



YEAR BOOK 2022-23



**Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Religious Affairs
and Interfaith Harmony
Islamabad**

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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 has 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 wean away 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. People from different schools of thought participated in National Seerat Conference where different aspects of the Seerah of Muhammad ﷺ were highlighted. In this context, further utmost efforts will be made to project the true image of Islam. The policy and plan for Hajj 2021 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 functionaries of the Ministry who remained instrumental in achieving all targets/tasks of Hajj operation, inter and intra faith harmony and spreading the true spirit of Islam.

(Mufti Abdul Shakoor)
Minister for Religious Affairs
and Interfaith Harmony



PREFACE

In pursuance of Sub Rule (2) of Rule 25 of the Rules of Business, 1973, Year Book 2021-22 of this Ministry is being uploaded for information of the Cabinet and 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, Qiyamullail 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: -

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Joint Secretary (Dawah and Ziarat)
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The “Year Book” will serve as a reference to evaluate our performance in terms of achievements of targeted goals and objectives.

(Dr. Aftab Akbar Durrani)
Secretary
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Harmony

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Religious Affairs was created in October 1974. Prior to 1974 various Ministries had been dealing with Hajj operation. 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”; these were transferred from the Ministry in 1977 and 1992, respectively. However, the subjects of Minorities Affairs and Zakat & Ushr were again transferred to 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 and 2019 Zakat was transferred to Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety. 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 Wing
- ♦ Dawah and Ziarat Wing
- ♦ Development and Coordination Wing
- ♦ Hajj Wing
- ♦ Interfaith Harmony Wing
- ♦ Research and Reference Wing

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

1. Formulation of Hajj Policy
2. Arranging the Muslim pilgrim's 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 Office of Pilgrims Affairs 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 Ulema and Khatib 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. Policy and legislation with regard to inter-faith Harmony.
17. International agreements and commitments in respect of all religious communities and implementation thereof.
18. Representation of Pakistan at UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination to Minorities.
19. Minorities Welfare Fund.
20. National Commission for Minorities.
21. Evacuee Trust Property Board.

ADMINISTRATION WING

1. Administration Wing of the Ministry comprises of the following sections:-

- ♦ Administration Section
- ♦ Budget and Cash Section
- ♦ General Administration Section
- ♦ Litigation Section

ADMINISTRATION SECTION:

2. The Administration section is responsible for looking after the matters relating to human resource management of the Ministry. Activities of the Admn Section during 2022-23 are as under:-

- ♦ Appointment of two (02) Deputy Directors, One (01) Database Administrator and one (01) Librarian.
- ♦ Wife of a 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.
- ♦ Thirty three (33) cases of Educational stipend/Fee re-imbursement and eight (08) cases of marriage grant were finalized and forwarded to the concerned departments.
- ♦ Two hundred and forty five (245) cases regarding hiring of residential accommodation for employees of the Ministry & Haji Camps are processed.
- ♦ Four (04) pension cases were processed.
- ♦ One hundred and six (106) medical reimbursement cases of serving employees and fifty (50) medical reimbursement cases of retired officers/officials were processed.
- ♦ Seventy five (75) cases of posting/transfer/provision of replacement were processed.
- ♦ The following advances were sanctioned for employees of this Ministry during Financial Year 2022-23:-

Sr. No.	Name of Case	Number
1	House Building Advance granted to officers/officials	27
2	Motor Car Advance granted to employees	13
3	GPF advance granted to employees	32

BUDGET AND CASH SECTION:

3. The main functions of Budget and Cash Section are as follows:-

- ♦ Preparation, compilation and submission of budgetary estimates OF THE Ministry, Directorates of Hajj and Directorate of Hajj, Jeddah to Finance Division.
- ♦ Processing cases for re-appropriation in respect of the Ministry, Directorates of Hajj and Directorate of Hajj, Jeddah.
- ♦ Dealing with cases for supplementary grants, savings and surrender of funds.
- ♦ Submission of contingency bills to the AGPR and collection of cheques from AGPR and Chief Accounts Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- ♦ Preparation of Medium Term Budgetary Framework estimates (Green Book) and its submission to the Finance Division.
- ♦ Reconciliation of monthly expenditures with the AGPR in respect of Main Ministry on monthly basis
- ♦ Submission and collection of service books from AGPR, Islamabad after verification
- ♦ Issuance of LPCs to non-gazetted staff.
- ♦ Submission of cases of long-term advances to AGPR, Islamabad
- ♦ Processing monthly computer change (modification in pay and allowances), issuance of LPCs and Pay slips to officers from AGPR, Islamabad
- ♦ Handling of cash and dealing matters related State Bank of Pakistan
- ♦ Dealing with matters of Foreign Exchange Budget with Ministry of Finance and Chief Accounts Officer Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Performance during Financial Year 2022-23

Total Expenditure	Revised Budget 2022-23	Surrender (-)	Re Appropriation (-)	Supplementary Grant (+)	Re Appropriation (+)	Total Allocation 2022-23
1,156.564	1,270.423	14.577	206.219	0	206.219	1285.00

SUBMISSION OF CONTINGENCY BILLS:

1,616 bills submitted to AGPR, Islamabad during financial Year 2022-23.



GENERAL SECTION

4. The General Section is responsible for following:-
- Look after the Security of Office building and watching incoming/outgoing visitors as well as vehicles parked in front of Office building.
 - Purchase of Transport (currently ban as austerity measures)
 - Purchase of furniture and fixture, Machinery & Equipment, Computers and other Assets (currently ban as austerity measures)
 - Purchase of Stationery
 - Purchase of Miscellaneous items
 - Purchase of POL for official use of this Ministry
 - Payment of utilities bills i.e. Telephone/DSL Electricity/Sui Gas.
 - Repair of Transport (General vehicles of the Ministry)
 - Repair of Telephones
 - Repair of Machinery & Equipment Computers/Printers/ACs/Electricity
 - Repair of Photocopiers & Fax Machine.

- xii. Arrangements of Printing of Office material i.e. File Covers, Minister's, Minister of State and Secretary's Offices material, Summary file covers and all other printings of the Ministry
- xiii. Arrangements of official meetings.
- xiv. Reservation of accommodation in hotels, meal arrangements of official guests
- xv. Dispatch of outdoor Dak i.e. Immediate / routine Dak through Courier and General Post Office.
- xvi. Distribution of indoor mail received from Couriers and General Post Office in the Ministry.

5. General Section during year 2022-23 made efficient arrangements to ensure security measures of the office building and facilitate Hajj and Research and Reference wings 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. Detail is as under:-

S.#	Arrangement Detail	Total Participants
1	Providing logistic support to the all committees constituted for arrangements of National Seerat Conference, 2023	PNCA Hall = 500 Person Pak-China Friendship Centre = 1000 Persons
2	Arrangements of moon sighting committee	12 meetings
3	Dak Received/Diary	2477 Nos
4	UMS (dispatch)	10457 Nos
5	Letter Dispatched/delivered through D.Rs	8000 Nos
6	E-Office Internal	1435 Nos

LITIGATION SECTION:

6. Ministry's Law works under the able leadership of Secretary, Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony. The nature of cases is vast which includes civil matters (Dealt by IH Wing), service matters, hajj matters and writ jurisdiction. Hence, this is continuous process of filling, settling of the cases but with the efforts of the section under guidance of Joint Secretary (Admin), number of court cases reduced to 52 from 76 during current year. It is worth mentioning here that none of the disposed off cases have been decided against the Ministry. Detail is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Court	No. of cases	Pending	Disposed off
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1	Supreme Court of Pakistan	01	01	00
2	Islamabad High Court	36	24	12
3	Lahore High Court	09	06	03
4	High Court of Sindh, Karachi	12	09	03
5	Peshawar High Court	15	10	05
6	Balochistan High Court, Quetta	03	02	01
Total		76	52	24

