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"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on

Friday, the 5th June, 2020

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

[Questions Nos. 48 and 324 were deferred on 28th January and 7th February, 2020 respectively (295th Session)]

(Def.) *Question No. 48 **Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani:**
(Notice Received on 17/12/2019 at 10:00 AM) QID: 36697

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the names and area of service of the NGOs which received aid/funds from foreign countries/donors during the last one year with donor wise break up?

Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar: A total of 56 NGOs have signed MOUs with Ministry of Economic Affairs during the last one year. Details regarding name of NGO, area of service and donor are placed at Annex-I, please.

Annex-I

S.NO	Name of NGO having signed MOUs with EAD during the last one year	Thematic Area	Working Area	Donor	Date of signing of MOU with EAD	MOU valid up to
1	Environmental Conservation and Development Organization (ECDO)	Women Education, Vocational Training Centre, Human Right Advocacy, Education and Sensitization, Environmental Protection, Women Skill Development, Poverty Alleviation	Kalam-Swat, KPK	Unied Nation Development Programme (UNDP)	25th June 2019	24th June, 2021
2.	Khubaib Foundation	Orphan Care, Humanitarian Assistance, Education, Prisoner Welfare and Disaster Management	Punjab, KPK, AJK and GB	IHH Turkey, Zakat Foundation USA	28th June 2019	27th June, 2021
3.	Pakistan National Forum on Women Health	Health	Sindh, Punjab, KPK and GB	Fistula Foundation	5th August 2019	4th August, 2021
4.	The Citizen Foundation	Education	All Over Pakistan including AJK	The Citizen Foundation, USA, UAE, UK, Canada, Middle East	6th August 2019	5th August, 2021
5.	World Wide Fund	Water, Food, Wildlife, Ocean, Forest and Climate Change	All over Pakistan	BCI, Netherlands C&A Foundation	18th September 2019	17th September,2021

6.	WAJOOD Society	Transgender Empowerment	Punjab	ViiV Health Care UK	23rd September 2019	22nd September, 2021
7.	Abaseen Foundation	Health, Education, Research and Relief	Shamshato-KPK	Abaseen Foundation-UK	6th November, 2019	5th November, 2021
8.	Baanhn Beli	Women NICs, Citizen Vice project, Election, Girls Right to Education , Gender Justice, Food Security, Saving Life	Sindh, KPK, Punjab	UNESCO, OXFAM GB	12th November 2019	11th November, 2021
9.	Sarhad Rural Support Programme	Social Mobilization, Physical Infrastructure, Capacity Building, Energy, Gender Social Sector, Humanitarian and Economic Growth	KPK,	KFW. Frankfort UNHCR	13th November 2019	12th November, 2021
10.	Kurram Welfare Home	Monitoring	KPK,	World Food Programme	21st November 2019	20th November, 2021
11.	Human Development Foundation	Health, Education, Economic Development, Sustainable Development and Social Mobilization	Islamabad, KPK, Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan and AJK	HDFNA	26th November 2019	25th November, 2021
12.	Rural Empowerment and Educational Development (REPID)	Education Health, WASH, Advocacy, Livelihood, Scholarships	KPK	UNHCR_AAR Japan	28th November 2019	27th November, 2021
13.	The NGO World	Education	Sindh	Turkiye Diyanet Vakfi	10th December 2019	9th December, 2021
14.	Speak Trust	Health, HIV and Aids and Migration, Gender Equality	Islamabad and KPK	CRAM Asia Freedom House	24th December 2019	23rd December, 2021
15.	Taleem Foundation	Education Health and Sustainable Development	Islamabad, AJK, Baluchistan and Sindh	UNESCO	24th December 2019	23rd December, 2021

16.	Habib University Foundation	Education	Karachi	Habib Foundation USA	9th January 2020	8th January, 2022
17.	Management and Development Foundation	Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	All Pakistan	British Council	9th January 2020	8th January, 2022
18.	Sindh Agriculture & Forestry Workers Coordinating Organization (SAFWCO)	Social Development, Nutrition and Food Security, Community Physical Infrastructure, Human Institutional Development	Sindh Province	OXFAM-Pakistan, UNICEF	9th January, 2020	8th January, 2022
19.	Bedari	Women and Child Right	Punjab	OXFAM GB,	10th January 2020	9th January, 2022
20.	Friends Welfare Association	Health and sanitation	Pakistan	OXFAM GB,	11th January 2020	10th January, 2022
21.	NIDA Pakistan	Education and sanitation	KPK	**UNESCO**	16th January 2020	15th January, 2022
22.	Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy (PODA)	Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	Punjab	Asia Foundation	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
23.	Hashoo Foundation	Socio economic development	All over Pakistan	Hashoo Foundation	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
24.	Al-Falah Scholarship Scheme	Education	Pakistan	Educational donations	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
25.	Kaghan Memorial Trust	Education	KPK	Donations	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
26.	Zalmi Foundation	Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	Pakistan	Donations / INGOs	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
27.	Sindh Rural Support Organization	Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	Sindh	INGOs	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
28.	Green Star Social Marketing	Family planning , women and gender development	All over Pakistan	Pathfinder Int, Global fund	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022

29.	Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO)	Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	Sindh	OXFAM GB, UNICEF	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
30.	Community Research and Development Organization (CRDO)	Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	All over Pakistan	OXFAM GB	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
31.	Veer Development Organization	Health and education	Sindh	KNH	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
32.	Sargodhian Spirit Trust	Health and Education and Social development	Punjab, Balochistan	Individual funding, donations	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
33.	Zindgi Trust	Education,	All over Pakistan	Malala Fund	30th January 2020	29th January, 2022
34.	Mariefe Foundation	Health and Education	KPK, GB	UNDP	11th February 2020	10th February, 2022
35.	Thardeep Rural Development Programme	Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	Sindh	UNDP	18th February, 2020	17th February, 2022
36.	Prime Foundation	Health , educaion and Social development	KPK	GIZ, EU	25th February 2020	24th February, 2022
37	Society for Educational Welfare (SEW)	Education	All over Pakistan	Global Educational Donations	26th February 2020	25th February, 2022
38.	Community World Service Asia	Refugees , health , education and sanitation	All over the Pakistan	UNCHR, NCA	5th March, 2020	4th March, 2022
39.	Mojaz Foundation	Monitories , Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	Punjab, KPK, Islamabad	British Council , Water Aid , CABI	12th March, 2020	11th March, 2022
40.	Society for Human Rights and Prisoners Aid (SHARP)	Afghan Refugees	All over Pakistan	UNHCR	12th March, 2020	31st December, 2020

41.	Laar Humanitarian and Development Program	Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	Sindh	Xfan GB	12th March, 2020	31st December, 2020
42.	Community Uplift Program	Health Education and Livelihood	KPK, Punjab, Sindh	KNH	12th March, 2020	11th March, 2022
43.	Indus Consortium for Humanitarian Environmental and Development Initiatives	Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	Sindh	XFan GB	12th March, 2020	31st December, 2020
44.	Omer Asghar Khan Foundation	Health, Education,	KPK	EU, xfan GB, Global Affairs Canada	17th March, 2020	16th March, 2022
45.	Doaba Foundation	Sanitation and social development	Punjab	CBM, Xfan GB, DFID	18th March, 2020	30th September, 2020
46.	Development in Literacy (DIL)	Education	Punjab , KPK	DIL Int,	9th April, 2019	8th April, 2019
47.	One to Many	Food Security, Health, Education, Women Empowerment	Punjab, Sindh, KPK	KNH	20th March, 2020	19th March, 2022
48.	Pak-Aid	Emergency relief, Food Security, Health, Education,	ICT, Punjab , KPK, Balochistan	UK	10th April, 2020	31st December, 2022
49.	Living Stones Church	Religious harmony and development	Punjab	Church	14th April, 2020	28th February, 202
50.	Peace Foundation	Food Security, Health, Education and Social development ,	All over Pakistan	Amplify change UK , IPPF UK	22nd April, 2020	13th January, 202
51.	Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child (SPARC)	Street children	Punjab, KPK, Sindh, ICT	KNH	22nd April, 2020	31st December, 2020
52.	Society for International Education	Education	All over Pakistan	IERN USA	12th March, 2020	11th May, 202

