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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 9th 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 21st September, 2026.

to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly
to be held during **9th Rota Day Sitting.**

223. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

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

- a) whether it is a fact that the Government has failed to prevent repeated HIV outbreaks with over 130 infected in Karachi (mostly children) linked to unsafe injection practices and over 2,100 pediatric cases nationwide since early 2025 despite the 2019 Ratodero outbreak infecting nearly 900 children through contaminated syringes;
- b) whether the World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed that Pakistan has the fastest growing HIV epidemic in the region with infections rising 200% since 2010;
- c) whether the Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has declared this a "national humanitarian catastrophe" while Sindh Government has approved Rs. 2 billion an endowment fund and the Federal Minister has also ordered mandatory pre-surgery HIV screening; and
- d) what specific timeline exists for nationwide implementation of auto-disable syringes and a comprehensive surveillance system to track the estimated 350,000 people living with HIV of whom 80% remain unaware of their status?

224. * MS. SHAHIDA BEGUM

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the extent to which Pakistan's industrial policies in the automobile, electronics and engineering sectors have resulted in actual manufacturing as opposed to assembly of imported Completely Knocked Down (CKD) Semi-Knocked Down (SkD) kits;
- b) the current domestic value addition and localization levels in the automobile, mobile phone and consumer electronics sectors, together with the amount of foreign exchange spent on imported components during the last five years;
- c) whether any evaluation has been undertaken regarding the effectiveness of tariff protection, fiscal incentives and concessionary schemes provided to these industries in achieving technology transfer, local supply-chain development and export competitiveness;
- d) what corrective measures are being proposed by the Government for adopting the transition, "from import-dependent assembly operations to high-value manufacturing, research and development"; and
- e) whether further steps are being taken to highlight low localization and as to why more dependence is focused on imported kits in both Automobile and Electronics Sectors?

225. * MS. SEHAR KAMRAN

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- a) the details of measures taken or being taken by the Government to curb the proliferation of counterfeit and substandard cotton seed in the market, along with number of cases of spurious seed sale detected, prosecuted and penalized in each of the last five years;
- b) why the seed-certification system remains weak enough to erode farmers confidence, and which officials or departments have been held accountable for this persistent regulatory failure;

- c) how many private seed companies are currently operating without valid certification or registration; and
- d) why enforcement action has not yet been taken against them?

226. * MS. SEHAR KAMRAN

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the number of officials are illegally occupying Government's accommodations in Islamabad;
- b) if so, the details of such Ministry and grade wise officials and action taken against them during the last five years; and
- c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to get the said accommodations vacated?

227. * MR. NAVEED AAMIR

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state:

- a) what further measures are being adopted by the Government to make the cost of Government and private Hajj packages more affordable for the convenience of the general public; and
- b) the number of complaints received by the Ministry concerned from the pilgrims during the Hajj 2026?

228. * MR. CHANGAZE AHMAD KHAN

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- a) whether Pakistan Railways has modernized its passenger ticketing system by providing online booking facilities through which passengers may purchase tickets electronically without visiting reservation offices;
- b) whether an online ticket displayed on a mobile phone or other digital device may be accepted as a valid travel document without requiring a printed copy, as the booking record is simultaneously maintained in the computerized system of Pakistan Railways;
- c) whether the Government has examined international best practices, where paperless and digitally verifiable tickets are accepted for rail travel; if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether Pakistan Railways proposes to adopt such international practices by introducing fully paperless ticketing, digital verification and centralized real-time passenger records; and
- e) the steps being taken to modernize the ticketing system in accordance with contemporary international standards, while ensuring security, transparency and convenience for passengers?

229. * MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan Railways has not installed Point-of-Sale (POS) terminals, including electronic card payment machines enabling passengers to purchase tickets through debit cards, credit cards and other digital payment methods at booking counters;
- b) if so, the reasons therefor and the timeline for providing such facilities;
- c) whether it is also a fact that Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are not available at most railway stations, including major Railway Stations, across the country; if so, the reasons therefor;
- d) whether the Government has any policy or plan to install ATMs at Railway Stations and provide digital payment facilities at booking counters throughout the country;
- e) if so, the details and timeline fixed thereof; and
- f) the measures being adopted or proposed to promote the digitization of Pakistan Railways by expanding cashless payment facilities and improving passenger convenience?