DAWAH & ZIARAT WING:

SELECTION OF HUFFAZ FOR QIYAMUL LAIL/MEHFIL-E-SHABINA, 2023

7. A competition for selection of Huffaz for recitation of Holy Quran in QiyamulLail 2023 was held at Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony on 21-03-2023 through video conference wherein Huffaz from all over the country participated. In the said competition, 14 Huffaz from all over the country participated. In the said competition, 14 Huffaz were selected by the judges for Qiyamul Lail/Mehfil-Shabina, 2023. The event was scheduled at Faisal Masjid Islamabad during the last 5 nights of Ramadhan-ul-Mubarak 2023. The event was covered live by Pakistan Television Corporation (PTV)

NATIONAL HIFZ-O-QIRAT COMPETITION 2023:

8. National Hifz-o-Qirat Competition was held in Madinat-ul-Hujjaj Islamabad on 22-23 February, 2023 wherein Huffaz/Qurra participated throughout the country nominated/selected by provinces including Armed Forces, Gilgit Baltistaan, AJK and ICT in the competition.



INTERNATIONAL QURAN COMPETITION 2023:

9. On receipt of invitations, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony recommend nominee from position holders of the National Hifz-o-Qirat Competition to send through Ministry of Foreign Affairs for participating in the International Quran Competition organized in different countries i.e. Dubai, Russia, Turkey, KSA, Kuwait and Morocco.

RECEPTION OF FOREIGN DELEGATION 2022-23

10. Dawah Section also deals with the foreign delegations/coordination meetings/arranges visits of Minister and Religious Scholars/dignitaries to/from abroad regarding Religious matters/affairs. Dr. Muhammad Bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa, Secretary General of World Muslim League visited Pakistan in year 2022 from Saudi Arabia. In this regard, all the arrangements were made by Dawah Section.

VISIT OF PAKISTANI ZAIREEN FORURS IN INDIA 2022-23

11. This Ministry is mandated to arrange visits of Pakistani *Zaireen* to India on the eve of scheduled Urs of prominent Muslim Saints as per following details:-

Sr. #	Name of Urs	Pre-determined No. of Zaireen	Lunar Date	Party Duration	No. of Zaireen
1.	HazratMujadid Alf Sani (RA), Sarhand Sharif	200	28 th Saffar	19-26 September, 2022	Cancelled
2.	Hazrat Khawaja Allauddin Ali Ahmad Sabir (RA), Kalyar Sharif	200	13 Rabi ul Awwal	6-13 October, 2022	150
3.	Hafiz Abdullah Shah (RA), Agra	150	4 th Rabi us Sani	27 th Oct – 3 rd Nov 2022	Cancelled
4.	Hazrat Khawaja Nizamuddin Aulia (RA), Delhi	250	16 Rabi us Sani	7-14 November, 2022	129
5.	Hazrat Khawaja Moinuddin Chishti (RA),	500	6 Rajab	23 rd Jan – 2 nd Feb 2023	240

	Ajmair Sharif				
6.	Hazrat Amir Khusro (RA), Delhi	200	16-23 May, 2022	4 - 11 May, 2023	104



VISIT OF PAKISTANI ZAIREEN TO IRAN, IRAQ, SYRIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES:-



12. To regulate, streamline and facilitate Pakistani *Zaireen*, present Government has taken an initiative to formulate first ever comprehensive “*Zaireen* Management Policy” in consultation with all stakeholders. The Policy has been approved by the Federal Cabinet on 13-04-2021. Salient features of the Policy are as under:-

- ♦ Diversification of Means of Transportation, i.e. by Road, Air and Ferry Services should be explored.
 - ♦ Construction of 03 service areas (*Padak, Nukandi&Dalbadin*) on Quetta-Taftan Road.
 - ♦ Development, enhancing capacity and provision of better facilities at Pakistan House, Taftan and Haji Camp Quetta.
 - ♦ Exploration and Consideration of alternate crossing points i.e. *Mand* and *Gabd* (Balochistan).
 - ♦ Registration of *Zaireen* Group Organizers (ZGOs) and signing of Service Provider Agreement (SPA) with them.
 - ♦ Group/Individual visa for *Zaireen* to be regulated by signing a MoU with host countries.
 - ♦ To ensure provision of better transport facilities to the *Zaireen*.
 - ♦ Launching of appropriate awareness campaign to provide information, education and awareness to the intending *Zaireen*.
 - ♦ Provision of mandatory health insurance to the *Zaireen* by ZGOs.
13. The implementation of the policy is in process and about 5-7 lac Pakistani *Zaireen* will be benefitted annually visiting Iran, Iraq and Syria.
14. The Ministry has also performed following work in connection with Umrah:-
- ♦ Attested 234 contract agreements of Umrah Tour Operators
 - ♦ Deposited 177 bank drafts in the relevant account.
 - ♦ Fee paid online by the companies 50
 - ♦ Processed 20 complaints against Umrah Tour Operators
 - ♦ Fee deposited in Treasury Account 8.
 - ♦ Processed case of yearly visit of official delegation to pay homage to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) on behalf of people of Pakistan.



DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION WING:

15. The objective of Development & Coordination Wing is to ensure timely completion of development schemes of this Ministry through PSDP. The Wing has been mandated to discharge following functions:-and to facilitate Hajj Wing in litigation cases exclusively pertaining to HGOs. Development & Coordination Wing has been mandated to discharge following functions:-

PMU Section:

- i. Examining PC-I / PC-II / PC-III / PC-IV of all development schemes prepared by respective Sections / Wings of the Ministry.
- ii. Convening DDWP meetings for consideration of development schemes costing up to Rs. 2,000 million.
- iii. Coordinate and liaison with Planning Commission through Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives for authorization of funds for approved development schemes.
- iv. Release of funds from Finance Division after getting authorization from Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives for approved development schemes of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony.
- v. Processing of development schemes for approval of CDWP/ECNEC/ NEC as per competency of the said fora.
- vi. Preparation of minutes of DDWP meetings and subsequent circulation to all stakeholders and Implementing and Executing agencies.
- vii. Coordination for development schemes with all sponsoring wings of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony.

16. Development and Coordination Wing since its inception on 31.08.2020 has successfully achieved all targets whatever assigned. The key achievements include following:

“Construction of Boundary Wall alongwith Rising of Existing Boundary Wall at Hajj Complex, Quetta”

- ♦ Hajj Directorate serves Hujjaj travelling from across Balochistan. The project ensures safe surroundings of Hajj Complex upraising of existing boundary wall to avoid Law & Order problem. DDWP of this Ministry on 30-03-2021 approved the project at a total cost of Rs. 25.574 million with completion period of one year. The project has been accomplished.

“PC-II of the Construction of Hajj Complex, Lahore

- ♦ The existing Hajj Complex is operational in a rental building. It facilitates pilgrim during hajj season. An amount of Rs. 758,092/- is being paid monthly as rent from the National exchequer for a limited space. The hired premises do not have IT equipment network, video conference and Intra-net facilities. There is a security hazard for the pilgrims as well as for the officers/officials as the present building is not purposely built. Feasibility Study of the project was accomplished for further execution of the project.

Construction of Bridge at Zero Point – Darbar Sahib Kartarpur Project

- ♦ It is iconic development scheme to provide hassle free access to Sikh Yatrees by constructing a bridge at Zero Line (245.725m long) along with its approach embankments, and lighting works. The PC-I of the project has been approved by DDWP on dated 06.05.2021. The project is to be accomplished in FY 2022-23.