53.	Lodhran Pilot Project (LPP)	Sanitation and social development	Punjab	UNDP	12th March. 2020	29th September,2020
54.	Research and Awarness for Human Development Benefits and Rights (RAHBAR	Health education , Human rights development	KPK	British Council	12th May, 2020	31st December, 2020
55.	Farmers Development Organization	Health , Education and Social Development	Punjab	UNDP	12th May, 2020	30th September, 2020
56.	Pahel Pakistan	Health Education and Social Development	Sindh, Punjab	NED	12th May, 2020	30th June, 2021

(Def.) *Question No. 324 **Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice Received on 29/05/2019 at 9:35 AM) QID: 35757

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken by the present Government to encourage trade through Gwadar port indicating also the details of facilities established and being provided by FBR to the traders at that port?

Minister for Finance and Revenue:

Income Tax:

Various tax exemptions are available under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 in order to facilitate and encourage trade through the Gwadar Port. The same are delineated as under:—

(i) Income derived by the China Overseas Ports Holding Company Limited and its operators *i.e.* China Overseas Ports Holding Company Pakistan (Private) Limited, Gwadar, International Terminal Limited, Gwadar Marine Services Limited and Gwadar Free Zone Company Limited from Gwadar Port Operations and Gwadar Free Zone Operations is exempt for a period of 23 years *w.e.f.* 06-02-2007 [Clause (126A) of Part-I of the Second Schedule].

(ii) Profits and gains derived by a tax payer from businesses established in the Gwadar Free Zone have also been granted exemption from income tax for a period of 23 years *w.e.f* 01-07-2016 [Clause (126AA) of Part-I of the Second Schedule].

(iii) Income derived by the contractors and sub-contractors of the China Overseas Ports Holding Company Limited and its operators (as listed at serial No. i above) from Gwadar Port Operations as well as Gwadar Free Zone Operations is exempt from tax for a period of 23 years *w.e.f.* 01-07-2016 [Clause (126AC) of Part-I of the Second Schedule].

Sales Tax:

Following incentives are available in the Sales Tax Act, 1990 for the trade in Gwadar:

(i) Supply of raw material, components and goods for further manufacturing are zero-rated.

(ii) Goods imported for construction and operation of Gwadar Port and development of Gwadar free zone are exempt, however, if such goods are afterwards sold, they will be subject to sales tax only at residual value.

(iii) Supply of locally manufactured plant and machinery is zero rated.

(iv) Imports of machinery, equipment, materials and goods made by investors of Gwadar free zone are exempt from sales tax.

Customs

Following facilities have been provided by the Customs authorities to encourage trade through Gwadar Port:—

(a) **Establishment of Help Desk / Inquiry Point at Gwadar Port:** For any query or issue being faced by the trade and business community, a Help Desk/ Inquiry Point under the supervision of Deputy Collector (Gwadar Port) has been established at Custom House, Gwadar.

(b) **Fully operational Computerized Clearance of cargo:** For smooth and rapid clearance of goods, WeBOC system has been fully operationalized at Gwadar Port. Modules of Import, Export, Transit and Bulk have been successfully operated.

(c) **Facilitation for export of Fish consignments:** Under WeBOC system, consignment of various types of fish owned by local traders have been cleared by the customs authorities from Gwadar Port. These export will pave the way for prosperity of local trade and business community.

(d) **Clearance of Liquefied Petroleum Gas consignments:** Commercial import of LPG has also been smoothly cleared by the Customs authorities under WeBOC module at Gwadar Port.

(e) **On-line connectivity with NBP Gwadar Branch:** For facilitation of trade and business community for smooth online payments of duty & taxes, National Bank of Pakistan, Gwadar city branch has been connected with the online WeBOC system.

(f) **24/7 System:** This system is available to all the traders round the clock, where traders sitting at any nook and corner of world can access clearance at Gwadar Port.

(g) **HR deployment:** In order to ensure smooth fcctioning of WeBOC system, and to extend all out help to trader's community, a dedicated and efficient team under Deputy Collector and Principal Appraiser has been posted at Gwadar Port for examination and assessment purposes.

(h) **External User connection:** In order to provide "one window" facility to the trade and business community, various stake holders such as ANF, BRA, Plant Protection Department etc. are being connected with Customs under WeBOC umbrella.

*Question No. 1 **Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:**
(Notice Received on 6/03/2020 at 9:55 AM) QID: 36919

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and procedure laid down for appointment of Managers, Deputy Managers and Assistant Managers in State Life Insurance Corporation at present;

(b) the criteria and procedure laid down for promotion, retirement and grant of pension to the officers of that corporation; and

(c) whether the said corporation has approved service regulations for its employees, if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Commerce and Textile: (a) The Criteria and procedure laid down for appointment of Managers, Deputy Managers and Assistant Managers in State Life Insurance Corporation at present is placed at **Annex-A.**

(b) The criteria and procedure laid down for promotion, retirement & grant of pension to the officers of that Corporation is at **Annex-B.**

(c) Approved Services Regulations for its employees are attached at **Annex-C.**

Annex-A

Sate Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan

A. THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT AGAISNT THE POST OF MANAGER, DEPUTY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT MANAGER

Criteria of Appointment:

(i) In terms of State Life Employees (Service) Regulations – 1973, the Qualifications and experience for appointments to various posts in the Corporation may be laid down by the Chairman from time to time. Following are the approved criteria for the following posts:

Manager:	Master's Degree / Professionals with 5 to 10 years' experience in relevant field (as per requirement of the job)
Deputy Manager:	Master's Degree / Professionals with 3 to 5 years' experience in relevant field (as per requirement of the job)
Asstt. Manager:	Master's Degree / Professionals with 2 to 5 years' experience in relevant field (as per requirement of the job)

(ii) The minimum age for entry is 18 years and the maximum age is 45 years.

Procedure of Appointment:

(i) Determination of vacancies for appointment as per approved staff strength.

(ii) Publication of advertisement containing qualification, experience & age indicating provincial / regional quota.

(iii) Conducting of Written Test through outsource Testing Agency hired with the permission of Ministry of Commerce.

(iv) Constitution of Selection Committee for Interview of the candidates in terms of State Life Employees (Service) Regulations, 1973.

(v) Conducting of Interview of top five candidates for each post as per Federal Government Policy.

(vi) Selection of candidates on the basis of merit as well as observance of Provincial quota.

(vii) Issuance of Offer / Appointment Letters.

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Annex-B

Sate Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan

B. THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE LAID DOWN FOR PROMOTION, RETIREMENT & GRANT OF PENSION TO THE OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Promotion Criteria:

(i) The quantification or promotion grading is based on the following factors:

Promotion Criteria	Rating / Marks
Seniority in the grade	35
ACR Rating	50
Qualification	05
Suitability	10
Total	**100**

(ii) Last 3 years consecutive ACRs / PERs in the same grade, immediately before the year of promotion exercise, shall form the basis.

