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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 1st 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 2nd September, 2026.

to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly
to be held during **1st Rota Day Sitting.**

@122. * MR. SANJAY PERWANI

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

- a) whether any Islamic curriculum reforms have been proposed or implemented to promote interfaith harmony and religious tolerance; if so, the details thereof; and
- b) the details the institutions involved in the said reforms?

@130. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

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

- a) that shipping agents have confirmed no war-related surcharges are being imposed on in-transit shipments or alternate routes, yet global lines had reportedly considered emergency surcharges of 3,500-4,000 per TEU;
- b) what written guarantees have the Government secured to ensure these assurances are honored;
- c) how many of the ten (10) complaints processed to date involved in such unjustified charges;
- d) whether the terminal operators have agreed to demurrage relief for export containers arriving before March 3, 2026, and the Pakistan Ship's Agents Association and all Pakistan Shipping Association will issue advisories against retention fees on stranded containers and what monitoring mechanism exists to ensure compliance; and
- e) what penalties will be imposed on agents found violating these commitments?

1. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

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

- a) whether the Federal Board of Revenue voluntary scheme for small retailers allowing the eligible shopkeepers with Annual turnover up to Rs. 200 million to pay 1% of gross turnover instead of filing regular returns is expected to cover over 3 million retailers and generate more than Rs. 50 billion annually;
- b) why the *Tajir Dost* Scheme is failed to achieve similar targets while this scheme offers greater relief such as no routine audits and POS/digital invoicing requirements are fixed;
- c) the participants must pay a minimum cash tax of Rs. 25,000 receive a QR coded "Green Plate" barring tax officials from entering shops and face penalties of Rs.10,000, Rs. 50,000 for non-compliance; and
- d) what safeguards are existing to prevent misuse of the scheme for tax avoidance by businesses with low profit margins were 1% of turnover could exceed their actual income tax liability?

@ Deferred from 29th Session.

2. * MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

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

- a) the details of Danish Schools being established in Balochistan, alongwith year-wise details of approval, location and present status;
- b) the budget allocated, released and utilized for each school project to date, along with details of pending funds, if any;
- c) the expected timeline for completion and commencement of academic activities in these schools;
- d) the criteria adopted for selection of locations, including educational needs, population, backwardness, accessibility and regional balance;
- e) whether it is a fact that some Danish Schools announced in previous years and reflected in the budget could not be initiated; if so, the reasons for such delay; and
- f) what corrective measures have been taken to address administrative, financial and technical issues and ensure timely completion of all approved Danish Schools in Balochistan?

3. * DR. SHAZIA SOBIA ASLAM SOOMRO

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

- a) whether the Government has decided to extend the fifteen (15) year sales tax exemption granted to Pakistan International Airline (PIA), to all locally operated airlines with effect from Financial Year 2027-28; and
- b) if so, the estimated revenue foregone by the Federal Government over the exemption period and the justification for extending such exemption?

4. * SYED HUSSAIN TARIQ

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

- a) the number of reform initiatives, restructuring programmes and modernization projects undertaken in the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) during the last ten years, indicating their objectives, timelines and approved cost;
- b) the total expenditure incurred on each initiative and the measurable outcomes achieved terms of broadening the tax base, increasing the tax-to-GDP ratio, enhancing revenue collection, automation and institutional efficiency;
- c) whether any independent post-implementation evaluation or performance audit has been conducted to assess the effectiveness and value for money of such reforms; if so, the findings thereof;
- d) whether the Government has identified reforms that failed to achieve their intended objectives or expected outcomes; if so, the reasons therefor, responsibility fixed; and
- e) what corrective measures have been taken to ensure sustainable institutional reforms and the detail of prudent utilization of public funds?

5. * DR. MAHREEN RAZZAQ BHUTTO

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of the implementation and outcomes of the Strategic Trade Policy (STP) 2015-20 and Strategic Trade Policy (STP) 2021-26;
- b) if so, the reasons for the non-achievement of the export targets prescribed therein, indicating the institutional, regulatory and policy shortcomings identified through such evaluation; and
- c) the corrective measures, institutional reforms and implementation mechanism incorporated in the proposed Strategic Trade Policy (STP) 2026-31 to address the deficiencies identified, including the monitoring framework, periodic performance review and accountability mechanism for achieving the prescribed targets?