17. Following proposed projects of this Ministry are forthcoming:-

PC-I of the Construction of permanent Hajj Complex, Lahore

- ♦ Ministry has 57 Kanals of Land situated in Harbans Pura, Lahore meant for new building of Hajj Complex, Lahore to be utilized for lodging/boarding of pilgrims prior to proceed to Holy Land during hajj season. PC-II of the project was approved in PSDP 2021-22, consequently, feasibility study has been conducted by Pak-PWD. PC-I of the project has been approved by DDWP. The project is due to be completed in 2025 subject to timely provision of funds.



Recycling Plant for Shaheed Quran Papers in Islamabad.

- ♦ The Holy Quran is the last divine scripture and sacred book of Almighty Allah. Sanctity/reverence of the Holy Quran is the core part of all Muslims' faith. It has generally been observed that shaheed pages of Holy Quran and other sacred books are not being archived which leads to disrespect; therefore, required to be disposed of in an appropriate and respectful manner. Establishment of a recycling plant for disposal of shaheed pages/papers of the Holy Quran in Islamabad is being considered by this Ministry. The project will generate employment as it will require manpower to operate the plant. Draft PC-I of the project has been approved by DDWO and due to be completed by 2023 subject to timely provision of funds.



Installation of Tube well at Hajj Complex. Quetta

- ♦ This project includes boring of Tube Well and installation of Solar System at Hajj Complex, Quetta. The project is due to be completed by June, 2023 subject to provision of funds.

COUNCIL AND COORDINATION SECTION

18. The Council and Coordination Section deals with following:

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



HAJJ WING

19. The Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony has been mandated for arrangements of Hajj under Rules of Business, 1973. Hajj is one of the five basic pillars of Islam. The Ministry of Religious Affairs takes necessary steps for bringing improvements in the facilities for Hajj. The Hajj Wing of the Ministry plays an important role for preparation and conduct of Hajj Operation in consultation with various Ministries/Organizations of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan Governments, Banks, Airlines, Hajj Group Organizers, Scholars, prominent figures and Members of the Parliament.



HAJJ POLICY& PLAN-2023:

20. The salient features of Hajj Policy-2023 were as under:-

- ♦ The quota for Pakistan was 179, 210 which was distributed between Government Hajj Scheme and Hajj Group Organizers as 89,605 (50%) and 89,605 (50%) respectively.
- ♦ Out of the Government and Private Hajj Scheme a quota of 50% (44,802) each shall be reserved for Sponsorship Scheme
- ♦ The Sponsorship Scheme is a facility of selection for Hajj without balloting for those intending pilgrims who can deposit their Hajj dues in foreign exchange remitted from abroad.
- ♦ The foreign exchange secured through the Sponsorship Schemes shall be utilized for payment of the Hajj related dues to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- ♦ So far, total 68,798 applications have been received. Out of which, 63,643 are for Regular Scheme and 5,155 are for the Sponsorship Scheme
- ♦ 3% seats of the total seats under Government scheme shall be reserved for hardship cases

- ♦ 300 seats shall be reserved for labour/low paid employees of companies registered with EOBI and Workers Welfare Fund. Their selection was made through separate balloting
- ♦ Hajj Package for Hajj 2022 with Qurbani was as under:-

North Region	South region
Rs. 11,65,000/-	Rs. 11,75,000/-

- ♦ While cost of Hajj under Sponsorship Scheme (without Qurbani) for North Region is \$ 4,325 and for South Region \$ 4,285
- ♦ Ministry approved Hajj Packages for Private Hajj Organizers ranging from Rs. 11,65,000/- to Rs. 3,200,000/-
- ♦ Hajj Medical Mission, Moavineen-e-Hujjaj, Seasonal Staff of the Ministry and KSA based Moavineen-e-Hujjaj were deployed for facilitation/assistance of Hujjaj as per requirements and laid down procedure.
- ♦ Implementation of KSA Taleemat/instructions (like age limit, vaccination, PCRTTest, etc.) were ensured in Hajj Ops.
- ♦ **“Road to Makkah”** project facility was continued at Islamabad Airport and more than 15000 Government Hujjaj availed “Road to Makkah” facility from Islamabad Airport.
- ♦ To ensure successful implementation of Road to Makkah Project and to provide benefit to Hujjaj in meaningful way, places of Departure (POD) with less load of Hujjaj (Peshawar, Sialkot and Faisalabad) were diverted to Islamabad.
- ♦ Road to Makkah Project facility will continue at Islamabad airport, it may be extended to Lahore and Karachi.

INTERFAITH HARMONY WING:

EVACUEE TRUST PROPERTY BOARD

21. Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) is a corporate body, established through (Management and Disposal) Act, 1975 (Act No. XIII of 1975) under the administrative control of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony (Interfaith Harmony Wing). The Board is self-finance generating corporate body and is responsible for: -

- a. Management of evacuee trust properties on behalf of Federal Government.
- b. Buy out surplus income, if any with the approval of Federal Government for augmenting the resources of ETP Board.
- c. Disposal / transfer of trust properties with Federal Government's approval.
- d. Leasing and renting of ET Properties.
- e. Maintenance of Hindu and Sikh Trust Shrines.
- f. Facilities for Yatrees (Pilgrims).
- g. Grants-in-Aid for Social Welfare, Educational and Health Purposes Development Projects on trust properties.
- h. Development Projects on Evacuee Trust Properties / Lands
- i. To manage religious places belonging to Sikh and Hindus who migrated to India at the time of independence.

CONSTITUTION OF EVACUEE TRUST PROPERTY BOARD

22. The Board is constituted for a period of three years on such terms and conditions, as the Federal Government may determine, under Section-3 of Evacuee Trust Properties (Management & Disposal) Act No. XIII of 1975). The Board has been constituted / notified on 11-04-2022 for a term of three years.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

23. The Chairman shall be appointed, under Section-3(4) of Evacuee Trust Properties (Management & Disposal) Act No. XIII of 1975, by the Federal Government on such terms and conditions as it may determine, shall hold office during the pleasure of the Federal Government and shall be the administrative and executive head of the Board.

CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN SIKH GURDWARA PARBANDHAK COMMITTEE (PSGPC)

24. Minorities affairs are being run through their respective committees. New PSGPC has been constituted in 2022. Uptill 1998, all functions in Pakistani Gurdwaras were managed by Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), India. A large number of expatriate Sikhs also used to participate from Europe, North America and some South Asian countries. SGPC used to take all the donations to India made by the Yatrees during the festivals. As per Sikh religion, donations made at a particular Gurdwara could neither be spent on any other

Gurdwara nor taken away. In addition to this, during all these years SGPC followed a policy of neglect towards the Pakistani Gurdwaras and never spent a penny on any Gurdwara. This state of Gurdwaras in Pakistan was very much resented by the Sikh Yatrees from India/ all over the world and on every occasion they requested the Pakistani Government to hand over the control and management of Gurdwaras to Sikhs of Pakistan. In response to these repeated requests by the Sikhs from all over the world, the Government of Pakistan decided to establish Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (PSGPC) in 1999.

THE TRUST PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN CATEGORIZED AS UNDER:

- 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

25. ETPB runs the following welfare institutions to contribute in education and health sectors:

- Dyal Singh Trust Library, Lahore.
- Five Health Centers:
 - a. Gurdwara Dera Sahib
 - b. Agarwal Ashram
 - c. Staff Colony
 - d. Gurdwara Janamasthan, Nankana Sahib
 - e. Gurdwara Punja Sahib, Hassanabdal
- Nawaz Sharif Girls High School, Lahore
- Trust Model Public School for Boys, Lahore
- Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqi Degree College for Women, Lahore
- Dr. Mateen Fatima Trust Model School
- MBBS Trust Model Girls Higher Secondary School

MINORITIES SHRINES.

