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MESSAGE

Islam is the religion of peace, tolerance, brotherhood, peaceful co-existence of mankind and its social system is based on justice, equality and negation of all types of discrimination.

The Ministry made all-out efforts to achieve Islamic ideals as laid down in the Constitution of Pakistan. The religious scholars' services were used to sensitize and mobilize the community to maintain sectarian and inter-faith harmony. Cooperation and coordination with Islamic and other countries was strengthened to project the true and soft image of Islam and away wean the Muslim Youth from the extremist groups. The crux of our untiring efforts was to pay undivided attention to:

i) Facilitate the pilgrims for Hajj and Umrah.
ii) Root out sectarianism/extremism and promote sectarian and interfaith harmony.
iii) Take concrete steps for the welfare of minorities.

National and Provincial level Conferences were held for promoting inter and intra faith harmony. Concrete steps were taken to mainstream various segments of society and create an environment of peace and harmony.

National Commission for Minorities has been re-notified on 04-05-2015 to represent all segments and ensure effective participation of minorities in all walks of life.

The consensus of all religious scholars on unified timing of *Azan and Salat* in Islamabad is a milestone towards unity and fraternity. People from different schools of thought participated in National *Seerat* Conference where different aspects of the *Seerah* of Muhammad (SAW) were highlighted. In this context, further utmost efforts will be made to project the true image of Islam. The policy and plan for *Hajj* 2017 has been carried out successfully and to the full satisfaction of *Hujjaj*.

In the end, I would like to appreciate the valuable services of all the functionaries of the Ministry who remained instrumental in achieving all the given targets/tasks in respect of Hajj operation, inter and intra faith harmony and spreading the true spirit of Islam..

(Sardar Muhammad Yousaf)
Minister for Religious Affairs
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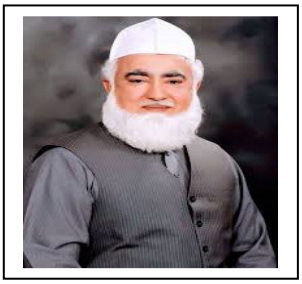

MESSAGE

With the grace of Allah,

It is a matter of great pleasure for me that ministry has completed another year of achievements and accomplishments. Being the Federal Authority for regulating Religious Affairs, we stand committed to creation of religious harmony and peace in the country. The Government has already taken some concrete and effective steps to ensure peace and tolerance among all religious communities. We intend to strengthen these efforts.

It is our national and moral duty to promote Islamic Moral Standards and way of living in society. I reaffirm my pledge to promote religious harmony and tolerance among all the segments of society so that our citizens live in peaceful environment and grow as optimistic and patriotic nationals.

Being cognizant of the situation of sectarian violence in Pakistan, we are continuously making administrative reforms to cope with the multi pronged challenges ahead. The Ministry is making all-out efforts to curb sectarianism, and has also established the Ulema and Mashaikh Council to come up with some tangible strategies on which all sects could be gathered. To facilitate people during Hajj, we have also improved our hajj policy and have made better arrangements this year.

The Year Book of the Ministry of Religious Affairs for the fiscal year 2017-18 contains authentic details of all our efforts and achievements. I welcome everyone to have a glance at this book to know us better. May Allah bless us in this noble cause, Ameen.

(Pir Muhammad Amin Ul Hasnat Shah)
Minister of State for Religious Affairs
and Inter-Faith Harmony

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PREFACE

In pursuance of Sub Rule (2) of Rule 25 of the Rules of Business, 1973, Year Book 2017-18 of this Ministry is being published for information of the Cabinet as well as general public.

The Ministry facilitates *Hajj* Pilgrims and *Zaireen*. It helps Muslims to order their lives in accordance with the teachings of the Holy *Quran* and *Sunnah*. The Ministry spearheads/leads policy initiatives including legislation for interfaith harmony, international agreements and commitments in respect of all religious communities and implementation thereof. The Ministry holds National *Seerat* Conference, *Mehfil-e-Shabeena* and *Hifz-o-Qirat* Competition, meetings of National Commission for Minorities and celebrates different religious festivals/events of non-muslims with great zeal. For the uplift of minorities, the Ministry launches small development schemes, provides financial assistance and scholarships to deserving non-Muslim students. The contribution of following officers is acknowledged for their input and valuable advice in the preparation of the Year Book: -

i) Capt (R) Muhammad Aftab
Additional Secretary

ii) Mr. Noor Zaman
Joint Secretary (A/F)

iii) Mr. Tahir Ehsan
Joint Secretary (Hajj)

iv) Mr. Niaz Muhammad Khan
Joint Secretary (D&Z)

v) Mr. Noor Salam Shah
Director General (R&R)

The "Year Book" will serve as a reference to evaluate our performance in terms of achievements of targeted goals and objectives.

(Khalid Masood Chaudhary)
Secretary
Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony

INTRODUCTION

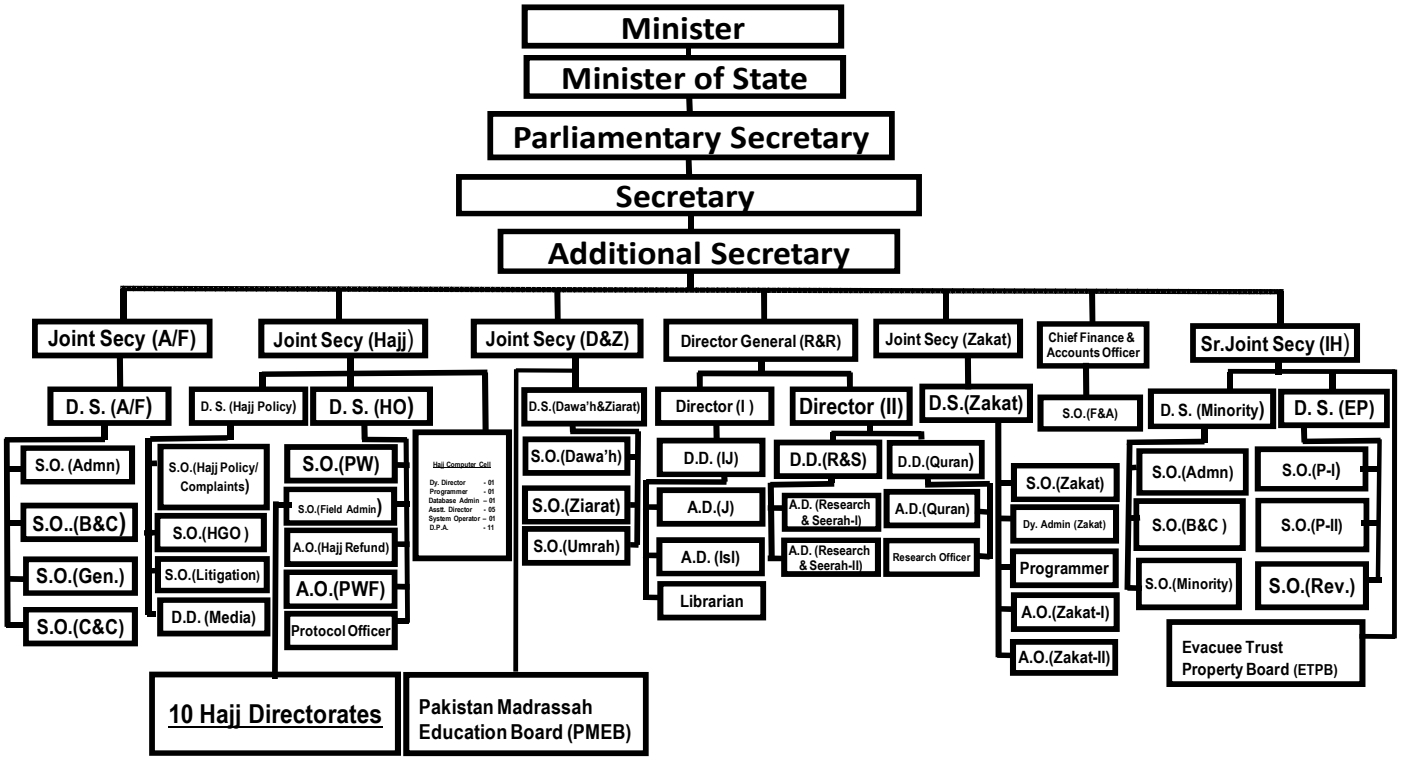
The Ministry of Religious Affairs was created in October, 1974. Prior to 1974 various Ministries had been dealing with hajj operations. In 1976, the subjects of Minorities Affairs and Overseas Pakistanis were merged with this Ministry and the Ministry was renamed as "Ministry of Religious Affairs, Minorities Affairs and Overseas Pakistanis". They were separated from the Ministry in 1977 and 1992, respectively. However, the subjects of Minorities Affairs and Zakat & Ushr were merged with this Ministry in 1996. The Zakat & Ushr Division was again separated from this Ministry in October/November, 2008. Hence, the Ministry was renamed as Ministry of Religious Affairs. After devolution of subject of Zakat & Ushr, a Zakat Cell was created in this Ministry. In June, 2013, erstwhile Ministry of National Harmony was merged with Ministry of Religious Affairs emerging as Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony. The Ministry has the following Wings:

- Admin and Finance
- Hajj Wing
- Dawah and Ziarat
- Research and Reference
- Zakat and Umrah
- Interfaith Harmony

MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND INTER-FAITH HARMONY

1. Formulation of Hajj Policy
2. Arranging the Muslim pilgrims visits to India.
3. Ziarat and Umrah.
4. Welfare and safety of pilgrims and zaireen.
5. Administration of Hajj Affairs and control of the Hajj Directorates within the country and the Hajj Directorate at Jeddah
6. Islamic studies and research including holding of seminars, conferences, etc. on related subjects to the extent of Federal Areas.
7. Training and education of Ulemas and Khatibs etc.
8. Error-free and exact printing and publishing of the Holy Quran in the ICT.
9. Exchange of visits of scholars of Islamic learning and education, international conferences/seminars on Islamic subjects and liaison with foreign and international bodies and institutions.
10. Ruet-e-Hilal.
11. Tabligh.
12. Observance of Islamic Moral Standards
13. Donations for religious purposes and propagation of Islamic Ideology abroad.
14. Marriage and divorce, infants and minor's adoption to the extent of ICT.
15. Auqaf in ICT.
16. Collection of Zakat and Ushr, disbursement of Zakat and Ushr to the Provinces and other areas as per formula approved by Council of Common Interests.
17. Policy and legislation with regard to Inter-faith Harmony.
18. International agreements and commitments in respect of all religious communities and implementation thereof.
19. Representation of Pakistan at UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination to Minorities.
20. Minorities Welfare Fund.
21. National Commission for Minorities.
22. Evacuee Trust Property Board.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



SANCTIONED STRENGTH OF THE MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS & INTERFAITH HARMONY

ADMINISTRATION WING:

Administration Wing of the Ministry is comprised of the following sections:-

i. Administration Section.
ii. Budget and Cash Section.
iii. Council and Coordination Section.
iv. General Administration Section.

ADMINISTRATION SECTION:

2. The Administration section is responsible for looking after the following matters relating to human resource management of the Ministry for the period (2017-18):-

i. 28 officials were appointed in the Ministry in BS-01 to 15.
ii. 10 employees of different cadres were promoted.
iii. Two children of the deceased employees were appointed against BS-15 posts in the Ministry under the Prime Minister's Assistance Package for the families of deceased employee who died during service.
iv. The service of 77 contingent paid staff were hired for Hajj operation 2017&18.
v. 03 cases of marriage grant and 10 cases of Educational stipend/ Fee re-imbursement were finalized and forwarded to the concerned department.
vi. 200 cases regarding hiring of residential accommodation for employees of the Ministry were processed.
vii. 08 pension cases were processed.
viii. 71 medical reimbursement cases of serving employees and 39 medical reimbursement cases of retired officers/officials were processed.
ix. 60 cases of posting/transfer/provision of replacement were processed.
x. 40 litigation cases in FST, Islamabad and 01 case in Wafaqi Mohtasib were defended on behalf of the Ministry.

3. The achievements of the Administration Section for the financial year 2017-18 are as under:-

S.#	NAME OF CASES	NUMBER
01.	HBA granted to officers/officials.	16
02.	Motor Car Advance granted to employees.	07
03.	Motorcycle Advance granted to employees.	02
04.	GPF advance granted to employees.	14

BUDGET AND CASH SECTION:

4. The main functions of Budget and Cash Section's are as follows:

1. Preparation, compilation and submission of budgetary estimates to the Finance Division.
2. Processing cases for re-appropriation of funds.
3. Dealing with cases for supplementary grants, savings and surrender of funds.
4. Submission of contingency bills to the AGPR, Islamabad and collection of cheques.
5. Monthly reconciliation of expenditures with the AGPR, Islamabad.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES DURING 2017-18:

i). BUDGET FOR FY:2017-18

Demand No.	Allocated Budget 2017-18 (IN MILLIONS)
93	455.598
94	581.342
TOTAL	**1036.940**

ii). RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:

Demand No.	RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS 2017-18 (IN MILLIONS)	
93	RE-APP (+)	RE-APP (-)
	33.642	32.364
94	17.855	16.986
TOTAL	**51.497**	**49.350**

iii). SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS:

Demand No.	SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS 2017-18 (IN MILLIONS)
93	32.384
94	175.844
TOTAL	**208.228**

iv). SURRENDER OF FUNDS:

Demand No.	SURRENDER OF FUNDS 2017-18 (IN MILLIONS)
93	5.050
94	4.250
TOTAL	**9.300**

v). SUBMISSION OF CONTINGENCY BILLS:

i. 1782 bills were submitted to the AGPR, Islamabad.
ii. Reconciliation of expenditure with the AGPR, Islamabad was done on monthly basis.

COUNCIL AND COORDINATION SECTION

5. The Council and Coordination Section is responsible for following:

i. Prepare and brief the Minister, Minister of State and Parliamentary Secretary regarding Parliamentary Business of the Ministry.
ii. Arrangements and assistance relating to meetings of the Standing Committee.
iii. Coordination with other Ministries/Divisions and Departments in the official matters.
iv. Preparation of Year Book of the Ministry.
v. Provision of the report regarding implementation of the Cabinet Decisions.
vi. Preparation of report on Principles of Policy in compliance with Article 9 of the Constitution of Pakistan.

GENERAL SECTION

6. The General Section is responsible for following:

1. Looks after the security of office building and watching of incoming /outgoing of visitors as well as vehicles parked in front of office building.
2. Purchase of Transport.
3. Purchase of furniture and fixture, Machinery & Equipment, Computers and other Assets

4. Purchase of Stationary items
5. Purchase of Miscellaneous items
6. Purchase of POL for vehicles.
7. Purchase of Diesel for Power Generators of the Ministry.
8. Payment of utilities bills i.e. Telephone/DSL Electricity/Sui Gas/Officers' Mobile Bills.
9. Repair of Transport (VIP vehicles) Minister/Minister of State/ Parliamentary Secretary's vehicles.
10. Repair of Transport (General vehicles of the Ministry).
11. Repair of Telephones
12. Repair and Maintenance of Office building
13. Repair of Machinery & Equipment Computers/Printers/ACs/Electricity etc)
14. Repair of electricity, Photocopiers & Fax Machine.
15. Arrangements of Printing of Office material i.e. File Covers, Year Book, Minister's, Minister of State and Secretary's Offices material, Summary file covers and all other printings of the Ministry
16. Arrangements of official meeting.
17. Reservation of accommodation in hotels, meal arrangements of official guests
18. Dispatch of outdoor Dak i.e. Immediate / routine Dak through Courier and General Post Office.
19. Distribution of indoor mail received from Couriers and General Post Office in the Ministry.

7. The General Section during the year 2017-18 made efficient arrangements to ensure security measures of the office building and facilitated Hajj Wing and R&R wing to convene meetings regarding Hajj arrangements and International Seerat Conference which is evident from their success. The section provided logistic support to the Ministry by providing transport to the officers to attend meetings/court hearings/dispatch of passports to airports and drop facility to the Hajj staff during Hajj operation who sat late and attended office during public holidays for smooth execution of Ministry's work. Moreover, this section makes arrangements of printing of Office material i.e. File Covers, Year Book, Minister's, Minister of State and Secretary's Offices material, Summary file covers and all other printings of the Ministry. The General Section used resources efficiently regarding purchase and expenditure during the year 2017-18, resultantly, Ministry surrendered Rs. 9.30 million.