230. * MR. NAVEED AAMIR

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

- a) the names of the Government and Private Hospitals in Islamabad which have Burn Centers/Burn Wards at present; and
- b) the total number of patients that can be admitted and fully treated in each of the aforesaid hospitals?

231. * MS. SHAHIDA REHMANI

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the Federal Government has decided to abolish, privatize, wind up, or otherwise dispose of the Pakistan Agricultural Storage and Services Corporation (PASSCO);
- b) if so, the reasons and justification thereof;
- c) whether it is also a fact that PASSCO has not remained a loss-making organization during the past fifty years;
- d) if so, the financial performance of PASSCO for the last ten years, indicating annual profit or loss;
- e) whether the Government has conducted any impact assessment regarding the likely effects of abolishing or privatizing PASSCO on the country's food security, strategic wheat reserves, price stabilization, and protection of farmers and consumers; if so, the details thereof;
- f) whether the Government apprehends that the abolition or privatization of PASSCO may adversely affect the availability and affordability of wheat and increase the risk of recurring flour shortages and price instability; and
- g) if so, what measures being adopted to prevent such consequences?

232. * DR. MAHREEN RAZZAQ BHUTTO

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

- a) the year-wise details of all funds, grants, donations, technical assistance, medicines, equipment or any other support, by whatever name called, received by the Ministry, its Attached Departments, Autonomous Bodies, projects and associated entities from domestic and international donors during the last five years, indicating the donor, purpose, amount, currency or description of material received;
- b) the details of utilization, distribution, audit and reconciliation thereof, indicating whether any audit observations, irregularities, inquiries or investigations were reported;
- c) if so, the findings, losses assessed, officers against whom responsibility was fixed, action taken, recoveries made and their present postings; and
- d) whether, in view of public allegations regarding Donor-Funded Programmes, the Government has reviewed or intends to strengthen transparency, independent oversight, inventory and financial controls, digital traceability, third-party audits and accountability mechanisms to prevent recurrence of such incidents; if so the details thereof?

233. * SYED HUSSAIN TARIQ

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- a) the current live storage capacity of Pakistan's major reservoirs and the number of days of national water storage currently available;
- b) the measures adopted during the last three years to enhance national water storage capacity through federally funded reservoirs and other storage projects, along with their current implementation status;
- c) the progress made in implementing the National Water Policy, 2018, particularly with regard to increasing water storage, improving water-use efficiency, and strengthening inter- provincial coordination;
- d) whether a national digital telemetry system for transparent monitoring of river flows and water distribution has been established or is under implementation; if so, its present status; and
- e) the steps being taken by the Federal Government, through Indus River System Authority (IRSA) and the Council of Common Interests (CCI), to strengthen national water security and ensure transparent inter-provincial water management?

234. * DR. NAFISA SHAH

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

- a) the latest officially reported prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight among children under five years;
- b) the federal allocation for maternal, infant and child nutrition and rural primary healthcare during FY2026-27; and
- c) what mechanism is established for monitoring nutrition outcomes at ICT, including independent verification and publication of results?

235. * MS. NAEEMA KISHWAR KHAN

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state:

- a) the province wise detail of Evacuee Trust Property Board establishment;
- b) whether after the establishment of Provincial Board, the provincial Evacuee Trust Properties will come under the control of the provinces along with the number of properties which are under the control of the provinces so far; and
- c) whether the law permits the said trust properties to be taken into possession by the provinces?

236. * MS. SHAHIDA BEGUM

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

- a) whether the Government is aware that Haemophilia is significantly under-registered in Pakistan and the actual number of patients is far higher than the registered figure;
- b) if so, whether the Federal Government has a mechanism to identify, register and treat unregistered patients;
- c) if so, the number registered during the last three years;
- d) whether patients can register themselves directly or through designated health facilities;

- e) whether any dedicated budget has been allocated for Haemophilia treatment during 2026-27; if so, the amount and relevant budget head;
- f) the number of patients receiving treatment or financial assistance through Federal Government hospitals, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal and other federal programmes, and expenditure incurred during the last three years; and
- g) whether the Government proposes a National Haemophilia Treatment Programme with a dedicated annual budget to provide treatment and factor replacement therapy to all registered and newly identified patients?