26. ETPB is the custodian of minorities' shrines and conducts its rituals in the country. ETPB looks after religious places of Sikhs and Hindus (who migrated to India at the time of partition) and provides facilities to the yatrees, who visit Pakistan to perform their religious rituals. Most of the important and historical shrines particularly of Sikh Community are located in Pakistan. Due to some untiring efforts, remarkable success has been achieved in

uplifting the image of Pakistan as minority friendly country. All major Gurdwaras and Mandirs have been renovated including the provision of modern facilities for the pilgrims. Role of ETPB in the uplift of Hindu and Sikh communities especially the restoration / preservation of Gurdwaras and Mandirs has been acknowledged by local and International Sikh community.

FACILITIES PROVIDED TO THE YATREES.

27. To promote religious tourism in the country, Evacuee Trust Property Board provides best available facilities to the yatrees, in coordination with other government departments for their comfortable stay in Pakistan. Coordination meetings are held with around 40 Provincial and Federal Govt departments for smooth and safe stay of yatrees in Pakistan. Emphasis is made to ensure provision of best facilities to the yatrees in order to project Pakistan's image as a minorities' friendly country. Facilities include followings:-

- a. **Reception.** All the Sikh and Hindu yatrees are received at Joint Check Post (JCP) and Railway station, Wahga by the PSGPC members and Shrine Branch officers/staff. Special arrangements are made for the yatrees to facilitate them which includes helping and facilitating desks.
- b. **Langar.** Provision of langar on arrival / departure and throughout the stay of Sikh and Hindu yatrees in Pakistan is ensured by ETPB and PSGPC.
- c. **Travel Arrangements.** Shrine Branch makes all arrangements for the travel of Indian Sikh and Hindu yatrees throughout their stay and visit in Pakistan. It includes coordination and arrangements of special trains and buses for Sikh / Hindu yatrees to make sure their comfortable visit all major Gurdwaras / Mandirs.
- d. **Customs and Immigration.** Liaison with Customs and Immigration departments and Rangers authorities for speedy immigration process is also made by ETPB for the facilitation of yatrees.
- e. **Security.** Adequate security arrangements are made in coordination with concerned Government departments for the protection yatrees and Gurdwaras/ Mandirs. Security Staff of ETP Board is also deployed for the protection of yatrees throughout their inland traveling in Pakistan.
- f. **Facilitation Desks.** ETPB establish facilitation desks to help yatrees by issuing them cards and collecting their bio data.

- g. **Accommodation.** ETPB ensures free of cost comfortable boarding and lodging arrangements for yatrees within the premises of major Gurdwaras/ Mandirs throughout the year. In this regard, temporary tent arrangements are made in all the Gurdwaras for local/Indian yatrees.
- h. **Rituals.** ETPB has employed Sikh and Hindu Sewadars, Granthis and Pujaris in Gurdwaras and Mandirs respectively to ensure holding of religious ceremonies in Gurdwaras/ Mandirs as per traditions of Sikh & Hindu religions.
- i. **Currency Exchange.** ETPB ensures arrangements for money exchange according to market rate by establishing counters of National Bank of Pakistan/ Habib Bank Limited at Wahga Railway station and in all major Gurdwaras.
- j. **Telephone Facilities.** In order to facilitate yatrees to keep in touch with their families back home PTCL telephone booths facilities in all main Gurdwaras.
- k. **Health Cover.** ETPB provides complete health cover round the clock with availability of Doctors / Para Medical Staff for yatrees during their travel and stay in Pakistan. In case of death of yatrees making all arrangements for returning of dead bodies is also made by ETPB.

SIKH COMMUNITY

28. Excellent level of communication has been maintained with Sikh and Hindu Communities. They are being facilitated financially and administratively in all their local events i.e. Samagum etc. which has further increased their confidence on ETPB. Detail of the major events is as under:-

553rd Birthday Celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev Ji



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553rd Birthday Celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev Ji
(06 to 15 Nov 2022)

29. Sikh community celebrated 553rd Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, founder of Sikhism from 06th to 15th November 2022 in different Gurdwaras of Pakistan with religious zeal. Main ceremony was held at Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib, the birth place of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. About 3000 Sikh Diaspora, 20000 local Sikh/ Nanak Namlewa Hindus attended the event. 24099 Indian Sikh Yatrees also arrived Pakistan on 06 Nov 2022 and returned to India on 15 Nov 2022 after attending the event. Main features of the event were Paath Sahib, Concluding Ceremony, Nagar Kirthan procession and night celebrations at Gurdwara Janamasthan, in addition to visits to all prominent Gurdwaras including Gurdwara Sacha Soda, Farooq Abad, Gurdwara Panja Sahib Hassan Abdal, Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore, Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, Kartarpur and Gurdwara Rorri Sahib, Eminabad. Main function of the event was held on 08th Nov 2022, graced by Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Reforms.



SCHEDULED VISIT PROGRAMME OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES:

30. Indian Sikh yatrees visited different Gurdwaras of Pakistan on the eve of “553rd Birthday Celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, November 2022” as per scheduled visit programme.

ARRIVAL OF INDIAN YATREES:

31. 2409 Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived in Pakistan via JCP Wagha on 06 Nov 2022 from various parts of India and attended the celebrations. They were accorded warm welcome with flower petals and garlands at JCP Wagha by the ETPB officers & Members of Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (PSGPC). Langar along with tea and mineral water was also served to the yatrees on their arrival at JCP Wagha.



TRANSPORTATION OF SIKH YATREES BY SPECIAL TRAINS:

32. On special request of ETPB/ PSGPC and to make sure befitting transportation arrangements and foolproof security as desired by the LEAs, Pakistan Railways arranged special trains at Wahga Railway Station to transport the Indian Sikh Yatrees as per schedule.



TRANSPORTATION OF SIKH YATREES BY BUSES:

33. ETPB / PSGPC also arranged luxury buses/ coasters for transportation of Yatrees.



RECEPTION OF YATREES AT GURDWARA JANAM ASTHAN:

34. Main event of the festival was held at Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib on 08 November 2022. ETPB Officers/ Members of PSGPC welcomed the guests at the gate of Gurdwara Janam Asthan and took them to the function venue. The speakers highly appreciated the efforts of Government of Pakistan and ETP Board for maintenance of the Gurdwaras. They expressed satisfaction over the provision of state of the art facilities to the yatraes. The chief guest in his address, congratulated the Sikh community on Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and highlighted Pakistan's efforts for the Sikh community especially opening of Kartarpur Corridor. He assured the Sikh diaspora of all out support in future to make Pakistan their 2nd home.



PROMINENT GUESTS / SPEAKERS:

- Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Reform.
- Mr. Habib ur Rehman Gilani, Chairman, ETP Board.
- Ma. Shizra Mansab Ali Khan Kharal, Ex-MNA.
- Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora, MPA (Punjab Assembly).
- Sardar Ameer Singh, President PSGPC.
- Sardar Gopal Singh Chawla, Chairman PSS.
- Sardar Preet Singh, Party Leader SGPC, India.
- Sardar Diljeet Singh, Party Leader DSGMC, India.
- Dr. Mimpal Singh (Stage Secretary) Member PSGPC.



SAROPA CEREMONY:

35. At the end of the function, 'Saropa Ceremony' was held. The Chief Guest and other prominent guests both local and foreign Jatha leaders were presented 'Saropas' by Chairman ETP Board and Members of PSGPC.