(iii) The Officers up to 50% on the Seniority Table may only be considered as eligible.

Retirement Criteria:

(i) The Regulation 8 of State Life Employees (Pension) Regulations, 1986 as amended in 1988, states that an Officer shall retire from service of the Corporation on attaining the age of superannuation i.e. completion of the sixtieth year of his age in accordance with Regulation 20 (ii) of the State Life Employees (Service) Regulations, 1973.

(ii) The Regulation 9 of State Life Employee (Pension) Regulations, 1986 as amended in 1988, states that an Officer shall retire from service of the Corporation on such date after he has completed 25 years or more of continuous service in accordance with Regulation 20 (i) of the State Life Employees (Service) Regulations, 1973.

Grant of Pension Criteria:

The amount of pension that may be granted to an employee is determined by the length of service. The amount of gratuity and pension shall be paid in accordance with Regulation 16(3)(i)&((ii) of State Life Employees (Pension) Regulations 1986, as amended in 1988, as follows:

(i) After a service of 5 years or more but less than 10 years, a gratuity not exceeding one month's emoluments for each completed year of service shall be paid.

(ii) After a service of 10 years or more, pension shall be calculated at the rate of 70 per cent of average emoluments.

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Annex-C

Sate Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan

C. **WHETHER THE SAID CORPORATION HAS APPROVED SERVICE REGULATIONS FOR ITS EMPLOYEES IF SO, THE DETAILS THEROF?**

Yes, State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan has following regulations:

1) State Life Employees (General) Regulations, 1972
2) State Life Employees (Service) Regulations, 1973
3) State Life Employees (Pension) Regulations, 1986 as amended in 1988
4) State Life Employees (Medical Attendance) Regulations, 1973
5) State Life Insurance Corporation Employees' Contributory Provident Fund Regulations, 1975

*Question No. 2 **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**
(Notice Received on 6/03/2020 at 1:45 PM) QID: 36926

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

(a) the amount of tax collected from the Federal Government employees and people in private sector separately during the fiscal year 2018-19; and

(b) the steps taken by the present Government to increase the tax net in the country?

Minister for Finance and Revenue: (a) Following is the detail of tax collected from the Federal Government employees and people in private sector during fiscal year 2018-19:

Section	**Tax Collected in 2018-19** (Rs. in Million)
149 (Salaries Federal Government Employees)	**5,977**
149 (Salaries Government Employees other than Federal)	**7,831**
149 (Salaries Other than Federal and Provincial Government employees)	**62,601**

(b) The present Government is working on the following proposals to strengthen the tax net:

(i) Registration of Traders through Market Committees.

(ii) Properties and Motor Vehicle Registration Data.

(iii) Information from Bank Accounts.

(iv) Frequent Travelers Data.

(v) Commercial and Industrial Gas Consumers.

(vi) Data for Electricity Consumers from DISCOs.

*Question No. 3 **Senator Muhammad Ayub:**
(Notice Received on 10/03/2020 at 9:30 AM) QID: 36987

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state the current trade volume of Pakistan in terms of imports and exports with its neighboring countries i.e. Afghanistan, Iran and India?

Minister for Commerce and Textile: The trade statistics with Iran are given as under:

Pakistan's Bilateral Trade with Iran US $ million (Source FBR)				
Years	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trade Balance
2013-14	52.67	172.49	225.16	-119.82
2014-15	29.32	239.37	268.68	-210.05
2015-16	38.25	205.85	244.10	-167.59
2016-17	26.68	284.58	311.26	-257.91
2017-18	22.86	369.23	392.08	-346.37
2018-19	12.44	415.21	427.65	-402.77
(July-May)2018-19	12.29	383.12	395.40	-370.83
(July-May)2019-20	0.01	422.97	422.98	-422.97

The decrease in the exports of Pakistan to Iran over the years is owing to following reasons:

1. Absence of Banking Channel with Iran amidst US Sanctions on Iran.

2. Closure of Border with Iran owing to prevailing COVID-19 pandemic from 16th March, 2020 to 15th May 2020.

3. Seasonal ban imposed by Iran on Pakistani Rice.

4. High Tariff and non-Tariff barriers being imposed by Iran on Pakistani exports.

The trade statistics with Afghanistan are given as under:

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Pakistan's Bilateral Trade with Afghanistan US $ million (Source FBR)				
Years	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trade Balance
2013-14	1760.17	359.05	2119.22	1401.12
2014-15	1875.46	323.03	2198.5	1552.43
2015-16	1472.9	388.73	1861.63	1084.17
2016-17	1299.00	335.93	1634.93	963.07
2017-18	1301.54	450.05	1751.59	851.49
2018-19	1322.00	557.68	1879.68	764.32
(July-May)2018-19	1207.76	539.2075	1746.97	668.56
(July-May)2019-20	795.08	466.7083	1261.78	328.37

The decrease in volume of trade with Afghanistan over the years is owing to following reasons:

1. Recent Closure of Border with Afghanistan owing to prevailing COVlD-19 pandemic From 15th March, 2020. However, the border is now opened for exports of Pakistan to Afghanistan and Afghan Transit Trade for 6 days a week.
2. Luke warm support from Afghanistan for entering into trade liberalization regime with Pakistan.
3. Demand of exports of Pakistan to Afghanistan has also declined owing to withdrawal of NATO forces from Afghanistan.
4. Ban imposed by Afghanistan on exports of culling birds from Pakistan.

The trade statistics with India are given as under:

Pakistan's Bilateral Trade with India US $ million (Source FBR)				
Years	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Balance
2013-14	408.365	2049.382	2457.747	(-) 1641.017
2014-15	358.082	1,699.65	2057.736	(-) 1,341.572
2015-16	303.58	1779.60	2083.18	(-)1476.02
2016-17	359.179	1701.670	2060.849	(-)1342.491
2017-18	342.44	1840.96	2183.40	(-) 1498.52
2018-19	261.69	1503.73	1765.42	(-)1242.04
(July-May)2018-19	261.41	1403.70	1665.11	(-)1142.29
(July-May)2019-20	8.39	356.86	365.25	(-)348.47

The conspicuous decrease in the exports of Pakistan to India compared to the last year is owing to following key reasons:

1. Imposition of 200% duty by India on its imports from Pakistan since 16th February, 2019 in wake of Pulwama attack.

2. Suspension of trade by Pakistan with India (except therapeutic products) since 9th August, 2019 as a response to revocation of Article 370 by India on 5th August, 2019.

*Question No. 4 **Senator Seemee Ezdi:**
(Notice Received on 10/03/2020 at 3:12 PM) QID: 36959

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

(a) the amount approved by the Asian Development Bank for the development of Agri-business in Pakistan during the last six years; and

(b) the details of projects on which the said amount was utilized in the country with province wise break up?

Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar: (a) During the last six (6) years, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) provided the Grant of **USD $2 million** for development of Agri-business in the country.

(b) The Grant was utilized for the project titled, “Piloting High-Value Agriculture in Balochistan” (Project brief is annexed).