HAJJ WING:

8. The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony took necessary steps for bringing improvements in the facilities for Hajj – 2017. In this regard, Hajj Wing played an important role in conducting the Hajj operation in consultation with all the stakeholders which includes various Ministries/Organizations of Saudi and Pakistani Governments, Banks, Airlines, Hajj Group Organizers, Scholars, prominent figures and Members of the Parliament.

9. The Policy and Plan for Hajj 2017 was got approved from the Prime Minister of Pakistan and implemented in letter and spirit. However, to induct the Parliamentary role in Hajj management, the Hajj Policy had also a provision of Hajj Advisory Committee to make advise on Policy with the following composition:-

S.No.	Name	Position
i.	Minister for Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony	Chairman
ii.	Minister of State, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony	Member
iii.	Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony	Member
iv.	Chairman, National Assembly Standing Committee of Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony	Member
v.	Ambassador of Pakistan to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Member
vi.	Director General (Hajj), Jeddah	Member
vii.	Secretary, Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony	Member
viii.	Chairman/Secretary of Hajj Organizers Association of Pakistan (HOAP)	Member
ix.	Any other member nominated by the Government	Member

10. Hajj quota of 179,210 was allocated in Hajj 2011 by the Ministry of Hajj, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with the ratio of 1000 pilgrims per one million Muslim inhabitants, in accordance with the decision taken in the meeting of Foreign Ministers of Organization of Islamic Conference in the year 1987. The country quota of Pakistan which was reduced by twenty percent (20%) in Hajj 2013 due to expansion work of Haram Sharif was accordingly fixed at 143,368 pilgrims was restored and re-fixed at 179,210.

11. Out of the total Hajj quota of 179,210, 60% was allocated to Government Hajj Scheme which provides an economic package with reasonable facilities for the pilgrims while balance 40% was allocated to Private Scheme i.e. Hajj Group Organizers (HGOs) on the concept of 'public-private partnership' to provide choice and competition in the market. The bifurcation of quota for hajj 2017 was as under:-

Government Hajj Scheme:	107,526
Hajj Group Organizers Scheme:	71,684
Total: -	**179,210**

12. Hajj applications for Hajj 2017 were received through ten (10) scheduled banks (NBP, HBL, UBL, MCB, ABL, Bank Alfalah, Bank of Punjab, ZTBL, Habib Metro Politian Bank and Meezan Bank). In response, 338,696 Hajj applications under the Government Hajj Scheme were received through these Banks and selection of Hujjaj were made through "Balloting" conducted by Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), Lahore.

13. To facilitate the pilgrims, Hajj operation was carried out at Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Sialkot, Multan, Faisalabad, Rahim Yar Khan and Sukkur gateways during Hajj Operation 2017. To ensure optimum facilitation through instant assistance and effective service delivery to the intending Hujjaj, various operational facilitation counters were established at all the Hajj Directorates in Pakistan which operated round the clock during the Hajj season.

HAJJ DUES:

14. The Hajj package for Hajj-2017 was as under:-

Package	North Region	South Region
Total Package without Qurbani	Rs. 280,000/-	270,000/-
Total Package including Qurbani (optional)	Rs. 293,050/-	283,050/-

PERSONAL EXCHANGE QUOTA:

15. Due to liberalization of foreign exchange regime in the country, Saudi Riyals were available in the open market through scheduled banks and foreign exchange companies. Therefore, the Hujjaj under the Government Hajj Scheme were required to arrange adequate foreign exchange, by their own, from the open market.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

16. In pursuance of the revised Air Services Agreement (ASA) between Government of Pakistan and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia singed in 2011, hujjaj of the government scheme were airlifted by the designated airlines i.e. Pakistan International Airline (PIA), Shaheen Air International, Air Blue and Saudi Airline.

ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS:

17. The accommodation arrangements for Hujjaj 2017 were made by the following committee approved for the purpose in Hajj Policy 2017:-

S. No.	Name and Designation	Position
1)	Director General Hajj, Jeddah	Convener
2)	Two representatives of the Ambassador of Pakistan to KSA.	Members
3)	Director Hajj, Jeddah.	Member
4)	Deputy Director Hajj, Madina Munawarrah	Member

18. In 2017, the Hiring Committee hired 194 buildings for the accommodation of hujjaj of Government Hajj scheme. The Committee kept in view following provision of Hajj Policy 2017 before finalization of accommodation arrangement for the Hujjaj:-

a) The maximum rent of accommodation for Makkah Mukarrammah was charges @ SR. 2100/- per pilgrim which also included transport facility.
b) The determination of rent in Makkah Mukarrammah was based upon services available in building, availability of transport and distance from Haram Sharif.
c) Accommodation in Madinah Munawwarah was hired @.SR.800/- per pilgrim per cycle and 100% accommodation was provided in the area of Markazia in Madinah Munawwarrah.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS:

19. The General Transport Syndicate, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is responsible for provision of transport to the Hujjaj reaching Saudi Arabia for performance of Hajj from all over the world. The Transport Syndicate performed efficiently and has provided air conditioned buses to Pakistani Hujjaj from Jeddah Airport to Makkah Mukarrammah, Makkah Mukarrammah to Madinah Munawwarah and back to Makkah Mukarrammah. Train facility at Mashaair was provided to the Pakistani Hujjaj. Besides, Pakistan Hajj Mission arranged Salwat Transport for its Hujjaj was also arranged.

PROVISION OF TRAIN FACILITY:

20. In the meeting of Pakistan Hajj Office with Moassassah Mutawify Hujjaj South Asia in 2017, it had been agreed, in principle, that maximum Hujjaj of Government Scheme would get the facility of transportation through train in Mashaair. However, provision of train facility could not provide to 100% of the pilgrims and in case of non-availability of train facility, buses were provided to them for transportation in Mashaair.

PROVISION OF FOOD TO HUJJAJ:

21. In 2017, the Government of KSA made it mandatory to provide meals to Hujjaj at their buildings. The Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony through Directorate General of Hajj, Jeddah arranged to provide meals three times a day to hujjaj with a standard menu all across Makkah, which was generally well appreciated.

FUNCTIONS OF HAJJ DIRECTORATES IN PAKISTAN

22. The eight Hajj Directorates performed multifarious Hajj operational duties like conducting of training of Bank Officers, Master Trainers, Group Leaders and intending Hajj pilgrims for awareness and guidance etc.

23. The following tasks were accomplished:-

i) Arrangements for transportation of intending pilgrims from Hajj Directorates to concerned Airports.
ii) Arrangements of airlifting of intending pilgrims.
iii) The intending pilgrims vaccinated against meningitis/anti-flu vaccine and they were also given polio drops.
iv) Hajj application forms of Private Hajj Group Organizers were received and updated.
v) Departmental meetings with different agencies and all stake holders i.e. Airlines, Banks, Civil Aviation Authority, Custom, Boy Scouts Association, NADRA, Health Departments and Security agencies etc, were held.
vi) Collected Hajj Passports of Government and Private Schemes and got endorsement of hajj visas through Saudi Embassy and dispatched to concerned Haji Camps.
vii) Supervised performance of private tour operators with regard to provision of facilities to the intending pilgrims.
viii) Made fool proof security arrangements for safety of the intending pilgrims at Hajj Complexes.
ix) Provided accommodation facilities to the intending pilgrims in the respective Haji Camps during Hajj season.
x) Established booths of the scheduled banks at Haji Camps and controlled all functions, matters of Hujjaj like issuance of Personal Exchange Quota (PEQ).
xi) Established office of PIA/Saudi Airlines at Hajj Complexes for provision of better facilities to Hujjaj.
xii) Compiled Hajj accounts with airlines and banks.
xiii) Provided round the clock medical coverage to Hujjaj during their stay at Hajj Complexes.