NAGAR KIRTAN:

36. At the end of the function, Nagar Keertan procession was taken out passing through all 07 local Gurdwaras at Nankana Sahib.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA SACHA SAUDA, FAROOQABAD:

37. On 7th November 2022, Indian Sikh Yatrees visited Gurdwara Sacha Sauda, Farooqabad by special buses. After warm welcome, the Yatrees performed their religious rituals while, Langar was also served to them and in the evening Yatrees returned to Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA PANJA SAHIB, HASSANABDAL:

38. On 10th November 2022 Indian Sikh Yatraes arrived at Gurdwara Panja Sahib, Hassanabdal by special trains arranged by Pakistan Railways. They stayed at Gurdwara Panja Sahib on 10th November 2022 and departed for Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore on 11th November 2022 by special trains.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA DERA SAHIB, LAHORE:

39. On 11th November 2022 Indian Sikh Yatraes arrived at Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Hassanabdal by special trains arranged by Pakistan Railways.



SEMINAR AT DYAL SINGH RESEARCH & CULTURAL FORUM, LAHORE:

40. On 12th November 2022 Dyal Singh Research & Cultural Forum (DSRCF) organized seminar in the honor of visiting Indian Sikh yatrees. Numerous Indian Sikh yatrees attended the seminar. Speakers thanked the management of DSRCF for organizing such an attractive/ educational seminar for the visiting Sikh yatrees.



INTERNATIONAL PUNJABI CONFERENCE AT GOVERNMENT COLLEGE UNIVERSITY, LAHORE.

41. On 13th November 2022 an International Punjabi Conference was organized by Government College University, Lahore in the honor of visiting diaspora. Speakers thanked the management of G.C.U Lahore for organizing such an educational conference for the visiting Sikh yatrees.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA DARBAR SAHIB KARTARPUR, NAROWAL:

42. On 13th November 2022 Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Narowal by special buses. The Indian Sikh Yatrees stayed at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur on 13th November 2022.



QAWALI NIGHT AT GURDWARA DARBAR SAHIB KARTARPUR, NAROWAL:

43. On the night of 13th November a special Qawali night was also arranged outside the main temple area of Gurdwara which was duly amused by visiting Sikh Yatrees. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Reform graced the occasion as Chief Guest.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA ROHRI SAHIB, EMINABAD GUJRANWALA:

44. On 14th November 2022 Indian Sikh Yatrees departed from Narowal and visited Gurdwara Rohri Sahib by special buses. After warm welcome the Yatrees perform their religious rituals, while, Tea Langar was also served to them and in evening the Yatrees were returned back to Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore.



DEPARTURE OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES:

45. On the morning of 15th November 2022 Indian Sikh Yatrees were departed from Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore by buses to return back to India via Wagha JCP.



MEDICAL TREATMENT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREE:

46. Yatrees were provided with complete medical treatment at all destinations throughout their visit. On the morning of 10th November 2022, at Gurdwara Panja Sahib, Hassanabdal one Indian Sikh yatree namely **Mr. Jagir Singh (Passport Number L9886550)** caught heart attack where he was given basic medical treatment and was further shifted to Rawalpindi Institute of Cardiology where he was fully recovered and returned to India safely.



ACCOMMODATION:

47. Indian Sikh yatrees were accommodated inside Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib, while local Sikh & Nanak Namleva Hindus were also accommodated in various Gurdwaras at Nankana Sahib. Besides, temporary state of the art tentage village was also established at Gurdwaras & nearby schools/ college for the lodging arrangements for yatrees.



ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS:

48. Shrines Branch of ETPB made all the necessary arrangements and liaison with other concerned departments to make the show a success. A Coordination Meeting was held in ETP Board's Secretariat at Lahore on 21st September 2021. Officers from the all concerned Committee Room, chaired by Chairman ETPB Mr. Habib ur Rehman Gilani. All the departments were assigned due responsibilities. Minutes were circulated for compliance. Other stake holders also held its respective meetings; Home Department, Punjab Rangers,



DCs / DPOs / Town Administration, Traffic Police, LEAs etc to finalize the preparations and to make fool proof security of yatrees.

SECURITY SYSTEM:

49. Besides Punjab Police deployment, ETPB provided scanners, walkthrough gates and CCTV Camera System to ensure foolproof security inside Gurdwaras.

VAISAKI FESTIVAL - April 2023



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VAISAKHI FESTIVAL
From 09 to 18 April 2023

50. Sikh community celebrated Vaisakhi Festival from 09 to 18 April 2023 in different Gurdwaras of Pakistan with religious zeal. About 1000 Sikh Diaspora, 7000-8000 local Sikh/Nanak Namlewa Hindus attended the event. 2470 Indian Sikh Yatrees also arrived Pakistan on 09 April 2023 and returned to India on 18 April 2023 after attending the ceremony. Significant features of the event were Paath Sahib, Concluding Ceremony, Nagar Kirtan procession at Gurdwara Panja Sahib Hassanabdal. In addition to visits to all prominent Gurdwaras including Gurdwara Janam Asthan Nankana Sahib, Gurdwara Sacha Sauda Farooq Abad, Gurdwara Dera Sahib Lahore, Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kirtarpur and Gurdwara Rorri Sahib, Eminabad. Main function of the event was held on 14 April 2023 at Gurdwara Panja Sahib, graced by Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Reforms.

SCHEDULED VISIT PROGRAMME OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES:

51. Indian Sikh yatrees visited different Gurdwaras of Pakistan on the eve of “Vaisakhi Festival, April 2023” as per scheduled visit programme :-

ARRIVAL OF INDIAN YATREES:

52. 2470 Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived in Pakistan via JCP Wagha on 09 April 2023 from various parts of India and attended the celebrations. They were accorded warm welcome with flower petals and garlands at JCP Wagha by the ETPB officers & Members of Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (PSGPC). Langar along with tea and mineral water was also served to the yatrees on their arrival at JCP Wagha.



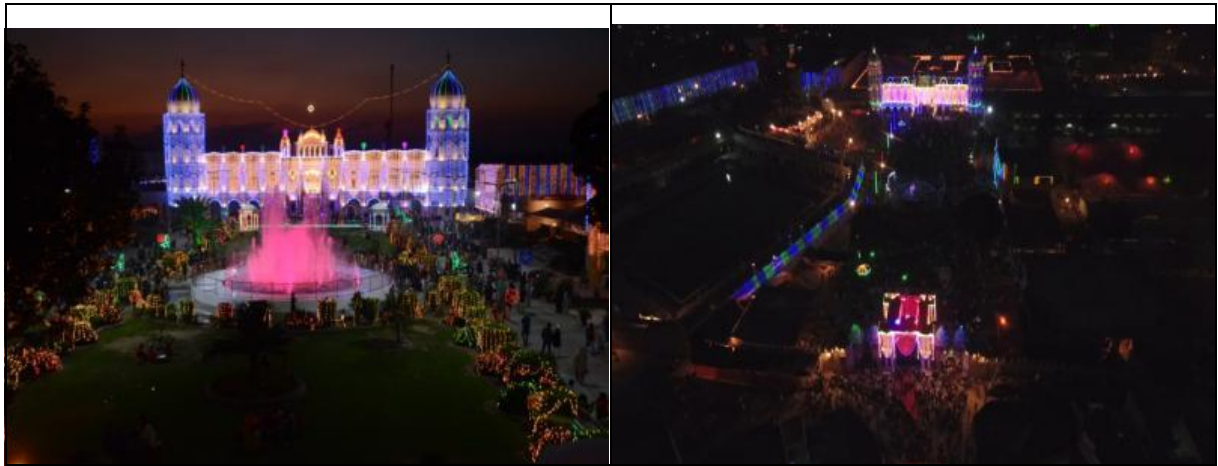


53. ETPB / PSGPC arranged quality buses / coasters for transportation of yatrees as per schedule visit programme of Indian Sikh yatrees :-



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA JANAM ASTHAN, NANKANA SAHIB:

54. On 9th April 2023, Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib by special buses. They stayed at Gurdwara Janam Asthan from 09 to 11 Apr 2023 and departed for Gurdwara Panja Sahib, Hassanabdal on 12 Apr 2023 by special buses.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA SACHA SAUDA, FAROOQABAD.