Annex-I

PROJECT BRIEF

Updated 03/06/2020

Name of the Project	**Grant 9197-PAK: PILOTING HIGH-VALUE AGRICULTURE IN BALOCHISTAN**
Partner Agency	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Modality of Assistance	Grant
Thematic Area/Sector	**Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development**
Executing/ Implementing Agency	Irrigation Department, Government of Balochistan
Location of Project	The proposed Project is located across six districts in Balochistan in the Zhob, Kacchi Plain, Dasht and Hingol River Basins.
Effective Date	07-03-2019
Closing Date	31-03-24
Type of Financing:	**Grant:** High Level Technology Fund – Project Grant (9197-PAK) **US$ 2 million** **Total:** **US$ 2 million**
Grant Description	The subject Grant is part of the Balochistan Water Resources Development Project, located across six districts in Balochistan i.e. Zhob, Kacchi Plain, Dasht and Hingol river basins. The project will improve land and water resources, agricultural production and farming income of 10,000 rural households.
Outputs of Grant	The Grant will have the following outputs: (iv) Enhanced knowledge and updated policy and regulatory frameworks for improved climate-resilient water resources management; (v) Improved design and functional infrastructure of a water resources information system (WRIS); and (vi) Increased institutional capacity and skills on the efficient use of water for climate-resilient water resources management.

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*Question No. 5 **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**
(Notice Received on 11/03/2020 at 3:10 PM) QID: 36966

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the benefits of GSP Plus Status given to Pakistan by the European Union;

(b) the details of additional sectors which could potentially benefit from the said facility/status; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to retain this facility/status beyond 2022?

Minister for Commerce and Textile: (a) As a result of the EU's "Special Incentive Arrangement for Good Governance and Sustainable Development", Pakistan was given the Generalized Scheme of Preferences (GSP) Plus, which allows Pakistani products to have duty free access to EU on 91% tariff lines. Pakistan's total trade with EU in 2018-19 is US$ 14,158.29 million. Pakistan's exports to EU in the same year are US$ 7,986.11 million, while imports from EU are US$ 6,172.18 million. The trade balance of US$ 1,813.93 million in 2018-19 remained in favour of Pakistan.

This arrangement has helped Pakistani products to compete successfully with similar products originating from other competing countries such as China, India, Bangladesh, Turkey and Vietnam etc.

The trade data from 2013-14 to 2018-19 is at **Annex-A.**

(b) Pakistani products have duty free access on 91 % of EU's tariff lines to all 27-member states of the European Union (EU) since 1st January 2014.

The preferential access sectors include textiles, leather, surgical and sports goods and also non-traditional sectors including light engineering dry fruits, marble, handicrafts, pharmaceuticals.

(c) The EU GSP + has been granted to Pakistan for 10 years from 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2023. The GSP+ is linked to the implementation of the 27 UN Conventions and a biennial Review is carried out by the EU to monitor the compliance of Pakistan with its treaty obligations. So far three biennial reviews have been successfully concluded in 2016, 2018 and 2020 and the EU GSP+ facility for Pakistan is to continue.

The EU Monitoring Mission is expected to visit Pakistan in the first quarter of the current year. The concerns raised by the EU regarding human rights, labour rights, climate change and governance, in the Report of the Third Biennial Review of GSP+ have already been shared with the concerned quarters. Continued compliance with the 27 UN Conventions is mandatory for Pakistan to retain this status as GSP Plus is very important for Pakistan and it is the collective responsibility of media, politicians and business community for its continuity in making a successful case for Pakistan.

Government of Pakistan to continuously engage EU for continuity of the current benefits under GSP + and enhanced level of engagement post-GSP + to ensure continuity of preferential system.

Annex-A

US$ Million

Years	Pak exports to EU	Pak imports from EU	Total Trade Volume	Trade Balance
2013-14	6,933.43	5,027.16	11,960.59	1,906.27
2014-15	6,925.50	4,868.00	11,793.50	2,057.50
2015-16	6,795.01	5,314.85	12,109.86	1,480.16
2016-17	6,978.87	5,603.72	12,582.59	1,375.15
2017-18	8,003.85	6,502.43	14,506.28	1,501.42
2018-19	7,986.11	6,172.18	14,158.29	1,813.93

Source: FBR

*Question No. 6 **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**
(Notice Received on 11/03/2020 at 3:10 PM) QID: 36967

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of Corona epidemic on the country's imports from and exports to China;

(b) whether it is a fact that the impacts of the said virus will further decrease the import bill of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to fill the gap created by the fall in import of textile products from China?

Minister for Commerce and Textile: (a) The epidemic Corona Virus hit China in December, 2019. The precautionary measures taken by the Chinese government to control the outbreak had put pressure on business operations, a number of factories had pulled their shutters down resulting in slow pace of port operations across China. Consequently, Pakistan's exports and imports from China in the month of February, 2020 has also declined. In comparison to same period last year, Pakistan's exports to China have declined by $28 million i.e. 18%, whereas imports declined by $137 million *i.e.* 15%. Fall in exports in this month was in sharp contrast to 20% increase registered in the January, 2020 which can be attributed to Phase-II of the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA). Decline in imports is also unusually high in February, 2020, which has remained at -1.5% during July-January of FY2019-20 and for the month of January it had posted a slight growth of 0.3%.

(b) The epidemic has adversely affected the Chinese business operations and overall Chinese global trade. The imports from China have shown a downward trend during the month of February, 2020 as informed in response to first question. The decline in imports, prima facie, is a result of closure of factories in China, and the extension of lunar year holidays. Although all ports in China were operational but the time of clearance of shipments increased due to shortage of staff. The further decline in import bill of Pakistan is dependent on the situation in China as well as in Pakistan.

(c) The Ministry of Commerce notified a Trade Advisory Committee, to analyze the possible impact of Corona epidemic on Pakistan's trade with China. The Committee, through Trade Development Authority of Pakistan and Textile Wing of the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Investment officers and other public and private stakeholders, held extensive consultations. During the course of consultations, it was informed by the textile sector that they had 30 days stocks available with them and situation of business in China was also normalizing hence there was no need to look for alternate sourcing. It was also observed that the orders of textile products have diverted to Pakistan from China, which can result in improved export figures, provided all other variables remain the same, to US and EU. The trade data of February, 2020 also corroborates the fact that our global exports of textiles have shown increase of 13%. The Ministry of Commerce, however, has formulated a strategy to combat any possible gap created by the fall in imports of textile products from China.

*Question No. 7 **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:**
(Notice Received on 11/03/2020 at 3:10 PM) QID: 36968

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) made with Turkey indicating also the targeted sectors which will benefit from the same; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Turkey has imposed 18% protective duty on Pakistani products, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Minister for Commerce and Textile: (a) Currently, Free Trade Agreement (FTA) does not exist between Pakistan and Turkey.

- The FTA negotiations, which were stalled for the last 2 years have been reinitiated and an inter-sessional meeting of the Joint Working Group on Trade and Investment between Pakistan & Turkey was held on 16-17 January 2020 to over the impasse in the negotiations and it was agreed:

i. To conduct Free Trade Agreement negotiations taking into consideration the sensitivities of economies of both countries.

ii. Pakistan and Turkey in this regard agreed to conduct a Joint Scoping Study which would form the basis for future roadmap of Pakistan Turkey FTA negotiations. The Joint Scoping Study is currently under process.

iii. Reconstitution and strengthening of Pak-Turkey Business Council and to organize Joint Business and Investment Forum thrice a year to promote investment opportunities.

iv. Preparation of Market Entry Guides by both the countries.

v. Cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property Rights and E-Commerce.

vi. Simplification of customs procedures.