International Arrivals
وصول الرحلات الدولية

مدخل مواقف أبراج الصفوة
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DAWAH & ZIARAT WING:

PAKISTAN MADRASSAH EDUCATION BOARD (PMEB)

24. PMEB was established on 8th September, 2001 under Pakistan Madrassah Education (Establishment and Affiliation of Model Dini Madaris) Board Ordinance, 2001 promulgated on 18th of August, 2001.The Status of PMEB as per stipulation in Ordinance is that of a "Body Corporate" and it is provided that the employees of the Board are not Government Servants. They are assigned the status of public servants for limited purpose of application of section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code. Main functions of Pakistan Madrassah Education Board as envisaged in the Ordinance are as under:-

a) Establishment of such Model Madaris and Model Dar-ul-Ulooms wherein Islamic Education may be taught alongwith formal education.
b) Registration and affiliation of already existing Madaris/Wifaq.
c) Regulation of Madaris in term of improving their curricula and system of examination and staff development.
d) Providing equivalence of degrees and asnad of Religious Education.
e) Award of scholarships to Madrassah students and providing assistance for establishment of libraries in Madaris.

25. Though all the objectives of the establishment of the Board could not be materialized so far due to various reasons, yet the goal of establishing Model Dini Madaris was achieved and three such Madaris were established that are functioning at Islamabad (for Girls), Karachi and Sukkur (for Boys). The salient features of these Madaris are:-

a) Students are the children of Mustahikeen-e-Zakat and are admitted on production of Istehqaq certificates issued by the Local Zakat Committee.
b) Free Boarding/lodging is provided to the students.
c) Contemporary education is being imparted alongwith selective religious education.
d) Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education Islamabad accorded affiliation to three Model Dini Madaris at Islamabad, Karachi and Sukkur.
e) Pakistan Madrassah Education Board in collaboration with International Islamic University Islamabad conducts annual examinations for Darja Sanvia Aamah and Sanvia Khasa.

26. Both contemporary and religious education is being imparted to the Students in these Model Dini Madaris as per following details:

a) Syllabus & Courses of Studies Prescribed by Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad.

i) English
ii) Mathematics
iii) General Science
iv) Economics
v) Urdu
vi) Social Studies
vii) Political Sciences
viii) Computer
ix) Physics
x) Chemistry
xi) Biology

b) Religious Subjects being taught in addition to the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Syllabus.

i) The Holy Quran
ii) Life and Sayings of the Holy Prophet
iii) Arabic Grammar iv)
iv) Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence
v) Logic (i.e. Mantiq)
vi) Arabic Language and

27. The number of students presently studying these Model Dini Madaris is:-

Name of Institution	No. of Students
Model Dini Madrassah (for Girls), Islamabad	450
Model Dini Madrassah (for Boys), Sukkur	197
Model Dini Madrassah (for Boys), Karachi	171
Total	**818**

28. In Order to run three Model Dini Madaris located at Islamabad for Girls, Sukkur and Karachi for Boys, administrative and teaching staff has been engaged on regular as well as on contract basis. Details of employees of Pakistan Madrassah Education Board (PMEB) and three Model Dini Madaris are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Department	No. of Admin Staff	No. of Teaching Staff	Total Staff
1	Pakistan Madrassah Education Board, Islamabad	23	-	23
2	Model Dini Madrassah (for Girls), Islamabad	30	21	51
3	Model Dini Madrassah (for Boys), Sukkur	22	11	33
4	Model Dini Madrassah (for Boys), Karachi	15	10	25
Total:		**90**	**42**	**132**

29. The status of Staff of Dini Madaris is as under:-

S.#	Name of Institution	Regular	Contract	Total Staff
01.	Pakistan Madrassah Education Board	12	11	23
02.	Model Dini Madrassah, Islamabad	15	36	51
03.	Model Dini Madrassah, Sukkur	06	27	33
02.	Model Dini Madrassah, Karachi	18	07	25
Total:-		**51**	**81**	**132**

30. For salaries and utilities, allocation is received from Federal Government budget. The total allocation of budget for financial year 20117-2018 was Rs.55.00 million. The major chunk of this allocation is consumed in payment of salaries and allowances to the teaching staff of the three Model Dini Madaris and remaining on utilities. However free boarding and lodging to the students is being arranged through grants received from Zakat fund as per following rates:-

31. **SCHOLARSHIP/MESS & FOOD**

	Scholarship	Mess/Food charges
Scholarship to mustahiq students up to Matriculation	Rs.500/-	Rs.1000/-
Scholarship to mustahiq students above Matriculation.	Rs.1125/-	Rs.1000/-

MADRASSAH REFORMS SCHEME
(Teaching of formal subjects in Deeni Madaris)

32. Consequent upon devolution of Ministry of Education in pursuance of 18th Constitutional Amendment, the administrative control of Madrassah Reforms Scheme (MRS) (Teaching of formal subject in Deeni Madaris) has been transferred to Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony from 1st July, 2011.

At the moment, 432 Dini Madaris are registered under the scheme throughout the country. The aim of the scheme is to facilitate the registered Madaris wherein 2199 teachers are working from Primary to Secondary and Higher Secondary levels to integrate religious education with the contemporary education. These Madaris are selected by Ministry of Interior. The detail of 432 Madaris and staff is given below:-

S. No.	Province /Area	Total Madaris	No. of teachers
1	Punjab	52	503
2	Sindh	46	379
3	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	78	388
4	Balochistan	49	202
5	FATA	102	354
6	FANA	21	51
7	ICT	11	57
8	AJK	73	265
	Total:	**432**	**2199**

33. Ministry of Religious Affair & Interfaith Harmony is disbursing the salaries to the 2199 teachers in the name of Madaris through crossed cheques @ Rs.3000/-, Rs.4000/- and Rs.5000/- per month to the Primary, Secondary and High Secondary level respectively. Under the Scheme Rs.41.00 million were allocated during the financial year 2017-18.

SELECTION OF HUFFAZ FOR NATIONAL MEHFIL-E-SHABINA, 2017-18

34. A competition for selection of Huffaz for recitation of Holy Quran in National Mehfil-e-Shabina 2017-18 was held at Dawah Academy (Conference Hall), Faisal Masjid, Islamabad wherein huffaz all over the country participated. In the said competition, huffaz were, therefore, selected by the judges for National Mehfil-e-Shabina 2017-18.

NATIONAL MEHFIL-E-SHABINA, 2017-18:

35. The National Mehfil-e-Shabina was organized on the nights of 26th-29th Ramadan-ul-Mubarak, 1437 AH at Faisal Masjid, Islamabad wherein selected Huffaz participated and recited the Holy Quran.

NATIONAL HIFZ-O-QIRAT COMPETITION 2017-18

36. The National Hifz-o-Qirat competition was organized at Madina-tul-Hujjaj (Haji Camp, Islamabad). Huffaz/Qurrah across the country recommended by the Provinces including Gilgit Baltistan, AJK and ICT participated in the competition. Huffaz/Qurrah were selected by the judges for the Category I to VIII). Besides Cash Prizes, the position holder will be nominated for International Competition to be held in various Islamic Countries during the year.

DISTRIBUTION OF ISLAMIC BOOKS FOR PROPAGATION OF ISLAM ABROAD 2017-18:

37. The Ministry of Religious Affairs distributes, free of cost, copies of the Holy Quran and other Islamic Books through Pakistan Missions abroad to individuals/organizations of foreign countries.

VISIT OF PAKISTANI ZAIREEN TO URSES IN INDIA 2017-18

38. This Ministry managed the visit of Pakistani Zaireen to India on the eve of scheduled Urses of prominent Muslim Saints as detailed below:-

Sr. No.	Name of Urs	No. of Zaireen	Date of Urses		Actually Traveled
			Lunar	Party Duration	
1.	Hazrat Amir Khusro (RA), **Delhi**	200	18 Shawal	28th June to 5th July, 2017	119
2.	Hazrat Mujadid Alf Sani (RA) **Sarhand Sharif**	200	28 Saffar	16th to 23rd Nov, 2017	84
3.	Hazrat Khawaja Allauddin Ali Ahmad Sabir (RA), **Kalyar Sharif**	200	13 Rabiul Awwal	30th Nov to 7th Dec, 2017	152
4.	Hafiz Abdullah Shah (RA), Agra	150	4 Rabi us Sani	21st to 28th Dec, 2017	Cancelled
5.	Hazrat Khawaja Nizamuddin Aulia (RA) **Delhi**	250	16 Rabius Sani	1st to 8th Jan, 2018	Cancelled
6.	Hazrat Khawaja Moinuddin Chishti (RA) **Ajmair Sharif**	500	6 Rajab	19th to 29th March, 2018	Cancelled

RESEARCH AND REFERENCE WING:

ERRORS FREE PRINTING OF THE HOLY QURAN:

39. In order to ensure error free printing of the text of Holy Quran and its Ayat in other books/literature, Research and Reference Wing of this Ministry examines copies of the Holy Quran and other literature which contain Quranic Ayat under the publication of Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973. Various meetings were held with all the provincial departments regarding enforcement of Quran Act on the pattern of the Punjab government in all provinces. In response, Quran Acts have been enforced at Federal and Provincial level separately. Moreover, in order to ensure error free printing and proper disposal of the damaged papers of Holy Quran, Quran Boards/Committees have been constituted for keeping their supervision and formulating their recommendations, so as to streamline the functioning of the system smoothly.