55. On 10th April 2023, Indian Sikh Yatrees visited Gurdwara Sacha Sauda, Farooqabad by special buses. After warm welcome, the Yatrees performed their religious rituals while, Langar was also served to them and in the evening Yatrees returned to Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib.



56. On the morning of 11 April 2023, one Indian Sikh yatee namely “Sardar Joginder Singh – Passport No. N-5832798” about 65 years old died in Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib due to sudden heart attack. His dead body was immediately shifted to Lahore and further transported to India on same date via Wagha JCP with Sikh religious protocol & full care. In this regard special permission was obtained from quarters concerned.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA PANJA SAHIB, HASSANABDAL.

57. On 12 Apr 2023 Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Panja Sahib, Hassanabdal by special buses. They stayed at Gurdwara Panja Sahib from 12 to 13 Apr 2023 and departed for Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore on 14 Apr 2023 by special buses.



NAGAR KIRTAN:

58. On 13th April 2023, traditional Nagar Keertan procession was taken out at Gurdwara Panja Sahib, Hassanabdal.



RELIGIOUS CEREMONY:

59. Main event of the festival was held at Gurdwara Panja Sahib, Hassanabdal on 14th April 2023. President PSGPC alongwith staff of Gurdwara welcomed the guests at the gate of Gurdwara Panja Sahib and took them to the function venue.



PROMINENT GUESTS / SPEAKERS

- a. Mr. Habib ur Rehman Gilani, Chairman, ETPB.
- b. Rana Shahid Saleem, Additional Secy (Shrines), ETPB.
- c. Sardar Ameer Singh, President PSGPC.
- d. Sardar Amarjit Singh Bhalipur, Party Leader SGPC, India.
- e. Dr. Mimpal Singh, Member PSGPC (Stage Secretary).
- f. Sardar Avtar Singh Sanghera, UK.
- g. Sardar Jasbir Singh Boparai, Canada.



60. The speakers highly appreciated the efforts of Government of Pakistan and ETP Board for maintenance of the Gurdwaras. They expressed satisfaction over the provision of state of the art facilities to the yatrees. The Chairman, ETPB in his address, congratulated the Sikh community on Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and highlighted Pakistan's efforts for the Sikh community especially opening of Kartarpur Corridor. He assured the Sikh diaspora of all out support in future to make Pakistan their 2nd home.

SAROPA CEREMONY:

61. At the end of the function, ‘Saropa Ceremony’ was held. The Chief Guest and other prominent guests both local and foreign Jatha leaders were presented ‘Saropas’ by Chairman ETP Board and Members of PSGPC.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA DERA SAHIB, LAHORE:

62. On 14 Apr 2023 Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Hassanabdal by special buses.



SEMINAR AT DYAL SINGH RESEARCH & CULTURAL FORUM, LAHORE:

63. On 15th April 2023 Dyal Singh Research & Cultural Forum (DSRCF) organized seminar in the honor of visiting Indian Sikh yatrees. Numerous Indian Sikh yatrees attended the seminar. Speakers thanked the management of DSRCF for organizing such an attractive/ educational seminar for the visiting Sikh yatrees.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA ROHRI SAHIB, EMINABAD GUJRANWALA:

64. On 16 Apr 2023, Indian Sikh Yatrees departed from Lahore and visited Gurdwara Rohri Sahib by special buses. After warm welcome, Yatrees performed their religious rituals and were served with tea/ Langar. In evening the Yatrees departed for Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Narowal.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES AT GURDWARA DARBAR SAHIB KARTARPUR, NAROWAL:

65. On 16 Apr 2023, Indian Sikh Yatraes arrived at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Narowal by special buses. The Indian Sikh Yatraes stayed at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur on 16 Apr 2023.





DEPARTURE OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES:

66. On the morning of 18 Apr 2023 Yatrees were transported by busses from Gurdwara Dera Sahib to JCP Wahga. After necessary Customs/ Immigration clearance, they crossed over to their country with satisfaction/ happy note.





MEDICAL TREATMENT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREE.

67. Yatrees were provided with complete medical treatment at all destinations throughout their visit.





ACCOMMODATION:

68. Indian Sikh yatrees were accommodated inside Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib, while local Sikh & Nanak Namlewa Hindus were also accommodated in various Gurdwaras at Nankana Sahib. Besides, temporary state of the art tentage village was also established at Gurdwaras & nearby schools/ college for the lodging arrangements for yatrees.



ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS:

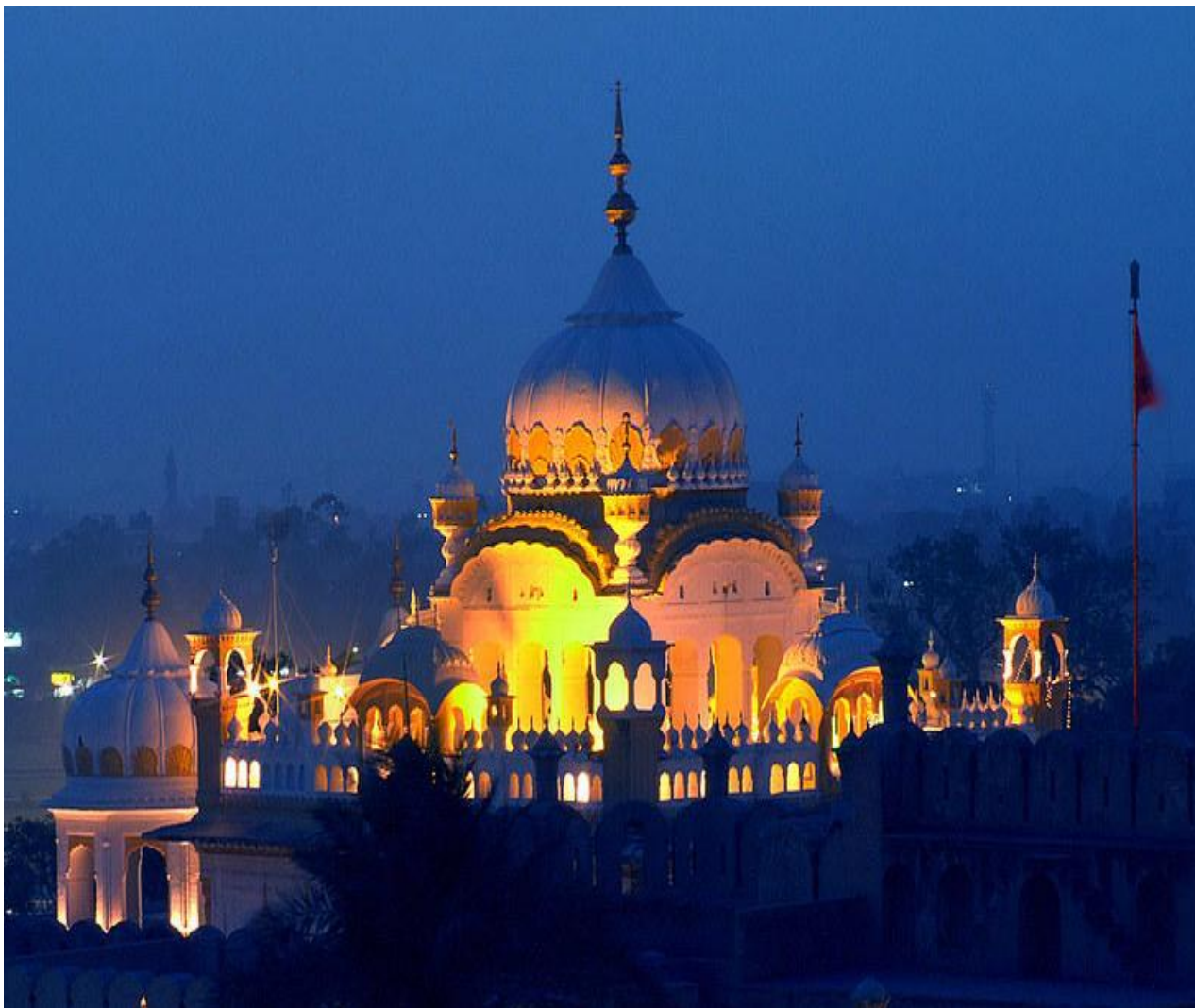
69. Shrines Branch of ETPB made all necessary arrangements and liaison with other concerned departments to make the show a success. A Coordination Meeting was held in ETP Board's Secretariat at Lahore on 01 February 2023. Officers from the all concerned Committee Room, chaired by Chairman ETPB Mr. Habib ur Rehman Gilani. All the departments were assigned due responsibilities. Minutes were circulated for compliance. Other stake holders also held its respective meetings; Home Department, Punjab Rangers, DCs / DPOs / Town Administration, Traffic Police, LEAs etc to finalize the preparations and to make fool proof security of yatrees.