- Thereafter, on the occasion of the visit of the Turkish President, in the regular meeting of the Joint Working Group on Trade and Investment between Pakistan & Turkey held on 13th February, 2020, the above mentioned issues were discussed in detail and the Strategic Economic Framework (SEF) was also signed with specific timelines for completion of the above mentioned activities. In this regard, two MoUs were also signed:

i. The Halal Accreditation Agency of The Republic of Turkey (HAK) and The Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) signed a MoU to reinforce the cooperation between the two Authorities in the field of halal accreditation and conformity assessment.

ii. Turkey and Pakistan also signed a MoU on Trade Facilitation and Customs Cooperation Matters between the Ministry of Trade of Turkey and FBR, Ministry of Finance of Pakistan.

- Both sides agreed to enhance interaction between the textile sectors of both the countries and in this regard it was proposed that a Pakistani delegation from the textiles sector would visit Turkey in order to build up confidence and expand cooperation among the business circles on mutually agreed dates in the first quarter of 2020. *On account of the coronavirus crisis, the inadvertent delay in the visit of the textile delegation and holding the next business and investment forum has occurred.*

(b) Turkey has imposed regulatory duties on some of the products originating from all over the world which are not specific to any single country. Therefore, no Pakistan specific regulatory duties have been imposed.

*Question No. 8 **Senator Sassui Palijo:**
(Notice Received on 12/03/2020 at 12:40 PM) QID: 36971

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to control the increasing rate of inflation in the country?

Minister for Finance and Revenue: Government is taking following measures to control inflation rate in the country.

Policy Measures

- To ensure sufficient food supplies during the lockdown, Federal Cabinet has banned the exports of all edible-items till the normality in the coronavirus situation.
- ECC banned sugar export in an attempt to control the surging prices.
- ECC allowed import of 0.3 million tons of wheat to decrease the local wheat price and to meet the domestic requirement. ECC also approved waiving 60% regulatory duty and 7% withholding taxes on its import.
- Government has discontinued borrowing from SBP which has inflationary impact. Government has retired Rs. 552 bn

(Jul- 8th May, FY2020) as Compared to borrowing of Rs. 4,007 billion in the same period last year.

- To contain fiscal deficit, there was complete restriction on supplementary grants to ease out inflationary pressures.

Administrative Measures

- Price monitoring Cell in Ministry of National Food Security & Research is monitoring price hike of essential food items.

- The government is expanding the network of Sasta Bazaars and Utility Store outlets for provision of smooth supply of daily use items.

- The CCP is taking effective measures to control Cartelization and undue Profit.

Relief Measures

- The ECC approved Rs. 50 billion technical supplementary grant for the Utility Store Corporation (USC) announced under the PM's relief package.

- Rs. 21 billion has already been disbursed to the USC under the package after December for procurement of essential items.

- To facilitate customers, a subsidy of Rs. 226.5 bn has been allocated in the budget for customers who use less than 300 units of electricity in a month and an expenditure of Rs. 186.5 bn has been made uptill 19th May, FY2020.

- Out of Rs. 24 bn allocated for gas subsidy, expenditure of Rs.15.5 bn has been made uptill 19th, May FY2020.

- To minimize the negative impact of COVID-19, government is making best efforts to provide relief to consumers in energy prices and other essential items. Government announced the relief package worth of around Rs. 1.24 trillion. Some of the salient features of the package are:

- A sum of Rs. 200 billion has been allocated for labors across the country. To support vulnerable families, Rs. 150 billion is provided for the monthly stipend which has increased from Rs. 2000 to Rs. 3000 per month for the next four months for 12 million families.

- The Panagahs (shelter) for jobless and poor has been extended to provide meals and shelter for unemployed.

- For wheat procurement, Rs. 280 billion has been provided.

- People will also be able to pay electricity and gas bills in installments for those whose electricity consumption is upto 300 units and gas bill upto Rs. 2000. The facility covered 75 percent of power consumers and 81 percent of gas consumers.

- Tax relaxation on imports of pulses, waived off duty on import of palm oil and reduced prices of petroleum products in order to provide relief to consumers.

*Question No. 9 **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**
(Notice Received on 12/03/2020 at 2:45 PM) QID: 36974

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make the Chaman Customs Gateway functional on 24 hours basis for business community, if so, when?

Minister for Finance and Revenue: 1. Presently, Chaman Custom Station operates on single shift basis. The border gate at Chaman is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and is manned by FC (North) Balochistan.

2. On 24th January, 2020, Mr. Muhammad Shahzad Arbab, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Establishment held a meeting regarding upgradation of various border terminals wherein the issue of upgrading Chaman to 24x7 basis was discussed. As the 24x7 operation requires upgradation of infrastructural logistics facilities and availability of

additional staff, so the Advisor asked the representatives of FBR, NLC, FIA and Government of Balochistan to ascertain their additional manpower and logistics requirements. During the meeting, it was also decided that a joint visit of all stakeholders will be conducted to examine the present state of the affairs at Chaman border terminal. However, due to corona virus issue, the requisite visit to the Chaman has been delayed. These efforts will be resumed once the situation normalizes.

*Question No. 10 **Senator Sassui Palijo:**
(Notice Received on 13/03/2020 at 11:30 AM) QID: 36981

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the amount of loan obtained by the present Government from all internal and external sources during the period from 1st July, 2018 till date and the amount of loan paid off during the same period?

Minister for Finance and Revenue: The material is being collected from different quarters. The reply will be provided to the next Rota Day.

*Question No. 11 **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**
(Notice Received on 13/03/2020 at 12:10 PM) QID: 36983

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

(a) the amount of loan obtained by the present Government from the International Monetary Fund since 2018; and

(b) the amount of loan returned to International Monetary Fund during the same period?

Minister for Finance and Revenue: (a) Since 2018, Pakistan has received SDR 1,044 million ($1442 million) under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF 2019-2023) and SDR 1,015 million ($ 1,383.4 million) under the Rapid Finance Instrument (RFI).

(b) Pakistan has returned SDR 933.1 million ($ 1,279.27 million) to the IMF since March 2018.

*Question No. 12 **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**
(Notice Received on 17/03/2020 at 2:25 PM) QID: 37022

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government has approved an innovative electric vehicle policy in 2019 containing a number of tax exemptions but the same has not been implemented so far, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the time by which steps for promotion of electric vehicle industry will be taken?

Mr. Hammad Azhar: The formulation of Electric Vehicles and New Technology policy is under deliberation. In Compliance with the ECC of the Cabinet decision in case No. ECC-95/12/2020 dated 26-03-2020; a Committee has been constituted for the formulation of National Electric Vehicle Policy. (Copy of notification is at Annex-A). The draft policy would be presented before ECC on the basis of recommendations finalized by the above committee.

Annex-A

SECRET

Case No.ECC-95/12/2020
Dated: 26th March, 2020

INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE POLICY (NEVP)

DECISION

The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet considered the summary dated 18th March, 2020 submitted by the Ministry of Climate Change regarding **Incentive Package for the National Electric Vehicle Policy (NEVP)** and constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Adviser on Commerce, Industry & Production and Investment comprising Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Minister for Science & Technology, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms and Austerity, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Petroleum and Deputy Chairman Planning Commission to examine Incentive Package for National Electric Vehicle Policy in a holistic manner and submit its report thereon to the ECC within one month for consideration. Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives will provide secretariat support to the Committee.

II. The ECC appreciated the strenuous efforts made by Ministry for climate Change for formulation of first ever National Electric Vehicle Policy (NEVP) in the country.

