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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 6th 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 9th September, 2026.

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

141. * MS. SHAHIDA BEGUM

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government is aware that a locally assembled entry-level vehicle costing around Rs. 3 million bears approximately Rs. 550,000 in taxes, whereas a new energy vehicle costing around Rs. 10 million attracts only about Rs. 100,000 in sales tax and is exempt from Federal Excise Duty and the New Energy Vehicle Levy;
- b) the total revenue foregone during the last three financial years through such exemptions concessions, along with the number and value of vehicles benefiting therefrom, separately for imported, locally assembled and locally manufactured vehicles;
- c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of these concessions on middle-income taxpayers, domestic automobile manufacturing, localisation, employment and the auto-parts vendor industry; and
- d) whether the Government proposes to link such incentives with vehicle price, affordability, domestic value-addition and localisation to ensure that environmental policy does not create inequitable tax treatment?

142. * MS. SHAISTA PERVAIZ

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) the year-wise total amount of tax exemptions, concessions, reduced rates and special treatments granted during the last five years;
- b) the revenue foregone on account of such measures, category-wise details thereof;
- c) whether any cost-benefit assessment has been conducted regarding these tax expenditures; and
- d) the measures being taken to rationalize tax expenditures and broaden the tax base?

143. * MS. SEHAR KAMRAN

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- a) whether Government is implementing all the provisions of the Geographical Indications (Registration and Protection) Act, 2020; if so, details of GI management bodies, certification mechanisms and authorized users established so far, and if not, the reasons for the delay;
- b) details of Geographical Indications registered since enactment of the Act, along with the measures taken to ensure producer participation, quality control, traceability and effective protection of registered products;
- c) whether Government has identified gaps and shortcomings in GI regime, if so, the details thereof; and
- d) whether any assessment has been made regarding the economic benefits of GI registration in terms of exports, farmers and artisans incomes and global branding of Pakistani products; if not, the reasons thereof?

144. * MALIK SHAKIR BASHIR AWAN

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state that what strategy is under consideration of the Government to further strengthen bilateral trade, investment and economic cooperation with Iran?

145. * SYEDA AMNAH BATOOL

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

- a) whether any national plan exists to align university degrees with market based skills;
- b) the number of universities that have introduced skill based, digital or entrepreneurship courses during the last two years; and
- c) whether the Government intends to make internships or industry placement mandatory in selected degree programmes?

146. * DR. MAHREEN RAZZAQ BHUTTO

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the contributions collected for the Workers' Welfare Fund (WWF) are credited to Government Account No. 1 maintained with the State Bank of Pakistan; if so, the legal provision, rule, or executive authority under which such contributions are credited to and retained therein;
- b) the total amount of WWF contributions presently lying in Government Account No. 1, together with the year-wise amounts collected, transferred to WWF, and outstanding since 2018-19;
- c) whether any interest, mark-up, investment return, or other financial compensation has been credited to WWF on the retained amount; if not, the reasons therefor;
- d) whether funds of any other statutory fund, autonomous body, or organization are similarly retained in Government Account No. 1; if so, the names and amounts involved; and
- e) the corrective measures being taken to ensure timely transfer of such statutory funds to their respective entities and to safeguard their financial interests?

147. * MS. SHAHIDA BEGUM

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- a) the quantity of sugar exported during 2024-25, dates on which exports were permitted and quantity actually exported;
- b) whether, following such exports and subsequent increase in domestic sugar prices, the Government directed the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) to import sugar; if so, the quantity imported;
- c) the total cost incurred by TCP, including freight and other charges, and the international market price prevailing at each procurement;
- d) the total customs duty, sales tax and other taxes waived on such imports;
- e) the quantity of imported sugar sold by TCP, its average sale price and prevailing domestic market price at the time of sale;
- f) whether any imported sugar remains unsold and whether TCP has proposed or commenced re-export thereof; and
- g) the estimated net financial gain or loss to the public exchequer arising from the export, subsequent import and disposal of sugar during 2024-25 and 2025-26?

148. * MS. SHAGUFTA JUMANI

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- a) what mechanisms are followed by the Planning Commission for independent technical, geological, financial and cost-benefit appraisal of major infrastructure projects before approval;
- b) what post-approval mechanisms exist to monitor design changes, cost escalation, delays, procurement and implementation against the approved PC-I;
- c) whether the Planning Commission has conducted an institutional review of projects such as Neelum-Jhelum, where substantial cost escalation, design risks, delays and subsequent operational failures occurred;
- d) whether responsibility is assigned where approved safeguards, audits or project controls fail; and
- e) what reforms are proposed to strengthen independent validation, risk assessment, audit, transparency and accountability, and ensure that deficiencies identified during project execution are addressed before they recur in future mega projects?