STANDARD OF HOLY QURAN:

40. To ensure error free of the Holy Quran, an edition of the Holy Quran published by the Anjuman Himayat-e-Islam April, 2016 has been declared as Standard Copy for the whole country after consultation with all Quran Boards/Committees of Provinces/ICT.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOON SIGHTING:

41. To avoid differences on the occasions of celebration of Islamic festivals and start of Islamic months, meetings of Central, Zonal and District Ruet-e-Hilal Committees were held regularly for sighting the moon on 29th of each Lunar month. The Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee met on four important occasions to sight the moon of Muharram, Ramzan, Eid ul Fitr and Eid ul Azha which are of great public importance. For rest of the year its members joined the meetings of Provincial/District Ruet-e-Hilal Committees at their respective places. Various meetings were held pertaining to Ruet-e-Hilal in the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, wherein Provincial Ministers and Secretaries for Auqaf and Religious Affairs participated. Inter alia, it was decided that a law regarding Ruet-e-Hilal may be made for the whole country to avoid differences on the occasions of celebration of Islamic festivals. For the said purpose, law regarding Ruet-e-Hilal in consultation with all provincial governments was formulated and finalized in the light of the observations of Law and Justice Division.

OFFICIAL BILLS PROCESSED:

42.

Detail of Bills	Year 2016-17
Official Bill regarding Ruet-e-Hilal	A bill regarding Ruet-e-Hilal has been prepared in consultation with all provincial governments and finalized in the light of the observations of Law and Justice Division and recommendations of Senate Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony.
Official Bill	The publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Amendment Bill, 2017 has been prepared and comments were obtained from all stake holders on the bill including Law & Justice Division. Thereafter, the said bill has been sent to the Federal Cabinet for approval to lay before the Parliament.

INTERNATIONAL SEERAT CONFERENCE-2017/1439 AH

43. The Ministry organizes National/International Seerat Conference every year on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal, wherein prominent Ulema, Masaikh, Religious Scholars/Professors and people from different school of thought and walks of life participate from all over the country and abroad. Seerat Books, Naat and Seerat Articles competitions on the notified theme of the conference are also held. Cash Prizes are awarded to the writers of the best books and articles. The President, Prime Minister of Pakistan and Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony expressed their feelings on the theme of conference.

44. In the year 2017/1439 AH, an International Seerat Conference was held on 1st December, 2017 at Jinnah Convention Centre, Islamabad, wherein more than 2000 participants from all walks of life including diplomats, politicians and other dignitaries attended the conference. The President of Pakistan chaired the inaugural session of the conference, concluding session was chaired by the Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony.

45. Foreign Delegates from Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Indonesia and Jordan also participated in the conference and Grand Mufti of Kyrgyzstan expressed his feelings about the importance of occasion of 12th Rabi ul Awwal and friendship of Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan.

NATIONAL SEERAT COMPETITION:

46. The Ministry holds a Seerat Book Competition every year for writing of Articles, Books and Journals on Seerat-e-Tayyaba, Naat-e-Rasool (SAWS) and other Islamic topics. There are nine categories of this competition the advertisement of Seerat Book Competition announced in prominent newspapers of the country on 17th February, 2017.

PRINTING OF MAQALAT-E-SEERAT 2017/1439 AH:

47. 2000 copies of Maqalat-e-Seerat of 2017/1439 AH were printed during the year.

DISTRIBUTION OF MAQALAT-E-SEERAT:

48. 1500 copies of Maqalat-e-Seerat of 2017/1439 AH were distributed amongst the prominent libraries/institutions and desiring persons/institutions.

UPLOADING OF MAQALAT-E-SEERAT ON WEBSITE:

49. Maqalat-e-Seerat for the year 2017/1439 AH have been uploaded on the website of the Ministry.

DRAFTING OF MESSAGES:

50. Messages of the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan were drafted on the following six (06) specified occasions for issuance to the nation on behalf of the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan during the period:-

1. Beginning of Hijra year
2. 10th of Muharram-ul-Haram (Youm-e-Ashur)
3. 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal
4. Beginning of Ramzan-ul-Mubarik
5. Eid-ul-Fitr.
6. Eid-ul-Azha

DRAFTING OF SPEECHES:

51. Speeches of the President, Prime Minister of Pakistan, Federal Minister and other dignitaries were also drafted on different occasions like International Seerat Conference and other important occasion during this year.

RECYCLING PLANT:

52. Every year thousands of tones of Quran Papers become Shaheed and ready for disposal, hence creating difficulties for common man how to dispose of the said Shaheed/Sacred Papers of Quran. It has also been observed that the lay man put blasphemous allegations against the disposer. In order to, provide proper forum for disposing the said Holy shaheed papers in proper and respectable manner and keeping in view to avoid the blasphemous allegations/faults, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony intends to establish recycling plant to facilitate the government sectors as well as General Public to dispose off the said Shaheed/Sacred Papers of the Quran. In this regard, a summary for the Prime Minister through Ministry of Capital administration and Development Division (CADD) has been initiated for allotment of land measuring 10 Kanals. Hence, the project is under process.

CIVIL AWARDS:

53. Every year, this Ministry recommends the renowned personalities and scholars having tangible contribution in the field of Qirat and Naat Khawani to the Cabinet Division for Pakistan Civil Awards. Three persons were recommended for Civil Awards 2017-18.

54. **IMPLEMENTATION AND REVISION OF FAMILY LAWS:**

The Ministry has processed three official bills to amend the Family Laws of Pakistan which are in process of consultation with relevant stake holders. A summary in respect of one official bill is already submitted to Cabinet Committee for disposal of legislative cases (CCLC).

i) **Dowry and Bridal Gift (Restriction) Act, 1976:**

In Pakistan, due to the menace of dowry, thousands of girls either remain unmarried or become the victim of acid attacks and physical violence. The Government of Pakistan enforced this act to restrict the values of dowry, bridal gifts and presents given on marriages and to restrict the total expenditure on marriage. The section 9(1) of the Act prescribes punishment for those who violate its provisions. An official Bill to make amendments in the said law has been processed under Rules of Business, 1973 which is in process of consultation.

ii) **The Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961:**

The said ordinance covers the Family Law of Pakistan i.e. procedure of registration of marriage, talaq, polygamy, succession, maintenance and dower. An official bill to make amendments in the said law has been processed under the Rules of Business, 1973 which is in process of consultation with relevant stakeholders.

iii) **The Marriage Functions (Prohibition of Ostentatious Displays and Wasteful Expenses) Ordinance, 2000:**

This law provides restrictions on wasteful expenses (serving of multiple meals or other edibles to the invitees of marriage) and prohibits ostentatious celebrations (decoration of houses, streets, building/unnecessary illumination/display of fireworks/exploding firecrackers and firing) on marriages. The section 6 of the said act provides punishment to those who violate its provisions. An official bill to amend the said ordinance has been processed and a summary was also submitted to Cabinet Committee for disposal of legislative cases but the Committee deferred the subject bill.

NATIONAL ULEMA AND MASHAIKH COUNCIL:

55. National Ulema and Masaikh Council was constituted on 21st April, 2016. The main objective of the Council was to control sectarianism and to promote religious harmony in the country. TORs of the Council are as under:-

i. To review existing recommendations to contain fanatical attitudes and prejudices, to suggest ways and means for its effective implementation.

ii. To suggest a code of ethics for Ulema, scholars and leaders of politico-religious parties, as well as the press and to avert possible threats to inter-communal/inter-sectarian harmony and national solidarity.

iii. To suitably amend its TORs so as to ensure achieving the overall goal of interfaith/sectarian harmony.

