgments of the Supreme Court relating to revision or enhancement of pensionary benefits have been implemented, by PTCL; if so, the details thereof; and
- e) if any such judgment has not been implemented the reasons therefor together with the timeline for its implementation?

45. MS. ASIYA NAZ TANOLI

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

- a) whether the Government has announced a policy of financial assistance grant of Rs. 30,000/- to 60,000/- to the disable persons of Pakistan through the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM);
- b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal failed to pay financial assistance grant to the disable persons in different areas of Punjab in particularly applications vide registry number, RLG 142060400, dated 11th February, 2025, RLG 142061683, RLG 142061684 and RLG 142061685, dated 18th April, 2025;
- c) if answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the reasons of delay thereof; and
- d) what steps are being taken by the Government to pay financial assistance grant through Bait-ul-Mal as the applicants are waiting for assistance?

46. MS. NAEEMA KISHWAR KHAN

Will the Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety be pleased to refer to Un-starred Question No. 07, asked on the 12th February, 2025, and state:

- a) whether, in reply to part (b) of the aforesaid Question, it was stated by the Ministry that during the year 2023, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) received 24 applications from Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) belonging to District Charsadda, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, for financial assistance, and that financial assistance was provided to all such applicants;
- b) whether it is a fact that, during the year 2023, PBM received applications for financial assistance through Pakistan Post Registry from persons with disabilities holding CNIC Nos. 17101-0295049-3, 17101-6692985-3 and 17101-6753963-3, but no financial assistance was provided to them despite their being persons with disabilities; and
- c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, the steps being taken by the Government/PBM to provide the admissible financial assistance to the deserving persons referred to in part (b), along with the reasons for non-payment of such assistance to date?

47. SAHIBZADA SIBGHATULLAH

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

- a) whether it is a fact that online booking has been introduced in Holiday Homes in Murree; if so, the details thereof;
- b) whether it is also a fact that its challan is deposited in National Bank of Pakistan and if so, the reasons for not allowing online deposit along with the details thereof; and
- c) the time by which the option to submit the online challan form will be given to banks other than National Bank; if not, the reason thereof, if yes, the time by which?

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Acting Secretary