149. * MS. SHAISTA PERVAIZ

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- a) the number and value of Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) projects currently under implementation sector-wise;
- b) the number of projects that have experienced cost overruns and delays in the said projects;
- c) the principal causes of such delays and cost escalations; and
- d) the measures being taken by the Government to improve project appraisal, monitoring and timely completion of development projects?

150. * MS. TAHIRA AURANGZEB

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the Government employees getting salary of one lac per month are fully exempted from tax in the country;
- b) the detail of income tax slabs for Government employees at present; and
- c) whether there is any plan under consideration of the Government to reduce the excessive increase made in the income tax of Government employees?

151. * SAHIBZADA SIBGHATULLAH

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that a substantial quantity of Pakistan's Himalayan Pink Salt has historically been exported in raw or semi-processed form and subsequently marketed, packaged or re-exported abroad under foreign brands, resulting in the loss of economic value, market recognition and country-of-origin identity for Pakistan;
- b) the measures taken since the registration of Khewra Pink Rock Salt as a Geographical Indication (GI) product to secure international protection and recognition of Pakistan's ownership and origin claims in major export markets, together with the countries where such protection has been obtained;
- c) whether the Government has assessed the difference between the export value earned by Pakistan from raw salt exports;
- d) the retail value captured internationally through foreign branding, packaging and value addition; and
- e) what steps are being taken by the Government to establish a globally recognized national brand for Pakistani Himalayan Pink Salt and to prevent misrepresentation of its origin in the international markets?

152. * MR. NAVEED AAMIR

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- a) the names of the countries with which Pakistan has trade relations at present and since when; and
- b) whether overall exports or imports increased during the present regime?

153. * MR. MUHAMMAD ASLAM GHUMMAN

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the construction work on the flagship project University of Applied Engineering & Emerging Technologies (UAEET), Sambrial, Sialkot, initiated under a joint financing mechanism, has been suspended due to the non-provision/non-release of the committed federal share of development funds;
- b) the total amount allocated, released, and utilized so far out of the committed Federal Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) funds for this project;
- c) the reasons for the delay in releasing the federal share of funds despite the completion of substantial civil works on site; and
- d) the target date and immediate steps being taken by the Federal Government/Ministry to ensure the timely release of the remaining allocated funds to resume construction work without further cost overrun?

154. * MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) the details of all allowances/pay increases, granted to officers of the Federal Government in July 2026, or proposed thereafter, whether generally or cadre-specific, indicating the grade-wise monthly financial impact on pay and the consequential impact on pension;
- b) the justification, criteria, and policy considerations for granting such increases to particular cadres or categories of employees;
- c) the average grade-wise increase in pay and allowances provided or proposed for non-gazetted employees serving in the Federal Secretariat from BS-1 onwards;
- d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of such measures on disparities in income and earnings among different classes of persons in the service of Pakistan; and
- e) the steps being taken to ensure equitable pay structures and to reduce disparities in income and earnings among public servants in accordance with Article 38(e) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan?

155. * MS. SHAHIDA REHMANI

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the estimated cost of the Lahore Mass Transit/Metro Train projects undertaken by the Government of Punjab amounts to approximately Rs. 303 billion, whereas the estimated cost of the Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) project is approximately Rs. 500 billion; if so, the details thereof, indicating the basis for such cost estimates;
- b) whether any comparative feasibility study or cost-benefit analysis has been carried out to explain the difference in the estimated costs of the Lahore Mass Transit projects and the Karachi Circular Railway project; if so, the details thereof;
- c) the present status of the Karachi Circular Railway project, indicating the estimated cost, sources of financing, implementation schedule, and reasons for the delay in its execution; and
- d) whether the Federal Government intends to review the project cost and implementation strategy of the Karachi Circular Railway with a view to ensuring its timely completion and cost-effectiveness; if so, the details thereof?

156. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- a) whether the official export target for the last fiscal year was set at \$35.3 billion, with actual receipts falling to \$30.1 billion—a shortfall of \$5.2 billion—and what were the primary reasons, including the impact of the Middle East conflict, persistent energy cost escalations, declining textile competitiveness, and supply chain disruptions on this significant miss; and
- b) whether the Government has conducted a sector-wise analysis to identify which key exports—such as textiles, rice, or IT—underperformed most severely;
- c) what specific remedial measures are being taken to address these structural weaknesses, particularly given the Finance Ministry's warning that the country may struggle to meet next year's export targets if these underlying vulnerabilities remain unaddressed?

157. * SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- a) the total number of projects initiated under public private partnerships in Financial Year 2025 to 2026; and
- b) the criteria for selecting private partners and ensuring transparency in these agreements?

158. * MS. SAMINA KHALID GHURKI

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is exporting different varieties of Rice to China, Iran and Oman, if yes, the details thereof;
- b) the total volume of Rice trade during the 2022 to 2026;
- c) how many quantities of Hybrid Rice Basmati and Non-Basmati Rice have been exported during said period and total Foreign Exchange received, so far; and
- d) what steps are being taken by the Ministry to enhance these exports?

159. * SYED RAFIULLAH

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state:

- a) the number of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Non-International Governmental Organizations (INGOs) presently registered with, or operating under Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) executed with, the Ministry;
- b) the number of MoUs executed, renewed, suspended and expired during each of the last three years;
- c) the total amount of foreign assistance and grants received by such organizations during each of the last three years, category-wise;
- d) whether any funds intended for such organizations were withheld, suspended or blocked during the said period; if so, the amount involved together with the reasons therefor; and
- e) the mechanism adopted by the Division to monitor the utilization of foreign-funded projects and to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the respective MoUs?

160. * MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) whether any tax, withholding tax, levy or other deduction is imposed by the Federal Government or the State Bank of Pakistan on transactions made through ATM/debit cards linked with foreign currency accounts maintained with domestic banks, where payments are made through Point-of-Sale (POS) terminals in Pakistan Rupees; if so, the details thereof along with the legal authority thereof;
- b) whether any limit or restriction has been prescribed on foreign remittances received by individuals through banking channels in Pakistan; if so, the details thereof and the rationale behind such restrictions;
- c) the amount of taxes, charges or deductions collected during the last five years from such transactions and remittances: and
- d) the corrective measures are being considered to facilitate foreign currency account holders. promote formal remittance channels, and ensure a fair and transparent taxation regime?

161. * SYEDA AMNAH BATOOL

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- a) what progress has been made under URAAN Pakistan regarding youth employment and skills since its inception so far;
- b) how many projects under the 5Es framework directly target youth economic empowerment; and
- c) whether district level targets have been fixed for implementation?

162. * MS. SAMINA KHALID GHURKI

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

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

163. * MR. NAVEED AAMIR

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) the total number of pensioners at present under the Federal Government alongwith the details thereof; and
- b) the steps are being taken by the Government for the welfare of said pensioners in near future?

164. * MR. CHANGAZE AHMAD KHAN

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that despite apparent computerized balloting of Prize Bonds valuing Rs. 25,000 and Rs. 40,000, is not being conducted in a transparent and fair manner;
- b) If not, whether it is a fact that the existing computerized balloting system is transparent, unbiased, and compliant with international standards;
- c) if the draw process is completely transparent according to the Ministry, the detailed list of names of individuals who won prizes in the draws of Rs. 25,000 and Rs. 40,000 denomination Prize Bonds during the last financial year; and
- d) the steps being taken by the Ministry in light of public complaints to make the balloting process more transparent, verifiable, and credible?

165. * DR. MAHREEN RAZZAQ BHUTTO

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has taken notice of reports regarding alleged irregularities in the import and customs clearance of courier-imported mobile phones, including a recently reported case in which the Federal Tax Ombudsman observed indications of an organized scam involving the release of an imported handset to an unauthorized person and directed an inquiry;
- b) whether any inquiry has since been initiated to ascertain the extent of such alleged irregularities, identify those responsible, and determine, whether similar cases have occurred elsewhere in the country; and
- c) the measures being taken to strengthen the customs clearance process, improve verification mechanisms, and prevent unauthorized release of courier-imported consignments in future?

166. * DR. SHAZIA SOBIA ASLAM SOOMRO

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- a) whether any proposal for the creation of new administrative units in the country is under consideration;
- b) if so, the details thereof and present status of such proposal?