6. *** MR. DAWAR KHAN KUNDI**

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

- a) the total number of projects completed, ongoing and under consideration under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) during the last five years, along with the sector wise details thereof;
- b) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the climate related risks to CPEC infrastructure, particularly roads, energy projects, industrial zones and other major projects; if so, the details thereof; and
- c) what measures are being taken to ensure that future CPEC projects are designed and developed in accordance with climate resilient infrastructure standards?

7. *** MS. SHAHIDA BEGUM**

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

- a) whether State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has taken notice of banks attracting customers through advertised fee waiver thresholds and charges for premium cards and other products and subsequently revising such thresholds or charges to the material disadvantage of existing customers; if so, the details thereof;
- b) whether SBP has taken notice of banks displaying outdated or inconsistent fee schedules on their websites while recovering higher charges from customers;
- c) if so, complaints received and resolved during the last three years and action taken against the banks concerned;
- d) whether such practices constitute misleading or deceptive marketing or unfair consumer practices under applicable law and, if so, penalties imposed, so far;
- e) whether SBP requires accurate and updated fee disclosures, advance notice of material adverse revisions and penalty-free exit options; and
- f) what further regulatory and enforcement measures are proposed, including restitution of excess charges and penalties, to hold banks accountable and protect consumers?

8. *** MS. SHAHIDA REHMANI**

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

- a) whether the Auditor General of Pakistan, in the Audit Report relating to Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL), has expressed concern over the disproportionate distribution of agricultural loans in the provinces and regions also;
- b) if so, whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any inquiry or review into the matter; and
- c) the corrective measures taken or proposed to ensure a fair, transparent and equitable distribution of agricultural credit among all provinces and regions in accordance with the principles of the Constitution?

9. *** MS. ASIYA NAZ TANOLI**

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Culture Division be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has reviewed the effectiveness of the Antiquities Act, 1975 (as amended in 1992) in protecting Pakistan's cultural heritage and archaeological sites; if so, the details thereof, including the date and authority of such review;
- b) the number of antiquities declared protected antiquities and cases registered during the last ten years regarding illegal excavation, trafficking, destruction, unauthorized construction and export of antiquities, alongwith action taken against the offenders;
- c) whether the Government is aware of enforcement weaknesses and lack of coordination between Federal and Provincial authorities affecting preservation of antiquities; if so, the remedial measures taken thereof; and
- d) whether the Government intends to amend the said Act to address modern challenges, including illicit online trade, urban encroachments, climate impacts and community participation in heritage preservation; if so, the details thereof?

10. * SAHIBZADA SIBGHATULLAH

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

- a) the austerity measures announced and implemented by the Federal Government since 2024, including restrictions on procurement, foreign travel, vehicles purchasing, utility consumption, creation of new posts and other expenditures;
- b) the amount of expenditure saved as a result of such measures during each financial year, indicating break up to above interms of Ministry wise and category wise so far;
- c) whether any independent audit or evaluation has been conducted to verify the actual savings achieved under the austerity programme and the findings thereof;
- d) how the savings realized through these have been utilized; and
- e) whether the Government intends to institutionalize efficiency reforms across Federal entities?

11. * SYEDA AMNAH BATOOL

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

- a) what progress has been made under the Cashless Pakistan Initiative;
- b) how many active Raast QR merchants have been registered, so far; and
- c) whether the target of digitizing Government payments by December, 2026 is on track?

12. * MR. NAVEED AAMIR

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

- a) the names of the private banks currently operating in the country; and
- b) the year wise tax revenue received by the Government from these banks during the last five years?

13. * SYED HUSSAIN TARIQ

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for Pakistan's continued export stagnation, particularly the limited access of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to export finance, guarantees and international markets, despite various export support schemes;
- b) the measures taken in coordination with the State Bank of Pakistan, Export-Import Bank of Pakistan (EXIM Bank), Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), National Credit Guarantee Company Limited and other stakeholders to promote export diversification facilitate new exporters, products, markets and also improving access to finance certification and trade guarantees;
- c) whether the Government has identified high-potential product lines and SMEs for targeted support under the National Export Development framework; if so, the details thereof; and
- d) the outcome of such measures during 2025-26. indicating the number of SMEs benefited, new products, export markets developed and the increase in export earnings attributable thereto?