56. The Council has representative from all Wifaqs, all schools of thought and all the provinces including Religious Affairs and Auqaf Ministers from the Provinces. Masaikh have also been given representation in the Council. More than 60 recommendations have been made by the Council so far. Most importantly the curriculum of the Madaris has been reviewed by the Curriculum Committee of the Council so that any hate material therein may be eliminated. The implementation of the recommendations of the Council is in progress, however, the following achievements have been made so far:-

i. The curriculum of the Madaris has been reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and recommendations have been made in this regard.

ii. It has been recommended that training of Ulema/Khutaba may be arranged. In this connection the syllabus of Dawah Academy has been reviewed and recommendations have been made.

iii. Establishment of Mutahidda Ulema Board at Federal Level is under process. Similarly, all the provinces have been requested to constitute similar boards. These boards will monitor hate literature and forward recommendations to their concerned quarters for its elimination.

iv. All the provinces have been requested to constitute Provincial and District Ulema and Masaikh Councils to trickle down the impact of the decisions of National Ulema and Masaikh Council to the grass root level and to ensure a uniform strategy to combat extremism and intolerance in the country. Several meetings for the purpose have been held with the provincial counterparts.

COMPILATION OF HAJJ MATERIAL:

57. Hajj material for intending pilgrims containing guidelines is prepared in R&R Wing. This material is printed and distributed among pilgrims for their education. Each year the printed material is reviewed by a committee in the light of suggestions received from different people/institutions and is updated accordingly.

SECTARIAN HARMONY MEETINGS:

58. A meeting of Ulema from all schools of thought is convened before the commencement of the month of Muharram in order to ensure peace and harmony in the Holy month. Provincial Governments are also requested to arrange such meetings at provincial and district level. These meetings play a vital role in maintaining sectarian harmony during this month.

ZAKAT AND UMRAH WING:

59. During the financial year 2017-18, an amount of Rs. 8009.77 million has been collected throughout the country and Rs. 8009.77 million released to Provinces/Federal Areas for all Zakat programmes. The Province-wise detail of Zakat funds allocated and released during the financial year 2017-18 is as under:-

(Rs. in millions)

Province/Federal Areas	**% Share**	**Allocated Budget 2017-18**
Federal Areas	**7% of total Zakat Collection has been distributed amongst Federal Areas**	
ICT	35.14% of 7%	197.024
Gilgit Baltistan	18.57% of 7%	104.119
FATA	46.29% of 7%	259.541
	Total:	**560.684**
Share of Provinces after deduction of above payment is as per their share		
Punjab	57.36% of 93%	4272.796
Sindh	23.71% of 93%	1766.178
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	13.82% of 93%	1029.464
Balochistan	5.11% of 93%	380.648
	Total:	**560.684**
	Grand Total:	**8009.77**

ALLOTMENT OF CODE TO NEW COMPANIES:

60. During the financial year 2017-18, 24 codes were allotted to new companies for deposit of Zakat in the Central Zakat Fund Account CZ-08.

DECLARATION OF ZAKAT NISAB

61. An amount of **Rs. 39,198/-** was declared as Zakat Nisab for the year 1439 AH, after approval of the Secretary / Administrator General Zakat, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony.

INTERFAITH HARMONY WING:-

62. As per Rules of Business-1973, Interfaith Harmony Wing has been assigned the following tasks:-

a) Policy and legislation with regard to interfaith harmony.
b) International agreements and commitments in respect of all religious communities and implementation thereof.
c) Representation of Pakistan at UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination to Minorities.
d) Minorities Welfare Fund.
e) National Commission for Minorities.
f) Evacuee Trust Property Board.

PROTECTION OF MINORITIES - A BRIEF OVERVIEW:-

63. Pakistan has taken measures to safeguard and promote rights of minorities, as highlighted hereunder:-

(i) The Constitution of Pakistan guarantees fundamental rights for all citizens irrespective of religion, race, caste, colour or creed. The articles 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 36 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan-1973, provide full protection and equal rights to all citizens including Minorities of Pakistan without any discrimination of colour, creed, cult, language or gender to freely profess and practice their religion and culture.

(ii) Article-20 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan gives right to every citizen to profess, practice or propagate his/her religion and that every religious denominations and every sect thereof shall have the right to establish, maintain and manage its religious institution and perform their religious customs as per their beliefs.

(iii) The Pakistan Penal Code-1860 provides a complete chapter i.e Chapter XV containing offences relating to the religion.

(iv) There are 10 reserved seats for minorities in National Assembly and 04 in the Senate, besides reserved seats in all Provincial Assemblies.

INTERFAITH HARMONY POLICY:-

64. Interfaith Harmony Wing has been assigned the task of Policy and Legislation with regard to Interfaith Harmony. Draft "**National Interfaith Harmony Policy**" has been prepared and discussed by the Council of Common Interests (CCI) under Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination, for its clearance by all Provinces so that it has ownership of all Provinces. However, due to some reservations of the Provincial Governments, Council of Common Interests (CCI) decided that Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony should review the Policy in consultation with Provincial Governments and submit the revised Policy before Council of Common Interests. Draft Interfaith Harmony Policy was again sent to Provincial Governments on 28-03-2018 for views/comments. Comments are received and compiled and being examined in this Ministry. The Interfaith Harmony Policy will soon be placed before Council of Common Interest for reconsideration.

DISTRICT INTERFAITH HARMONY COMMITTEES:-

65. On the directions of this Ministry, Provincial Governments as well as Government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K), Gilgit Baltistan (GB) and ICT administration have established/reactivated and notified "**District Interfaith Harmony Committees**", comprising members from all religions and presided by a high level Government Official, so that these Committees may take immediate action to address any incident at initial level and work as **task force**.

INTERFAITH HARMONY CONFERRENCES / MEETINGS:-

i. **Interfaith meeting with Muslims/Minorities of Balochistan** was held on 23-10-2017 at Quetta through Mr. Khalil George, MNA/Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony.
ii. **Memorial Interfaith Harmony Conference** was arranged on 28-12-2017 at Methodist Church, Quetta through Mr. Khalil George MNA/Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony.
iii. Meetings with Ulemas of all Muslim Sects and Minority community leaders at Karachi, Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta and Sectarian issues were discussed and they were convinced to strengthen the National Harmony amongst all the religions.
iv. Meeting with all Heads of six Madaris and Ittehad of Tanzeem-e-Madaris Pakistan were held and matters pertaining to the registration of Madaris, rationalizing syllabus were discussed and they were requested to have common code of conduct.
v. Meeting with Provincial Secretaries of Auqaf Departments on promotion of Sectarian Harmony were also held.

DECLARATION OF 11TH AUGUST AS MINORITIES' DAY.

66. The Government has declared 11th August as Minorities Day since June-2009 in Pakistan to promote understanding and harmony among all segments of society. The official function of Minorities Day is celebrated at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad each year. This day is celebrated in line with the recognition of minorities by Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah during his speech to the first Constituent Assembly of Pakistan on 11th August 1947.

> "You are free; you are free to go to your temples, you are free to go to your mosques or to any other place of worship in this State of Pakistan. You may belong to any religion or caste or creed - that has nothing to do with the business of the State. We are starting in the days where there is no discrimination, no distinction between one community and another, no discrimination between one caste or creed and another. We are starting with this fundamental principle that we are all citizens and equal citizens of one State".

(Minorities Day-2017: celebration was arranged at official level on 11th August, 2017 at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad.