SECURITY SYSTEM:

70. Besides Punjab Police deployment, ETPB provided scanners, walkthrough gates and CCTV Camera System to ensure foolproof security inside Gurdwaras.

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Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji – 08 to 17 June 2023

Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh – 21 to 30 June 2023

71. Sikh community commemorated **“Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji – 18 to 17 June 2023”** and **“Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh – 21 to 30 June 2023”** with religious zeal. About 2000 to 2500 local Sikh / Nanak Namlewa Hindus attended the event. Main function of both the events were held at Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore on 16th & 29th June 2023 respectively, which graced by Rana Shahid Saleem, Additional Secretary (Shrines), ETP Board as Chief Guest.

SCHEDULED VISIT PROGRAMME OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES:

72. Indian Sikh yatrees visited different Gurdwaras of Pakistan on the eve of “Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji & Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, June 2023” as per scheduled visit programme:-

ARRIVAL OF INDIAN YATREES:

73. On Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, 179 Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived on 08 June via Wagha JCP and returned to India on 17 June 2023 after attending the event. Similarly, on Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, 420 Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived on 21 June via Wagha JCP and returned to India on 30 June 2023 after attending the event. Total 599 Indian Sikh yatrees arrived this year on both the said events.



RECEPTION OF THE YATREES:

74. Indian yatrees were accorded warm welcome at JCP Wagha by the ETPB officers & Members of Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (PSGPC). They were greeted with flower petals and garlands. Langar was also served to the yatrees on their arrival/departure.





TRANSPORTATION OF SIKH YATREES BY BUSES:

75. ETPB/ PSGPC arranged quality buses/ coasters for transportation of Yatrees for throughout their traveling during both the events.





VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES TO GURDWARA PANJA SAHIB, HASSANABDAL:

76. On Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Panja Sahib, Hassanabdal by special buses on 08 June and Departed for Nankana Sahib on 10 June 2023. Similarly, on Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Panja Sahib, Hassanabdal by special buses on 24 June and Departed for Narowal on 26 June 2023.





VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES TO MUSLIM SHRINE “BABA WALI QANDHARI” AT HASSANABDAL.

77. During their stay at Hassanabdal, Indian Sikh Yatrees visited Muslim shrine “Baba Wali Qandhari” located opposite to Gurdwara Panja Sahib with great fervor.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES TO GURDWARA JANAM ASTHAN, NANKANA SAHIB.

78. On Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib by special buses on 10 June and Departed for Narowal on 13th June, 2023. Similarly, on Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib by special buses on 21 June and Departed for Hassanabdal on 24 June 2023.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES TO GURDWARA SACHA SAUDA, FAROOQABAD:

79. On Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, Indian Sikh Yatrees visited Gurdwara Sacha Sauda Farooqabad by special buses on 12 June 2023. While, on Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Indian Sikh Yatrees visited Gurdwara Sacha Sauda Farooqabad by special buses on 23 June 2023. After warm welcome by officers of Shrines Branch of ETPB and President PSGPC, the Yatrees performed their religious rituals while, Langar was also served to them. Yatrees returned to Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib in the evening.



10. **Visit of Indian Sikh Yatrees to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Narowal.**

80. On Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Narowal by special buses on 13 June and Departed for Eminabad Gujranwala on 15 June 2023. Similarly, on Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Narowal by special buses on 26 June and Departed for Eminabad Gujranwala on 28 June 2023.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES TO GURDWARA RORI SAHIB, EMINABAD GUJRWALA:

81. On Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, Indian Sikh Yatrees visited Gurdwara Rori Sahib, Eminabad by special buses on 15 June 2023. While, on Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Indian Sikh Yatrees visited Gurdwara Sacha Sauda Farooqabad by special buses on 28 June 2023. After warm welcome, Yatrees performed their religious

rituals and were served with tea/ Langar. In the afternoon, the Yatrees departed for Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore.



VISIT OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES TO GURDWARA DERA SAHIB, LAHORE:

82. On Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore by special buses on 15 June and depart for India via Wagha JCP on 17 June 2023.

Similarly, on Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Indian Sikh Yatrees arrived at Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore by special buses on 28 June and depart for India via Wagha JCP on 30 June 2023.



RELIGIOUS CEREMONY:

83. Main religious event of both the Sikh events were held at Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore on 16th & 29th June 2023.



84. President PSGPC alongwith staff of Gurdwara welcomed the guests at the gate of Gurdwara Dera Sahib and took them to the function venue. The speakers highly appreciated the efforts of Government of Pakistan and ETP Board for maintenance of the Gurdwaras. They expressed satisfaction over the provision of state of the art facilities to the yatrees. The Additional Secretary (Shrines), ETP Board in his address, highlighted Pakistan's efforts for the Sikh community. He assured the Sikh Community of all out support in future to make Pakistan their 2nd home.



SAROPA CEREMONY:

85. At the end of the function, 'Saropa Ceremony' was held. The Chief Guest and other prominent guests both local and Indian Jatha leaders were presented 'Saropas' by Chairman





DEPARTURE OF INDIAN SIKH YATREES:

86. On Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, Indian Yatraes were transported by buses from Gurdwara Dera Sahib to JCP Wahga on 17 June 2023. Similarly, on Death Anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, Indian Yatraes were transported by buses from Gurdwara Dera Sahib to JCP Wahga on 30 June 2023. After necessary Customs/ Immigration clearance, they crossed over to their country with satisfaction/ happy note. They were seen off by Addl Secretary (Shrines), ETPB and President PSGPC at JCP Wahga.



MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR INDIAN SIKH YATREE:

87. Yatrees were provided with complete medical facilities during travelling and at all destinations throughout their visit by Medical Branch of ETPB, Punjab Health Department and Rescue 1122.



ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS:

88. Shrines Branch of ETPB made all the necessary arrangements and liaison with other concerned departments to make the show a success. All the departments were assigned due responsibilities. Minutes were circulated for compliance. Other stake holders also held its respective meetings; Home Department, Punjab Rangers, DCs / DPOs / Town Administration, Traffic Police, LEAs etc to finalize the preparations and to make fool proof security of yatrees.