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*Question No. 13 **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**
(Notice Received on 19/03/2020 at 10:35 AM) QID: 37002

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of branches of National Savings centers including its regional headquarter in Karachi have been established in private buildings on rent, if so, the details thereof indicating also the amount of rent being paid for the same in each case; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to shift those branches including its regional headquarter in Karachi to Government buildings, if so, when?

Minister for Finance and Revenue: (a) Except National Savings Centre, Pak, Serctariat Saddar 46A. Branch, Karachi, all other branches including Regional Head Quarter. Karachi are housed in private buildings. List along-with details of monthly rent paid is enclosed at **Annex-A.**

(b) No National Savings Centres are the business centre of the Organization to conduct Savings Bank operations through public dealing, thus each branch is to be ideally located at commercially Viable places with reasonable distance in between, Contrary to that, Public buildings are not readily available at each commercial hub, thus such fact restrains CDNS to consider the proposal of Shifting of NSCs to the Government buildings.

Annex-A

DETAIL OF OFFICE BUILDINGS OF REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL SAVINGS, KARACHI

S. #	Names of all Offices/NSC's	Location of all Offices/addresses	Monthly Rent	Covered Area	Remarks
1	BLOCK 46-A	Pak Secretariat, Block 46-A,Saddar, Karachi.	Govt. Premises	Govt. Premises	Govt. Premises
2	KARIMABAD	Plot No.C-19,Block-04,Sharah-e-Pakistan, Karimabad, Karachi	Rs. 77,117/-	1500	The NSC is established in private building on rent, since National Savings (CDNS) does not have funds/relevant head of account to purchase its land for any NSC/Regional Headquarter
3	ARAMBAGH	Premises No. G-2, Plot No. 12, Street No. RB-3, Survey No. 2, Arambagh, Karachi	Rs. 125,000/-	1081	-do-
4	AZIZABAD	Shop No.1014-1015,Block-02, Azizabad,F.B.Area, Karachi.	Rs. 43,940/-	1041	-do-
			Rs. 21,970/-	600	-do-
5	MEHMOODABAD	Plot No.B-227,Mahmoodabad No.2, Karachi.	Rs. 57,122/-	1100	-do-
6	BOHRAPIR	Shop No.RS-4/55,Noor Arcade MasamAli Road Near Jubilee Cinema Karachi.	Rs. 87,880/-	1382	-do-
7	BUFFER ZONE	Premises No. R-1205,15/4,Buffer Zone, Karachi.	Rs. 108,532/-	1499	-do-
8	CLIFTON	Shop No. 2,3, 4 Crystal Court,Plot No. BC-7, Block-5, Clifton, Karachi	Rs. 250,000/-	1800	-do-
9	DASTAGIR	House No -1852,Block 14,Federal -B Area,Dastageer Society, Karachi	Rs. 100,000/-	2125	-do-
10	DEFENCE-II	Shop No.1 & 2 & 3, 7-C, Plot No. C-12,Commercial Street,Defence Phase-II Extention,DHA,Karachi	Rs. 228,150/-	1794	-do-
11	DEFENCE-V	Shop No,8 & 9 ,Hockey Lane-3 Phase -V,Defence Housing Society, Karachi.	Rs. 125,000/-	580	-do-
12	SHAH FAISAL	Premises No.1/32-A,Shah Faisal Colony Main bazar ,Karachi.	Rs. 87,880/-	1620	-do-
13	GULSHAN-I	Plot No.A-557, Block-5, Gulshan-e- Iqbal, Karachi.	Rs 253,500/-	4677	-do-
14	GULSHAN-II	Mukhtar Center,SB-38,Block 13/B,Gulshan-e- Iqbal, Karachi.	Rs. 241,670/-	1485	-do-
			Rs 42250/-	450	-do-

15	HABIB SQUARE	State Life Insurance Bldg. No.6-A Habib Square,M.A.Jinnah Road, Karachi	Rs. 67,716/-	1520	-do-
			Rs. 43,191/-	915	-do-
16	GULBERG	Bldg.No.C-57/13,Gulberg Chowrangi,F.B.Area, Karachi	Rs. 151,520/-	3000	-do-
17	JAMSHED ROAD	Shop No. 2,Nafis arcade SC-14 chandnichowk University Road Karachi.	Rs. 240,000/-	1537	-do-
18	ORANGI TOWN	Premises No.LS-6, E-6, Sector-6, Orangi Town, Karachi	Rs. 58,500/-	1485	-do-
19	LANDHI	Premises No.1-A/1,Block No.1-A/2,Sector No.36-D,Landhi Town Ship, Karchi	Rs. 91,395/-	1600	-do-
20	MALIR	Plot No.40,darakhshan Society,kala Board, Malir, Karachi	Rs. 168,705/-	2662	-do-
21	NORTH NAZIMABAD	Plot No. SC-23, Block-H, North Nazimabad, Karachi.	Rs. 131,820/-	2401	-do-
22	NAZIMABAD-V	Shop No.5-E/9 Bazar-e-Adil commercial Area Nazimabad-V, Karachi.	Rs. 98,865/-	2000	-do-
23	NEW KARACHI	Ptot No. LS -9, ST-7, Sector 11-K, North Karachi, Karachi.	Rs. 32,955/-	1080	-do-
			Rs. 32,955/-	1080	-do-
24	PIB COLONY	House No.1886-B, Martin Road, PIB Colony, Karachi.	Rs. 87,880/-	1755	-do-
25	QUAIDABAD	Plot No. CB-7& 8 LandhiQuaidabad,Gulistan Society Karachi	Rs. 75,000/-	1929	-do-
26	RIZVIA MARKET	Plot No.1-A ,1/35,Hina Trrace,Rizvia Society,Nazimabad-2 Karachi	Rs. 162,500/-	2742	-do-
27	SHERSHAH	Premises No. M-II-E -626,Street No.1, Block-D, ShershahClonoy, Karachi	Rs. 100,000/-	1200	-do-
28	SOLDIER BAZAR	Shop No.9 (Ground Floor),Plot No.196 & 197,,Al-Mustafa Tarrace, Clayton Road,Karachi.	Rs. 111,388/-	1242	-do-
29	SUPER MARKET	Premises No.149-50,Ibn-e-SinaRoad,Liaquatabad No.4,Karachi.	Rs 99,963/-	1440	-do-
30	TARIQ ROAD	Premises No.U-123/2, PECHS, Karachi.	Rs. 329,550/-	2500	-do-
31	TIPU SULTAN	Premises No. 385, Main Ghazi Salahuddin Road, Block-7/8, Karachi	Rs. 150,000/-	2886	-do-
32	GULISTAN-E-JAUHAR	A-41 & A-5 Alliance Arcade Block-15 Gulistan-e- Jauhar, Karachi.	Rs. 99,963/-	1300	-do-
			Rs. 54,925/-	478	-do-

33	DEFENCE-III	Premises No. 29-C ,Ground floor ,street No.24 Touheed Commercial D.H.A.Phase-V Karachi.	Rs. 199,000/-	1474	-do-
34	MALIR CANTT	Premises No. 4 Dosts, Welfare Complex, Building NO. 31, Bostan Lines, Malir Cantonment, Karachi	Rs. 132,867/-	1509	-do-
35	MODEL COLONY	Premises No. 9/1/2-B, Liaquat Ali Khan Road, Model Colony, Malir, Karachi	Rs. 63,000/-	900	-do-
36	SAVINGS HOUSE	Premises No. C-2 Central Union Comercial AreaBlock-7/8, Main Shahra-e-Faisal, Shaheed-e-MillatChowk, Karachi.	Rs. 963,300/-	20000	-do- The subject premises consists Regional Headquarter and other offices of Zonal Inspection & Accounts, Regional Accounts Officer, National Savings, Karachi.