237. * DR. SHAZIA SOBIA ASLAM SOOMRO

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

- a) the estimated number of persons suffering from mental health disorder in Pakistan and the current availability of mental health services, disaggregated by province and urban/rural areas;
- b) the number of Psychiatrists, Clinical Psychologists and other trained Mental Health Professionals currently available in the country along with the population to professional ratio; and
- c) the measures being taken by the Government to address the shortage of Mental Health Professionals and improve access to affordable mental health services, particularly at the primary healthcare level?

238. * MS. NUZHAT SADIQ

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

- a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has approximately 651,000 zero-dose children, constituting one of the highest numbers in the WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region;
- b) if so, the province-wise and district-wise details thereof;
- c) the reasons for the failure of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) to ensure routine vaccination of all eligible children, indicating the administrative, financial and operational constraints responsible therefor;
- d) the corrective measures adopted to strengthen vaccine procurement, cold-chain management, outreach, monitoring, Geographic Information System (GIS)-based mapping, public awareness and measures to address vaccine hesitancy and misinformation; and
- e) whether the Government has fixed any targets and timeline under the National Vaccine Policy to eliminate zero-dose children and restore the required immunization coverage for herd immunity; if so, the details thereof?

239. * SYEDA AMNAH BATOOL

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

- a) whether any national mechanism exists to regulate fee structures of Private Clinics, Hospitals and Diagnostic Laboratories;
- b) whether complaints regarding overcharging are recorded at Federal level; and
- c) whether the Government has any plans to improve consumer protection in healthcare services?

240. * DR. SHAZIA SOBIA ASLAM SOOMRO

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

- a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has one of the highest prevalence rates globally of Hepatitis B and C; if so, the details thereof;
- b) the number of cases reported during the last three years in which transmission was suspected or established to have occurred due to unsafe medical practices, and the action taken thereon;
- c) measures being taken by the Government to prevent the transmission through healthcare facilities, blood transfusions, medical instruments and other preventable sources;
- d) whether healthcare facilities are required to ensure the use of sterilised and properly disinfected medical equipment; and
- e) if so, the mechanism established for monitoring and ensuring compliance?

241. * SYED RAFIULLAH

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

- a) the prescribed eligibility criteria, qualifications, experience and procedure for the appointment of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of Federal Government hospitals and health institutions;
- b) the number of Federal Government Hospitals and Health Institutions presently functioning under Chief Executive Officers, together with the number of vacant CEO positions, institution-wise;
- c) whether all appointments of Chief Executive Officers have been made in accordance with the prescribed law, rules and policy; if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether any appointment has been made on an acting, additional charge or interim basis; if so, the number of such appointments, together with the reasons therefor and the duration of each such arrangement; and
- e) the measures being taken, or proposed to be taken, to ensure transparent, merit-based and timely appointments of Chief Executive Officers in Federal Government health institutions?

242. * MS. NUZHAT SADIQ

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

- a) whether the recommendations of the Prime Minister's Task Force on Reported HIV mis-handling, submitted on 21st May, 2026, have been implemented;
- b) if so, the details thereof, particularly with regard to province-wise measures adopted to prevent HIV transmission through healthcare facilities, the number of HIV infections among children reported since January, 2025;
- c) whether an independent evaluation of the National and Provincial AIDS Control Programmes and a national HIV surveillance dashboard have been initiated; and
- d) whether any action has been taken against officials responsible for regulatory failures?

243. * SYEDA AMNAH BATOOL

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has prepared any food security contingency plan for climate shocks, floods and global price volatility;
- b) the current wheat, flour and essential food stock position; and
- c) whether any targeted support is being provided to vulnerable districts?