14. * MR. MUHAMMAD USMAN BADINI

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

- a) whether the Federal Government has formulated any policy or programme to promote higher education and human resource development in District Chagai;
- b) whether there is any public sector university, university campus or degree-awarding institute established in the district; if so, the details thereof;
- c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- d) the steps taken or proposed by the Federal Government to establish a public sector university, a constituent campus of a public sector university or a degree-awarding institute in District Chagai to provide quality higher education opportunities to the local population?

15. * MS. SHAGUFTA JUMANI

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

- a) whether the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), as regulator, has taken notice of scheduled banks designated complaint e-mail addresses being non-functional, complaints remaining undelivered/unacknowledged and customers consequently being denied effective grievance redressal;
- b) the bank wise number of complaints received by SBP during the last five years regarding inaccessible complaint channels, failure to acknowledge/resolve complaints within prescribed timelines, ATM/digital-banking failures, unauthorized transactions and other consumer service violations;
- c) the bank wise number of violations identified, notices issued, penalties imposed and corrective measures ordered, including amounts recovered and whether such measures were actually implemented and verified;
- d) whether SBP conducts independent compliance testing of banks' complaint mechanisms; if so, the findings, and if not, reasons thereof;
- e) the measures being taken to hold banks and responsible officials accountable; and
- f) what steps are being taken to ensure timely, accessible, transparent, fair banking services and also the consumer protection in letter and spirit?

16. * SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA

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

- a) whether third-party audits of development projects funded under Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) 2025-26 were conducted; and
- b) if so, what were the findings of such audits, and were there any irregularities identified?

17. * MR. ANJUM AQEEL KHAN

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

- a) whether it is a fact that Railway Station Taftan has been declared as a land customs station for formalizing and expanding Pakistan's trade infrastructure with Iran; and
- b) if answer to above is in affirmative, how far the above the land customs station status will help institutionalizing trade routes that have long operated below capacity and reflects a broader policy direction aimed at normalizing economic engagement with Iran through documented and regulated channels?

18. * MS. ASIYA NAZ TANOLI

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Culture Division be pleased to state:

- a) the mandate, functions, and objectives of the National Language Promotion Department, Islamabad; Urdu Science Board, Lahore; and Urdu Dictionary Board, Karachi;
- b) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding overlapping functions or duplication of work among these entities; if so, the findings thereof and steps taken for rationalization, restructuring, or improving coordination;
- c) the annual budget allocated, released, and utilized by each entity during the last five years, along with details of major heads of expenditure;
- d) the sanctioned, working, and vacant posts, including details of employees working in each entity; and
- e) whether the Government has evaluated the performance and relevance of these institutions in view of technological changes, digital language resources, and contemporary requirements of Urdu promotion; if so, the details thereof?

19. * MS. NUZHAT SADIQ

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Culture Division be pleased to state:

- a) whether the National Language Promotion Department has achieved the objectives and discharged the functions assigned to it under the Rules of Business, 1973;
- b) particularly regarding the promotion of Urdu as the national language and its introduction as the official language; if so, the details thereof;
- c) the Department's sanctioned and present working strength, post-wise details thereof;
- d) the budget allocated, released and utilized during the last five years, year-wise;
- e) the measurable achievements and targets against each statutory function, particularly regarding the use of Urdu in Federal Ministries, Divisions, attached departments, autonomous bodies, courts and competitive examinations; and
- f) whether any performance-based audit or independent evaluation has been conducted during the last five years; if so, the findings and action taken thereon?

20. * MR. ANJUM AQEEL KHAN

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state what strategy is being evolved to explore avenues for strengthening cooperation with Austria enhancing trade and investment ties between the two countries and to highlight Pakistan's economic potential and investment opportunities?

21. * MALIK SHAKIR BASHIR AWAN

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Government to enhance trade and investment relations with Turkiye?