*Question No. 14 **Senator Sirajul Haq:**
(Notice Received on 20/03/2020 at 10:00 AM) QID: 37010

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

(a) the acreage of land on which Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) was established indicating also the acreage of land owned by PSM at present; and

(b) whether any land of the said Mills have been sold or leased out, if so, the details thereof ?

Mr. Hammad Azhar: (a) Steel Plant and its allied facilities/ amenities were / are built on **3,482.7** acres land. Total land owned by PSM is 19,013 acres. Details are placed at **Annex-I&II** respectively.

(b) No land has been sold out by PSM. However, PSM has leased out the following lands:—

PSM developed its Down Stream Industrial Estate on **731** acres land. Detail of DSIE leased land is placed at **Annex-III.**

PSM handle over its 930 acres land to M/s National Industrial Parks Management & Development Company (NIP) for development of industrial park. M/s NIP allotted / leased **246.925** acres land up to June 30,2019. Detail is placed at **Annex-1V**.

Other then DSIE & NIP lands, PSM leased out its **404.027** acres land. Detail is placed at **Annex-V.**

PSM also developed **1049** acres Township/Residential and leased to its employees.

Breakup is as under:-

Gulshan-E-Hadeed Phase I & II	=	405 acres
Gulshan-E-Hadeed Phase I&II Ext.	=	32 acres
Gulshan-E-Hadeed Phase III	=	342 acres

ANNEX-I

DETAIL OF LAND ON WHICH PAKISTAN STEEL MILL INCLUDING AMENITIES WAS / IS ESTABLISHED

	DESCRIPTION	Area (Acres)
Main Steel Plant		
I	Main Steel Plant	1034
II	High Tension Electric Lines mounted on strip of land situated on the Western/PQA Side of Plant Boundary	84
III	Waste Water Disposal Channel situated in between Main Plant Boundary and TSML	95
IV	Head Office, MTC, Fire Fighting Station & MDS etc	55
V	Water & Sewerage Lines between Plant Boundary & Main Railway Line	58
VI	Slag / Scrap Stock Yard outside Gate No. 9	250
VII	Sludge Pond	100
VIII	Slag Processing Plant	10
IX	Sea Water Intake Channel (Within PSM Land)	61
X	Sea Water Pump House	24
XI	Waste Water Collection & Treatment Plant	15
XII	3 MG Reservoir	12
XIII	Steel Structure Yard	23
XIV	Transport Yard / Workshop / PARC / Store	46
XV	Pakistan Steel Fabricating Company Limited (PSFCL)	90
110 MG Water Reservoir		236.075
Bulk Water Supply System (Gujjo Canal)		271.7
Makli Lime Stone Project District Thatta		74
Jhampir Dolomite Project District Thatta		44.925
Karachi Transport Yard		08
Steel Town		891
	Total	3,482.7

ANNEX-II

DETAIL OF ENTIRE LAND OWNED BY PAKISTAN STEEL MILLS

S. No.	DESCRIPTION / TITLE OF THE LAND	ACRES - GHUNTAS
1	MAIN PLANT & SURROUNDING	10273-00
2	TOWNSHIP	8071-10
3	110 MG RESERVOIR	236-03
4	BULK WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM	271-28
5	MAKLI LIME STONE PROJECT	74-00
6	JHAMPIR DOLOMITE PROJECT	44-37
7	KARACHI TRANSPORT YARD	08-00
8	SMC LAHORE	33-10
9	ZSO LAHORE	00-15
10	ZSO ISLAMABAD	00-13
GRAND TOTAL		19,013-00

ANNEX-III

DETAIL OF LEASED OUT PLOTS/LAND IN DOWNSTREAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

S. No.	Name of Industries / Lessees	Area (Acres)	Date of Allotment / Lease	Lease Period
DSIE SECTOR - I				
1	Abbas Engineering Indus. Ltd.	5.041	09.08.1983	60 Years
2	Envicrete Ltd.	5.828	15.07.1985	"
		4.271	09.08.1993	"
3	Chiragh Sun Engg. (Pvt) Ltd.	5.041	25.08.1985	"
4	Engg. Excellence Co. (Pvt.) Ltd.	0.986	14.03.1993	"
5	Crescent Steel & Allied Products	5.000	07.02.2008	"
6	FABG Steel Mills (Pvt.) Ltd.	4.000	07.02.2008	"
7	Pakistan Slag Cement Indus. Ltd.	9.968	08.01.1990	"
		0.731	18.07.1994	"
8	Eastcoast Engineering Ltd.	1.000	12.01.1988	"
9	Twins Engineering Ltd.	1.995	08.03.1993	"
10	Shafiq Industrial Chemical Industries (Pvt) Ltd.	2.000	04.06.1986	"
11	Maks Coaltar & Oil Products Inc.	0.593	26.06.1986	"
DSIE SECTOR - II				
12	Omar Jibran Engineering	5.041	14.09.1988	"
13	Adam Motor Company Ltd.	10.079	17.09.2002	"
14	Synthetic Products	4.000	07.02.2008	"
15	Agriauto Stamping Company (Private) Limited	6.078	07.02.2008	"
16	Pak Suzuki Motor Company Limited	64.047	08.02.1987	"
		29.180	29.06.1992	"
17	Pak Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd.	120.023	22.12.2006	"
18	Thal Engineering	5.041	14.09.2004	"
19	Pakistan Insulations (Pvt.) Ltd.	5.041	27.03.1990	"
20	Hussein Engg. Works (Pvt.) Ltd.	5.040	28.04.1999	"
21	Crescent Chemicals	5.040	14.08.2004	"

22	Banbhore Ceramic Industries	6.196	05.12.2003	60 Years
23	Specialized Autoparts Industries (Pvt.) Ltd.	5.041	01.01.1990	"
24	Sino Pak Electro Chemical Industries (Pvt.) Ltd.	5.041	05.10.1993	"
25	Orion Refractories (Pvt.) Ltd.	12.573	03.12.1995	"
26	Transmobile Limited	20.164	25.05.1992	"
27	Engine Systems Limited	5.041	18.11.1993	"
28	PIDC	17.323	18.11.1993	"
29	AT &TC	0.530	18.11.1993	"
30	Axle Products Limited	5.041	18.11.1993	"
31	Jin Kwang -Jaz (Pvt.) Limited	7.183	01.12.2004	"
32	Alsons Autoparts	5.056	09.01.2004	"
		5.056	06.09.2004	
33	Shaheen Engineering Works	1.008	18.02.2004	"
34	Muhammadi Engg. Services	1.008	14.09.2004	"
35	Al-Hadeed Industries (SMC-Pvt) Limited	1.008	14.02.2008	"
36	Steelman Engineering Industry	1.008	08.02.2007	"
37	Asif Rubber	1.008	09.02.2007	"
38	Shanghai Indus (Pvt) Ltd.	2.016	09.02.2007	"
39	A-One Techniques (Pvt.) Ltd.	1.008	02.12.2004	"
		0.532	02.12.2004	"
40	Kashif Engineering	1.008	08.02.2007	"
41	Baseten International	1.008	07.02.2008	"
42	Megi Engineering	5.776	26.04.2004	"
43	Master Motor Corporation	24.081	02.12.2004	"
DSIE SECTOR - III				
44	Aysha Steel Mill	24.081	26.12.2006	60 Years

Note: Anuual Ground Rent & Maintennace Charges are applicable.