167. * MR. CHANGAZE AHMAD KHAN

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that, despite increasing federal tax revenues and the tax burden on citizens, federal public services remain inadequate in key areas falling within the Federal Government's jurisdiction;
- b) whether the Federal Government has assessed the extent to which citizens are paying twice through federal taxes and levies and privately for essential services or facilities that the Federal Government is responsible for providing;
- c) the details of federal expenditure during the last five years on education, health, social protection, federal roads, utilities and other federally administered public services, along with measurable service-delivery outcomes;
- d) whether any mechanism exists to assess the relationship between additional federal taxation and improvements in federally provided services; and
- e) whether the Government will conduct an independent assessment of the impact of weak federal service delivery on household expenditure, inequality and public trust in the State?

168. * MS. SHAHIDA REHMANI

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that, according to the Audit Report of the Auditor General of Pakistan, Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL) disbursed agricultural loans amounting to Rs. 363.394 billion during the period from 2020 to 2024;
- b) whether it is also a fact that, out of the said amount, Rs. 307.533 billion (84.52%) was disbursed in Punjab, Rs. 34.882 billion (9.59%) in Sindh, Rs. 14.564 billion (4.00%) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the erstwhile FATA, Rs. 1.656 billion (0.46%) in Baluchistan, and Rs. 5.227 billion (1.44%) in Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan; and
- c) if so, the reasons for such disproportionate distribution of agricultural loans among the provinces and regions?

169. * DR. NAFISA SHAH

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- a) the number of federally funded development projects that incurred cost overruns during the last five financial years;
- b) the aggregate original cost, revised cost and percentage increase for such projects; and
- c) the legal and institutional mechanism for taking action against contractors, consultant or executing agencies responsible for avoidable delays and cost escalation?

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Acting Secretary

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
"UN-STARRED QUESTIONS"

Islamabad, the 9th September, 2026.

for **6th Rota Day Sitting.**

48. SYED RAFIULLAH

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- a) whether the records relating to preparation and maintenance of seniority lists of the Inter-Departmental Cadre (IDC) of Pakistan Audit & Accounts Service (PA&AS), including records from 1976 onwards, have been weeded out, destroyed, lost or otherwise rendered unavailable;
- b) if so, the year-wise particulars, applicable retention rules, competent authority and reasons for such disposal;
- c) whether any inquiry or verification was conducted before such records were declared unavailable; if so, its particulars;
- d) whether all surviving seniority lists and connected records can be provided, along with the rules under which they were prepared; and
- e) the basic particulars of all persons who have held the constitutional office of Auditor-General of Pakistan since creation of the Accounts Group, namely: Personnel No., Name, Duration (From-To), and whether in office or, if left, reason for leaving office?

49. MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

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

- a) whether it is a fact that male teachers from various educational institutions of Islamabad, have been appointed in Islamabad Model Colleges for Girls;
- b) if so, the details of all Islamabad Model Colleges for Girls;
- c) whether it is also a fact that male teachers from various educational institutions of Islamabad, have been transferred or posted on deputation to Islamabad Model Colleges for Girls;
- d) if so, the relevant law and policy governing the same; if no, such law or policy exists, the details of action taken so far against the responsible individuals involved in this illegal practice; and
- e) if not, action has been taken as yet, the time by which action will be initiated against them?

50. MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

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

- a) whether it is a fact that Islamabad Model Colleges for Girls, mostly officials conferences, meetings and seminars are being held after the closing hours of the colleges;
- b) whether girl students and female teachers will have to stay in the college and leave the college premises after sun set and face hardships in going home; and
- c) whether there is any policy to change this scheme of things and let the programmes, seminars and conferences be held in the morning hours so that girl students and female teachers may arrive their homes in time?

51. SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- a) the status of implementation of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) related infrastructure projects in Gilgit, Baltistan (GB); and
- b) the name of the project allocation of budget during Fiscal Year 2024-25?

52. SYED RAFIULLAH

Will the Minister for Privatization be pleased to state:

- a) year-wise details of Advisors and Consultants appointed in the Ministry and the Privatization Commission of Pakistan during the last five years, including working at present, along with the perks, privileges, and other admissible allowances and fringe benefits (salary/remuneration package, house rent, conveyance, medical facilities, utilities, and any other financial or non-financial benefit) attached to each appointee;
- b) the specific purpose/terms of reference for which each was appointed, their educational qualifications and relevant professional experience, and whether the appointment was made through a competitive, transparent process; if not, the manner of appointment and reasons for bypassing a competitive process; and
- c) whether the performance of each appointee was evaluated; if so, the details and outcome thereof, and the rationale for continuation/rationalization of such appointments in light thereof; if not, the reasons for non-evaluation?

SAEED AHMAD MAITLA
Acting Secretary