22. * SYED RAFIULLAH

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

- a) the policy, criteria and approval mechanism prescribed by the Higher Education Commission for authorizing public sector universities to launch new degree programmes;
- b) whether, before granting such authorization, the Commission evaluates the academic need, curriculum, faculty, infrastructure, employability prospects, market demand and conformity of the proposed programme with the approved degree nomenclature, accreditation requirements and national standards; if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the Commission periodically reviews degree programmes offered by public sector universities to assess their academic relevance and alignment with national priorities, technological advancements and labour market requirements; if so, the details thereof; and
- d) whether any degree programme has been revised, suspended or discontinued on the recommendation of the Commission during the last five years; if so, the details thereof?

23. * MS. TAHIRA AURANGZEB

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.176 replied on 21-05-2025 and to state:

- a) the number of shops/kiosks/food stalls/canteen/cafeteria/hotels operating in Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad at present, alongwith the terms and conditions of the rent thereof; and
- b) the details of total amount/rent which has been collected therefrom annually/monthly during the last five years?

24. * DR. MAHREEN RAZZAQ BHUTTO

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Culture Division be pleased to state:

- a) the departments, attached departments, autonomous, semi-autonomous and subordinate bodies working under the administrative control of the National Heritage and Culture Division;
- b) the development and non-development budgets allocated, released, and utilized by each entity during the last five years;
- c) the performance of each entity against its mandated functions and whether the budget allocated corresponds with its performance;
- d) the sanctioned strength, filled and vacant posts, and details of appointments made during the tenure of the incumbent Government, indicating the nature of each appointment;
- e) the details of income generated by each entity through its own resources, if any; and
- f) the measures taken to strengthen these entities, including any proposal to rationalize, restructure, or merge organizations performing similar or overlapping functions to improve efficiency and reduce public expenditure?

25. * MS. SHAISTA PERVAIZ

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased state:

- a) the year-wise amount of domestic and external public debt contracted during the last five years;
- b) the major projects, programmes and expenditures; financed through such borrowings;
- c) the economic and social outcomes achieved against the objectives for which such debt was contracted; and
- d) the Government's strategy for ensuring debt sustainability and reducing debt-servicing costs?

26. * MR. DAWAR KHAN KUNDI

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

- a) whether the Government has conducted any comprehensive review of the progress, cost overruns and implementation delays in China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects during the last three years;
- b) if so, the project wise details of CPEC projects which are completed, ongoing, delayed or yet to commence, along with the reasons for delays; and
- c) what measures are being taken by the Government to ensure the timely completion, financial sustainability and effective utilization of CPEC projects, particularly in less developed and remote areas of the country?

27. * MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

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

- a) whether it was reported and duly acknowledged during the conclusion of the Budget 2026-27 proceedings in the Assembly that the Government would consider rationalization of taxes imposed on mobile phone imports;
- b) if so, the action taken so far by the Government in this regard, including any review or consultation undertaken with the relevant stakeholders;
- c) the anticipated policy framework or any policy announced by the Government as the case may be regarding rationalization of taxes on mobile phone imports along with the expected timeline for its implementations; and
- d) the corrective measures being adopted to ensure a balanced taxation regime that promotes digital inclusion, supports the information technology sector and provides relief to consumers?

28. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI

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

- a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the widening trade deficit on tax revenue, given that imports surged to 76.39 billion dollar in FY 2026 (up 8.5 percent from FY 2025), while the exports fell to 30.14 billion dollar (down 5.9 percent);
- b) whether the current account slipped into a 139 million dollar deficit after a surplus of 1.84 billion dollar during the previous year, raising concerns about the sustainability of recent macroeconomic gains;
- c) whether the FBR has projected a revenue target of over Rs. 15 trillion for FY 2027, and that the trade deficit is at its highest level since FY 2022; and
- d) what specific steps are being taken by the FBR to enhance tax collection from imports, improve documentation at the retail and wholesale levels and also to address the revenue gap caused by sluggish export performance and rising import costs?

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
"UN-STARRED QUESTIONS"

Islamabad, the 2nd September, 2026.

for 1st Rota Day Sitting.