ANNEX-IV

DETAIL OF PSM LEASED OUT LAND / PLOTS IN BIN QASIM INDUSTRIAL PARK BEING DEVELOPED & ALLOTTED BY M/S NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARKS DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT COMPANY (NIP)

S. No.	Name of Lessee	Area (Acres)	Date of Allotment / Lease	Cost of land per Acre (Rs.	Remarks
1	Yamaha Motors	50.275	08.11.2013	5,000,000	
2	MID Coil Center	5.027	23.04.2014	6,000,000	
3	Horizon Steel	6.072	11.09.2014	7,000,000	
4	DE Automotive	3.27	17.09.2015	7,000,000	
5	Gasco Engineering	2	17.09.2015	7,000,000	
6	Central Ventilation System	3.467	17.09.2015	7,000,000	
7	Barkat Frisian Egg Company	2.5	17.10.2016	13,000,000	
8	KIA Lucky Motors	100	29.12.2016	13,000,000	
9	Ahmed Glass Industries	6.524	19.01.2017	13,000,000	
10	Hi-Tech Auto Parts	12.006	19.01.2017	13,000,000	
11	Tecno Auto Glass	10.784	21.03.2017	13,000,000	
12	Pinnacle Biotech	10	21.03.2017	13,000,000	
13	Master Auto Engineering	12	11.09.2017	22,000,000	
		3	20.04.2018	22,000,000	
14	International Steel	15	20.04.2018	22,000,000	
15	Lucky Auto Industries	5	03.06.2019	23,000,000	
	Total	**246.925**			

Note: The annual ground rent is applicable.

ANNEX-V

DETAIL OF PSM LEASED / SOLD OUT LAND OTHER THEN DSIE & NIP

S. No.	Name of Lessee	Area (Acres)	Date of Allotment / Lease	Lease Period (Years)	Rate (Rs.) per Acre	Profile / Product
1	National Petro Carbon	11.785	29.04.1980	60	24,200	Manufacturing of Carbon Black
2	M/s PTCL	0.826	28.04.1989	99	726,000	Telephone Exchange at Gulshan-e-Hadeed Phase - II
3	Qadri Welfare Trust	1.859	28.10.2004	60	3,388,000	Masjid, Poly Clinic / Hospital etc
4	Tuwariqui Steel Mill	220.21	28.02.2005	"	1,185,800	Direct Reduction Iron
5	Sui Southern Gas Company	11	15.10.2014	30	8,500,000	Metering Station for LNG Terminal
6	Port Qasim Authority	158.347	29.08.2016	"	9,350,000	Coal Stock Yard & Loading Station
	Total	404.027				

Note: I. Annual Ground Rent is applicable.
II. The land allotted to M/s NPC, TSML, SSGC & PQA is situated in the suuroundng of PSM Main Plant.
III. The land allotted to PTCL & QWT is situated within PSM Township land / Gulshan-e-Hadeed.

*Question No. 15 **Senator Sirajul Haq:**
(Notice Received on 20/03/2020 at 10:00 AM) QID: 37009

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the number of persons working in Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) with department / section wise and grade wise breakup?

Mr. Hammad Azhar: As per the record of May, 2020 the total number of employees of PSM are as under (Annex-I)

Regular employees	-	8,746
Temporary employees (Contract + Daily Wages)		135+63
Total	**-**	**8,944**

The department / section wise and grade wise breakup is placed at (Annex-II)

(Annexures have been placed on the table of the House as well as Library)

*Question No. 16 **Senator Kalsoom Perveen:**
(Notice Received on 6/04/2020 at 1:00 PM) QID: 37019

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state:

(a) the number of face masks exported from the country during the period from January to March, 2020 with month wise breakup; and

(b) *the name of authority which approved the export of the said masks indicating also the names of companies which were granted permission for export of the same?*

Reply Not Received

Ministry of Commerce and Textile has transferred this question to the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination. But the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination has not accepted it so far.

*Question No. 17 **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**
(Notice Received on 11/05/2020 at 12:15 PM) QID: 37031

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

(a) *the estimated loss incurred by Pakistan's economy due to pandemic of corona virus;*

(b) *the increase registered in the value of dollar, debt burden and budget deficit due to that pandemic; and*

(c) *whether the Government has made any plan to cope with the said economic challenge, if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Finance and Revenue: (a)

- Prior to COVID-19 out break, GDP growth was projected at 3.24% for FY 2020 with Agriculture (2.85%), Industry (1.95%) and Services (4.04%)

- FY2020 posted a negative growth of 0.4% (Provisional), of which Agriculture (2.67%), Industry (-2.64 %) and Services (-0.59%)

- FBR tax revenue may drop to aroud Rs 3,905 bn (Pre COVID target: Rs. 4800 bn). Revenue loss in the range of Rs. 700 bn to Rs. 900 bn from April to June 2020 is expected.

- With shortfall in revenues and increase in public spending due to fiscal stimulus package, fiscal deficit is expected to exceed the target of 7.5% of GDP and may go up to 9.4% of GDP.
- Low economic activity in EU, USA, UK, Middle East and resultant fall in commodity prices, exports of Pakistan will remain around $21-22bn (Pre COVID: $ 25.5 bn).
- Workers' remittances are expected to remain around $ 20-21 bn (Pre COVID: $ 23bn).
- Employment Loss

  Industrial sector : one million

  Services sector: two million.

  In total 3 million jobs are likely to be lost in the initial round of the crisis.

  PIDE estimate 18 million : In agriculture, industry and services.
- Poverty headcount will rise from existing 24.3% to 33.5%

(b) • Due to COVID-19, the PKR depreciated by 7.5 percent on Month on Month basis in March over February FY2020.

- The volatility observed in domestic financial and foreign exchange markets has somewhat subsided during the month of April and May 2020.

	Exchange Rate
Jun-19	160.05
Feb-20	154.23
Mar-20	166.70
Apr-20	160.17
May-20	163.10

- The increase in debt burden due to COVID-19 will be dependent on increase in fiscal deficit which is expected to increase by 1.91 percent (from 7.5 of GDP to 9.4% of GDP).

- Budget deficit is expected to exceed the target of 7.5% of the GDP and may go up to 9.4% of GDP due to shortfall in revenues, reprioritizing of expenditures and increase in public spending due to fiscal stimules package.

(c) The government has announced a package of Rs. 1,240 billion, the largest ever stimulus package in Pakistan's history. The package aims to mitigate impact of the COVID-19 on economy & vulnerable segments of society.

- The package covers Emergency Response, Support to Business and Relief to Citizens, as given below:

	Rsbn
Emergence Response	**190**
NDMA	25
Medical equipment/incentive for workers	50
Emergency provisioning/Funds	100
Tax relief on Food & Health items	15
Relief to Citizens	**570**
Relief to daily wage workers	200
Relief to vulunerable families & Panagah	150
Relief on petrol / diesel	70
Funding to Utility Stores	50
Power & Gas subsidy/payment deferral measures	100
Support to Business & Economy	**480**
Payment to farmers (wheat)	280
Relief to Exporters	100
Relief to SMEs & Agriculture	100
Total	**1,240**

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