244. * MR. ASIF KHAN

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

- a) the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of infants in the fire incident at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad, particularly the reported inadequacy of fire-safety arrangements and delay in the arrival of rescue teams;
- b) whether PIMS is not equipped with adequate fire-safety equipment, firefighting systems, trained staff and emergency-response facilities;
- c) the findings of the inquiry committee constituted by the Honourable Prime Minister, including the causes of the incident, identification of those responsible for negligence and whether any officials have been held accountable for the loss of lives; if so, details thereof; and
- d) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen fire-safety laws and hospital safety protocols to ensure that such an incident must not occur in future?

245. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- a) whether the 134% cost escalation of the Diamer Basha Dam to Rs. 1.12 trillion, extending its timeline to December 2030, is primarily due to the outdated 2016 price index, rupee depreciation from Rs. 105 to Rs. 280, design changes and additional security costs;
- b) what accountability measures exist for this massive overrun; and
- c) whether the 260% surge in Dasu (Stage-I) to Rs. 1.74 trillion and the 285% jump in Tarbela 5th Extension to Rs. 316 billion-driven by forex losses, price escalation, security requirements, and interest during construction have prompted a formal feasibility review; and
- d) what action has been taken on the AGP's reported financial irregularities amounting to billions of rupees in WAPDA's hydropower projects?

246. * DR. MAHREEN RAZZAQ BHUTTO

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

- a) the Acts, Ordinances and other laws administered by the Ministry, its Attached Department Autonomous Bodies and Regulatory Authorities, indicating the date each law was last comprehensively reviewed or amended;
- b) whether all rules, regulations, notifications and other subordinate legislation required under each such law have been framed and notified;
- c) if not, the provisions under which they remain pending, the reasons therefor, the officers responsible and the expected timeframe for completion;
- d) whether the Ministry has undertaken any periodic review to assess the effectiveness and relevance of such laws and subordinate legislation in light of constitutional requirements, judicial pronouncements, emerging health challenges, technological advancements and international obligations; if so, the details thereof; and
- e) the corrective measures proposed to modernize and harmonize such laws with contemporary healthcare needs?

247. * MS. SHAGUFTA JUMANI

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- a) whether biosafety, traceability and coexistence systems have been assessed before allowing Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) maize cultivation, given Pakistan's documented failures in regulating *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (BT) cotton seed;
- b) what measures prevent cross-pollination between Genetically Modified Organism, (GMO) Non-Genetically Modified Organism (Non-GMO) maize on small, fragmented farms, and who bears liability for contamination;
- c) what steps are being taken by the Government to control aflatoxin contamination, classified as a Group 1 carcinogen, in maize and other staples;
- d) how many accredited laboratories exist for Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) and pesticide-residue testing at ports/customs; and
- e) whether past GMO-contamination incidents in rice exports have informed current policy on GMO food crop approvals?

248. * MR. AWAIS HAIDER JAKHAR

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- a) the amount of funds reserved, released and utilized during the last five years for the prevention and restoration of river Erosion including funds received from foreign donors; and
- b) the province-wise details of the areas where such funds were utilized?

249. * DR. NAFISA SHAH

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- a) the quantity, price, supplier wise cost and dates of wheat imports made during the Financial Years 2023-24 and 2024-25;
- b) whether any inquiry or audit was conducted regarding the timing and quantity of those imports and if so, the findings and recommendations thereof; and
- c) the reforms introduced to improve transparency in PASSCO's procurement, storage, release and strategic reserve operations?

250. * MS. MUSSARAT RAFIQUE MAHESAR

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

- a) the total number of public sector and private sector Hospitals and Basic Health Units currently functional in the country; and
- b) the province wise details as the number of such facilities that are fully operational with the required doctors, nurses, medicines, diagnostic facilities and essential equipment?

SAEED AHMAD MAITLA
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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
"UN-STARRED QUESTIONS"

Islamabad, the 21st September, 2026.
for **9th Rota Day Sitting.**

67. SAHIBZADA SIBGHATULLAH

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

- a) whether it is a fact that Formaldehyde 37% and Methanol 15% are being sold at Pharmacies;
- b) if so, the diseases for which these are being used;
- c) whether it is also a fact that milk, tea and juice sellers as well as confectioners are openly using this medicine;
- d) if so, the details of its effects on human health;
- e) whether the Government intends to ban this medicine; and
- f) if so, the time by which it will be banned; if not, the reasons thereof?

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