ACTIVITIES ABOUT RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS OF MINORITIES

67. To promote the religious activities of minority communities and on the directive of President of Pakistan, this Ministry has marked ten (10) important religious festivals of Minority Communities to be celebrated officially. These festivals include Christmas and Easter for Christians, Holi and Diwali for Hindus, Baisakhi and Birthday of Guru Nanak for Sikhs, Nauroze for Zoroastrian, Eid-e-Ridvan for Bahai's, Festival of Lights for Buddhist community, Chelum Jhust for Kalash people. Following festivals have been celebrated during the Financial Year 2017-18:

i. **Chelum Jusht-2017** of Kalash Community was celebrated on 19th August, 2017 at Bamborette, Kalash Valley, Chitral.

ii. **Dewali-2017** of Hindu Community was celebrated at official level on 24th October, 2017 at Pakistan National Council of Arts, Islamabad.

iii. **Christmas celebration as well as function for distribution of Laptops and School Bags** among the minority students of Balochistan was arranged on 15th December, 2017 at Quetta.

iv. **Christmas-2017** for Christian community was celebrated on 20th December, 2017 at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad.

v. **Masihi Idol Gospel Prayer Competition** programme was arranged on on 18th December, 2017 at Pakistan National Council of Arts, Islamabad.

vi. **Holi-2018** of Hindu community was celebrated at official level on 28th February, 2018 at Pakistan National Council of Arts, Islamabad.

vii. **Easter-2018** of Christian community was celebrated at official level on 2nd April, 2018 at Pakistan National Council of Arts, Islamabad.

viii. **Eid-e-Ridvan-2018** of Bahai's community was celebrated at official level on 2nd May, 2018 at Pakistan National Council of Arts, Islamabad.

ix. **Chelum Jusht-2018** of Kalash community was celebrated on 12th May, 2018 at Bamboretter, Kalash Valley, Chitral.

WELFARE OF MINORITIES - A BRIEF OVERVIEW

68. Minorities Welfare Fund (Non-Lapsable) is operative in IH Wing under a Cabinet Decision dated 05.06.1985 for execution of **Small Development Schemes** for the repair/maintenance of the religious/worship places of minorities, for grant of **Financial Assistance** to the poor segments of minorities and grant of **scholarships** to minorities students on merit basis. During the Financial Year 2017-18 following funds were sanctioned:-

Funds sanctioned for Small Development Schemes:-

Financial Year	Funds Allocated	Schemes Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned in Million
2017-18	Rs. 38.5 Million	41	Rs. 39.2 Million

Funds sanctioned for Financial Assistance:-

Financial Year	Funds Allocated	Persons / Beneficiaries	Amount Sanctioned in Million
2017-18	Rs. 20.5 Million	4509	Rs. 22.24 Million

Funds sanctioned under Minorities Scholarships:-

Financial Year	Funds Allocated	Students	Amount Sanctioned in Million
2017-18	Rs. 35 Million	2036	Rs. 35 Million

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES

69. National Commission for Minorities (NCM) was constituted through Resolution as a result of Federal Cabinet Decision vide Case No. 194/15/90 dated 02.07.1990. It works under the Chairmanship of Minister for Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony and uptill the pleasure of the Prime Minister of Pakistan. It is mandated to protect and safeguard religious, social and cultural rights of the minorities in Pakistan. It gives necessary input/advice to this Ministry in Policy matters and recommendations regarding NOCs for sale/purchase/transfer/gift of communal properties of minority communities. The present composition of National Commission for Minorities (NCM) alongwith revised composition and TORs was approved and notified on 16.07.2014 and re-notified on 04.05.2015, as under:-

Sr. No.	Official members	Status

1	Federal Minister for Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony, Islamabad.	Ex-Officio Chairman
2	Representative from Ministry of Interior (not below the rank of BS-20 officer)	Member
3	Representative from Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights (not below the rank of BS-20 officer)	Member
4	Representative from Capital Administration and Development Division (not below the rank of BS-20 officer)	Member
5	Representative from Council of Islamic Ideology	Member
6	Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony	Member

Sr. No.	Non-Official members
1	Qari Roohullah Madni, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
2	Shahzada Jamal Nazir, Former Caretaker Minister for National Harmony, Punjab.
3	Allama Muhammad Khan Askari, Islamabad.
4	Ali Muhammad Abu Turab, Baluchistan.
5	Mr. Bhawan Das, MNA/PML(N) (Hindu Community)
6	Mr. Ramesh Lal, MNA/PPP (Hindu Community)
7	Mrs. Asiya Nasir, MNA/JUI-F. (Christian Community)
8	Rev. Irfan Jamil, Bishop of Lahore. (Christian Community)
9	Sardar Ajeet Singh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. (Sikh Community)
10	Prof. Mehardad Yousaf (Bahai Community)
11	Mr. Asphanyar M. Bhandara, MNA. (Parsi Community)

70. Terms of Reference of National Commission for Minorities (NCM) are as under:-

i. Develop a National Policy on Inter-faith Harmony, to explore the avenues for peace and security.
ii. To consider such laws, executive instructions, orders of procedural practices of the Government or Government Agencies, Autonomous and semi-autonomous bodies; and agencies which are reported to be discriminatory towards the Minorities.
iii. To recommend to the Government such steps as shall ensure fuller and effective participation by the members of Minority communities in all aspects of national life.
iv. To ensure their full and effective participation and association with their religious and cultural festival and celebrations.
v. To look into the grievances and representations made by the members of any Minority community to the Government of Pakistan and, after examination such grievances, to make suitable recommendations to the Government of Pakistan.
vi. To ensure that the Churches, Shrines, Temples, Gurdwaras and other places of worships of the Minority communities are preserved and well-kept in a functional condition.
vii. The Commission with consensus may set additional objectives for itself and if required may consult legal and constitutional experts.
viii. To consider the cases of NOCs for the sale/purchase/transfer of communal properties of minorities as provided under the Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Ordinance, 2001, notified vide No. F.2 (1)/2002-Pub dated 22nd January, 2002.

- This Ministry has drafted bill to make National Commission for Minorities (NCM) an independent and legal body through an act of Parliament. Ministry of Law and Justice has advised to define the jurisdiction of National Commission for Minorities under Article 144 of the Constitution of Pakistan. The case is, therefore, taken up with provincial governments to accept the jurisdiction of NCM by passing resolution, otherwise its jurisdiction will be confined to Islamabad Capital Territory only.
- During the fiscal year 2017-18, one meeting of NCM was held on 05-04-2018.
- Three years tenure of NCM has been completed on 03-05-2018, new nominations have been obtained for re-constitution of NCM and the case is under process.

EVACUEE TRUST PROPERTY BOARD (ETPB):

71. Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB), a self-financing corporate body established under Evacuee Trust Properties (Management and Disposal) Act, 1975 (Act No.XIII of 1975) functions under the control of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony (Interfaith Harmony Wing).

72. The Board is self-finance generating corporate body of the Ministry and is responsible for:-

- Management of Evacuee Trust Properties on behalf of Federal Government.
- Buying property with the approval of Investment Advisory Committee for augmenting the resources of ETP Board.
- Disposal / transfer of trust properties with Federal Government's approval.
- Leasing and renting of ET Properties.
- Maintenance of Hindu and Sikh Trust Shrines.
- Facilities for Yatrees (Pilgrims).
- Grants-in-Aid for Social Welfare, Educational and Health purposes Development Projects on trust properties.
- Development Projects on Evacuee Trust Property.

To manage religious places belonging to Sikh and Hindus who migrated to India at the time of independence and facilitate organization of various religious functions / rites.

CONSTITUTION OF EVACUEE TRUST PROPERTY BOARD:

73. The Board is constituted for a period of three years on such terms and conditions, as the Federal Government may determine Section 3(5) of Evacuee Trust Properties (Management & Disposal) Act No. XIII of 1975). The Board constituted vide notification dated 07-07-2015 has completed its tenure on 06-07-2018. Constitution of the Board is under Process.

CATEGORIES OF TRUST PROPOERTIES:

- Shrines /Worship Places.
- Agriculture trust lands.
- Urban trust properties.
- Properties Purchased / acquired with trust money.
- Sale proceeds of trust properties.
- Profit / income from trust properties (Cash invested).
- Lease /Rent money from trust properties.
- Evacuee trust property exchanged with any other properties/land.

SUBSIDIARIES OF ETPB

74. ETPB runs the following institutions in accordance with:

- Dyal Singh Trust Library, Lahore.
- Six Health Centers:

i.	Gurdwara Dera Sahib	iv. Agarwal Ashram
ii.	Staff Colony	v. Gurdwara Janamasthan, Nankana Sahib
iii.	Gurdwara Punja Sahib, Hassanabdal	vi. Nawaz Sharif Girls High School, Lahore

- Trust Model Public School for Boys, Lahore.
- Janki Devi Hospital, Lahore.
- Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqa Degree College for Women, Lahore.