1. SYED RAFIULLAH

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

- a) the total amount of outstanding dues payable to the visiting faculty members of Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, as on the date of reply;
- b) the number of visiting faculty members whose payments are outstanding, together with the period for which such dues have remained unpaid;
- c) the reasons for the delay in payment of such dues;
- d) whether the Ministry or the University has fixed any timeline for the clearance of the outstanding dues; if so, the details thereof; and
- e) the measures already adopted or proposed to be adopted to ensure timely payment of remuneration to visiting faculty members in future?

2. SYED RAFIULLAH

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

- a) whether State Bank of Pakistan SBP has taken notice that Allied Bank Limited (ABL) advertises PKR 1,000,000/- maintained over the preceding eleven months for Annual Fee reimbursement on a premium debit card, while separately requiring a PKR 2,000/- monthly average balance to avoid a PKR 3,000/ monthly charges; if so, details thereof;
- b) whether requiring a customer to satisfy one threshold for fee reimbursement and another, substantially higher threshold to avoid a monthly charge effectively results in two separate financial burdens for the same card facility;
- c) whether such practice may constitute misleading disclosure or an unfair consumer practice;
- d) whether SBP will examine ABL's published fee schedule, actual charging practices and customer disclosures, quantify affected customers and amounts recovered and take regulatory action; and
- e) whether SBP will require reimbursement of improperly recovered amounts to affected customers without individual claims and direct immediate correction of ABL's public disclosures?

3. SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA

Will the Minister for National Heiritage and Culture Division be pleased to state:

- a) how much amount was allocated or spent on literary and cultural festival during the last year; and
- b) what was the regional breakdown?

4. MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Culture Division be pleased to state:

- a) the department/organization wise details of all the official vehicles under the administrative control of the Division, indicating the make, model, year of manufacture, registration number, officer/office to whom allotted and present status;
- b) the expenditure incurred on repair, maintenance, fuel and running of each vehicle during the last three years, year wise;
- c) whether any officer availing the monetization of transport facility has also been provided an official vehicle; if so, the details and justification thereof;
- d) whether any official vehicle is underutilized, lying unserviceable, retained beyond its prescribed life or awaiting condemnation/auction; if so, the details and action taken;
- e) whether any audit or inquiry has pointed out irregularities in the use, maintenance or allotment of official vehicles; and
- f) if so, the findings, responsibility fixed and also what corrective measures has been adopted?

5. MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

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

- a) whether the Islamabad Model Colleges for Girls, BS classes were initiated without noticing that female teachers are not enough to teach BS classes in these Islamabad Model Colleges for Girls;
- b) whether due to shortage of female teachers, male teachers were inducted in these Islamabad Model Colleges for Girls for BS classes;
- c) whether these male teachers wander or visit in these girl colleges without any hesitation and even some dare to enter in the staff rooms of the female teachers without any permission;
- d) whether whenever, any official programme took place in these girls colleges, male teachers enter without any invitation and even do not hesitate to take pictures and upload on social media with female teachers which cause the embarrassment situation not only for female teachers but also for their families who follow Islamic culture; and
- e) whether due to the above situation, is there any policy to return these male teachers to their parent departments?

6. SYEDA SHEHLA RAZA

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state what budgetary allocations are made for Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) to promote Pakistan exports during the year 2025-26?

7. JAM ABDUL KARIM BIJAR

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

- a) whether it is a fact that Schools under the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) are upgraded with status of colleges;
- b) when will regular admissions process at college levels be started in these upgraded institutions;
- c) when will teaching faculty and the staff will be appointed for teaching in these upgraded institutions;
- d) what is the expected date of admissions for the academic Year-2026;
- e) if so; how many posts have been sanctioned and timeline for such appointments;
- f) whether Government intends to temporary utilize available faculty/ employees for teaching alongwith administration including the requirements in these institutions;
- g) any plan under consideration to construct new buildings for these upgraded colleges;
- h) if the existing buildings are to be used, do they have additional college levels classrooms, science laboratories, computer laboratory, library, sports and other necessary facilities and if not, what steps are being taken to provide these facilities?
- i) details of approved regular administrative structure, Principal/Head of Institution and other necessary posts for these upgraded institutions; and
- j) time by which above process will be commenced and completed with all such facilities?

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