75. Following functional Sikh/Hindu shrines are under the control & management of ETP Board where rituals are being performed by the respective community:-

S. No	Gurdwaras	Location
1	Gurdwara Janam Asthan	Nankana Sahib
2	Gurdwara Patti Sahib	Nankana Sahib
3	Gurdwara Tambo Sahib	Nankana Sahib
4	Gurdwara Balila Sahib	Nankana Sahib
5	Gurdwara Panj vi Chatti Patshahi	Nankana Sahib
6	Gurdwara Malji Sahib	Nankana Sahib
7	Gurdwara Kiara Sahib	Nankana Sahib
8	Gurdwara Sacha Sauda	Farooqabad
9	Gurdwara Rorri Sahib	Eminabad, Gujranwala
10	Gurdwara Dera Sahib	Lahore
11	Gurdwara Shaheed Ganj Singh Singhnian	Lahore
12	Gurdwara Guru Ram Das	Lahore
13	Gurdwara Babay Nanki	Lahore
14	Gurdwara Darbar Sahib	Narowal
15	Gurdwara Panja Sahib	Hassanabdal
16	Gurdwara Bhai Joga Singh	Peshawar
17	Gurdwara Bahi Beba Singh	Peshawar
18	Gurdwara Babay Di Bairee	Sialkot

S. No	Mandirs	Location
1	Krishna Mandir	Lahore
2	Krishna Mandir	Rawalpindi
3	Shiv Mandir	Mansehra
4	Kali Bari Mandir	Peshawar
5	Katas Raj Mandir	Chakwal
6	Sadhu Bela Mandir	Sukkur
7	Jhulay Lal Mandir	Karachi
8	Sant Bhagat Ram Mandir	Dadu
9	Sant Thanwar Das Mandir	Mahar
10	Guru Gurpat Nanak Mandir	Hyderabad
11	Mandir Khairpur Nathan Shah	Khairpur
12	Balmik Mandir	Lahore
13	Gurdas Ram Mandir	Mahar, Dadu

76. Following is the detail of development projects being carried out for Sikh Community regularly:-

(i) **Renovation/Uplifting of Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore**. Renovation/uplifting, reconstruction of Main Temple area, reconstruction of Langar Hall etc works of Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore are in final stage of completion.

(ii) **Up-gradation of Sewadars and Pujaris from BPS-7 to Granthis in BPS-14**. Keeping in view the services of Sewadars and Pujaris of all the functional Gurdwaras / Mandirs of Pakistan, for the first time in the history of Pakistan, they have been up-graded (BPS-7) to (BPS-14).

(iii) **Scholarships for Deserving Sikh Students**. Scholarship system for the deserving Sikh students have been started to encourage the community to get higher education.

(iv) **Starting of Hindi / Gurmukhi Classes for Sikh/Hindu students**. Hindi / Gurmukhi classes for Sikh/Hindu students have been started at Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed School, Lahore.

(v) **Registration of Tour Operators for facilitation of Yatrees**. In order to facilitate the Sikh yatrees from across the world (except India) 04 tour operators registered who will facilitate the intending yatrees for their yatra of Gurdwaras in Pakistan. Indian Yatrees come to Pakistan under bilateral protocol between Pakistan and India.

(vi) **Renovation/Uplifting of Gurdwara Balila Sahib, Nankana Sahib.** Renovation/uplifting of Gurdwara Balila Sahib has been completed and inaugurated on 23rd November, 2018.

(vii) **Establishment of Baba Guru Nanak International University**. The work on Establishment of Baba Guru Nanak International University has also been started. Advisory Committee consisting of Vice Chancellors of well reputed has been constituted and spade work is being carried on at fast track. The university is being perceived as game changer for the whole area.

(viii) **The construction of 100 rooms**. The construction of 100 rooms (attached bath) for various Gurdwaras has been proposed for the facilitation of visiting Sikh yatrees from India and world over. The work on this project is likely to start very soon.

(ix) **Opening of Karsewa Account to Ensure Transparency**. Karsewa Account has been opened at Habib Bank Limited, Civil Line Branch, Lahore, Pakistan. **Account number is 01277901520103.**

(x) **Construction of 50,000 Water Gallons Tank**. 50,000 Gallons RCC overhead water tank has been constructed at Gurdwara JanamAsthan, Nankana Sahib.

(xi) On the occasion of each festival, Evacuee Trust Property Board provides best available facilities to the Yatrees, in coordination with other government departments for their comfortable stay in Pakistan. Emphasis is made to improve these facilities in order to project Pakistan as a minorities' friendly country. Facilities include followings:-

1. **Reception / Langar**
   - Reception at Wagha Railway Station.
   - Provision of Langar on arrival / departure and throughout their stay in Pakistan.
2. **Travel Arrangements**
   - Arrangements of special trains for Sikh/ Hindu Yatrees to all major Gurdwaras/ Mandirs.
3. **Customs and Immigration**
   - Liaison with Customs and Immigration/ Rangers authorities for speedy immigration process for the Yatrees.
4. **Security**
   - Adequate security arrangements in coordination with concerned Government Departments for the protection of Gurdwaras/ Mandirs and Yatrees.
   - Provision of Security Staff of ETP Board to help Special Branch at Wagha Border for Bio-data form filling of Yatrees.
   - Security Staff of ETP Board is detailed with Yatrees throughout their inland traveling in Pakistan.
5. **Accommodation**
   - Comfortable boarding and lodging arrangements for Yatrees within the premises of major Gurdwaras/ Mandirs.
   - Various stalls, including Utility Store, Handicraft and Tourism are also established to facilitate the Yatrees.
6. **Rituals**
   - To ensure holding of religious ceremonies in Gurdwaras/ Mandirs as per traditions of Sikh & Hindu religions.
7. **Currency Exchange**
   - Arrangements for money exchange counters of National Bank of Pakistan/ Habib Bank Limited at Wagha Railway station and in all major Gurdwaras.
8. **Telephone Facilities**
   - PTC telephone booths with NWD/ ISD facilities in all main Gurdwaras.
   - Provision of Mobile SIMs for the Yatrees at all the major Gurdwaras.
9. **Health Cover.**
   - Round the clock availability of Doctors / Para Medical Staff for Yatrees during the travel of Yatrees and their stay at Gurdwaras/ Mandirs.

KATAS RAJ TEMPLES:

77. Katas Raj Temple District Chakwal is one of the most sacred places of Hindu community. According to the Hindu religion Bagwan “Bholay Nat G” (Shiv Shankar) passed over Katas Raj Temple cling to his wife “Mata Satti” and in the antonym of his wife, his one tear dropped in Katas Raj which is known as

Amarkand Jheel and the other tear dropped in Pushk Raj (India Ajmair Sharif). Hence in Hindu mythology they consider Amarkand Jheel as a Holy water. Keeping in view the religious importance of this temple, Evacuee Trust Property Board makes all the arrangements for the pilgrims who visit this religious place from all over the world like boarding, lodging, travelling, food, medical care and other facilities etc. **Following are the details of different works which have been completed out in Katas Raj Temple, Chakwal by the ETPB:-**

a. Jungle clearance/construction of path way, Construction/preparation of pathway towards historical and religious caves, where Pandoos spent last 02 years during their 14 years exile period.
b. Construction of wooden bridge.
c. Passage with stone in front of caves.
d. Restoration / revival of old wall.
e. Construction of broken boundary walls with old material.
f. Construction of cages and shelters for birds.
g. Construction of walking track.
h. Leveling and landscaping Works.
i. Plantation of about three thousands plants.
j. Planning of Wild Life Park of about 634 Kanals at Katas Raj.
k. Construction of 36 rooms alongwith dinning hall is in progress for visiting Hindu Yatrees from India and all over the world.
l. Fixation of Kals at Temples of Katas Raj.

Miscellaneous Development Works completed / proposed for Hindu Shrines

i. The annual grant of Sadhu Bella Mandir has been increased from 1 million to 2 million.
ii. Grant of Rs. 2 million has been approved for the purchase of new fiber boat for Sadhu Bela Mandir, Sukkur.
iii. Complete repair/renovation of all the functional Mandirs of ETPB, is under progress.
iv. Complete repair/renovation of Shiv Mandir, Mansehra has been proposed. The work will start very soon.
v. Development of Agarwall Ashram, Lahore has been proposed.
vi. Estimates are prepared for renovation of Shahmsan Ghat at Lahore and Rawalpindi.

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