RITUALS:

89. Several meeting of PSGPC were held to finalize the rituals by its sub-committees including Reception, Langar, Accommodation, Paath Sahib, Pini Parshad, Kara Parshad as per “Sikh Rehat Maryada”. Yatrees offered prayers for the wellbeing of Pakistan and Sikh-Muslim friendship. **ETP Board in Coordination with members of Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee arranged Guru Ka Langar (free of cost) as per the Sikh Maryada (religious rituals) in all respective Gurdwaras and during arrival / departure of yatrees. Moreover, bottled drinking water (free of cost) was provided to the visiting yatrees throughout their traveling.**

ACCOMMODATION:

90. Indian Sikh yatrees were accommodated inside Gurdwaras. Besides, temporary tentage was also arranged at Gurdwaras for the facilitation of yatrees.



SECURITY SYSTEM:

91. Besides Punjab Police deployment, ETPB provided scanners, walkthrough gates and CCTV Camera System to ensure foolproof security inside Gurdwaras.

HINDU RITUALS IN THE YEAR 2022.

92. Following International festivals were celebrated in the year 2022 as per Bilateral Protocol, 1974 between India and Pakistan.

Sr. No.	Name of Festival	Months of Festival
1.	Maha Shiv Pujan, Katas Raj Temples, Chakwal	February & December 2022
2.	Hayat Pitafi, Sindh	November 2022

ESTABLISHMENT OF PAKISTAN HINDU MANDIR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PHMMC).

93. MoRA&IH with coordination of ETPB has constituted Pakistan Hindu Mandir Management Committee (PHMMC) vide notification dated 12th November 2021 which is the only official representative body of Hindu community of Pakistan. In the year 2022 holding of PHMMC meetings to discuss the issues relating to functional Mandir. Detail of the members of PHMMC is as under:-

LIST OF FUNCTIONAL MANDIRS

- 1) Krishna Mandir, Rawalpindi.
- 2) Katas Raj Temples, Chakwal.
- 3) Krishna Mandir, Lahore.
- 4) ValmikMandir, Lahore.
- 5) ShahwalaTeja Singh Mandir, Sialkot
- 6) Sadhu Bela, Sukkur, Sindh
- 7) Guru GurpatMandir, Hyderabad, Sindh
- 8) Sant Baba Bhagat Ram Darbar / Mandir, Dadu, Sindh
- 9) JhollayLalMandir, Karachi, Sindh
- 10) BhaiSantThawan Das Mandir, Mehar,Dadu, Sindh
- 11) Tehsil Nathan Shah, Dadu, Sindh
- 12) Gurdas Ram Mandir, Radhan Town Tehsil Mehar, Dadu, Sindh
- 13) Kali Bari Mandir, Peshawar, KPK
- 14) Shiv Mandir, Mansehra, KPK
- 15) ShriMadan Mohan Mandir, DI Khan

BILATERAL PROTOCOL HINDU & SIKH

SIKH FESTIVALS - BILATERAL PROTOCOL



3000 Indian Sikh Yatrees are allowed under bilateral protocol on Vaisakhi festival in April



1000 Indian Sikh Yatrees are allowed under bilateral protocol on Martyrdom day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji in June



500 Indian Sikh Yatrees are allowed under bilateral protocol of Death anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh in June



3000 Indian Sikh Yatrees are allowed under bilateral protocol on Birthday Celebrations of Baba Guru Nanak Dev Ji in November

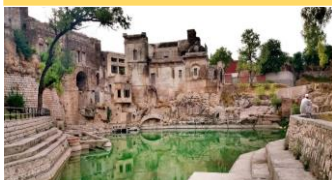
HINDU FESTIVALS - BILATERAL PROTOCOL



200 x Indian Hindu Yatrees can visit Katas Raj Chakwal for Shri Ganesh Poja in October every year



400 x Indian Hindu Yatrees can visit Hayat Patafi and Sadhu Bela Sukkur November/ December every year. Sian Udishtar Lal is Jatha Leader of this yatra group



200 x Indian Hindu Yatrees can visit Katas Raj Chakwal in February/ March every year for Maha Shivratri

RESEARCH AND REFERENCE WING:

SEERAT ACTIVITIES:

94. To pay homage to the Holy Prophet (PBUH), the Ministry organized the following activities:

- a. The Ministry organized one day International Seerat Conference (1444AH./2022) on 12th Rabi ul Awwal, on the following topic:

’اتحاد واتفاق کے لیے مساجد، مدارس، حلقہ اور امام بارگاہ کا کردار سیرت النبی ﷺ کی روشنی میں

Persons from all walks of life including diplomats, politicians and other prominent personalities attended the conference. The President of Pakistan and the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan were the chief guests at the conference and conferred the prizes to the position holders of Seerat Books Competition 2022/1444AH. Secretary General Muslim World League, Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Esa participated as special guest in the conference.

- b. Mehfil-e-Naat was organized wherein Speaker National Assembly participated as the chief guest.
- c. Like every year this year National Seerat Book Competition 2021 / 1443 was conducted and the prize winners were given the prizes on the occasion of two National Rehmatul Lil Aalameen Conference will following prizes winners:

Sr.	Name of Category	No of Prizes
1	Seerat Books in Urdu	3
2	Seerat Book in Regional Language	5
3	Books for Children	3
4	Naat Books in Urdu	3
5	Naat Books in Regional Language	5
6	Book by Women	3
7	Mujallat	3
8	Maqalat for Men and Women	32
Total		57

- d. The Ministry celebrates Milad ul Nabi ﷺ in the month of Rabi ul Awwal. This year a Comprehensive programme was chalked out and shared with all Federal and Provincial Governments/organizations to celebrate Milad ul Nabi ﷺ in a befitting manner.
- e. The prize winning Maqalat of the last year on the topic of the:

”ماحولیاتی آلودگی اور ہماری ذمہ داریاں، سیرت النبی ﷺ کی روشنی میں“

were published and distributed among the invitees of the Seerat Conference 2022 and Libraries of the country.

PUBLICATION OF MESSAGES:-

95. The messages of the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan to the nation were released on the six specified religious occasions:

- New Hijri Year
- 10th of Muharram-ul-Haram (Youm-e-Ashur)
- 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal
- Ramazan-ul-Mubarak
- Eid –ul-Fitr
- Eid-ul-Azha

NATIONAL ULEMA AND MASHAIKH COUNCIL:

96. National Ulema and Mashaikh Council has been constituted in the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony. Main objective of the Council is 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.

97. The Council has representation from all Wifaqs, all schools of thought and all the provinces including Religious Affairs and Auqaf Ministers from the Provinces. Mashiakh have also been given representation in the Council.

Two Committees have been established under this Council: Steering Committee and Curriculum Committee. The TORs of the Steering Committee are as under:

- i. To suggest practical steps for the promotion of sectarian harmony and peace in the country in the light of the recommendations of the Council and follow up of the decisions of the Council.

TORs of the Curriculum Committee are following:

- i. To suggest ways and means for eradication of hate literature from the syllabus of Madaris.
- ii. To recommend changes and improvements in the curriculum of Madaris. More than 80 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 Dawaa Academy has been reviewed and recommendations have been made.
 - iii. Establishment of Mutahida 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 Mashaikh Councils to trickle down the impact of the decisions of National Ulema and Mashaikh Councils 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. A draft Bill has also been prepared with consultation of all stakeholders for legislation with regard to the council.
 - v. A Code of Conduct for all schools of thoughts has been finalized by the council and all ulema and scholars across the country have been advised to follow this Code of Conduct in their speeches and writings in order to ensure sectarian harmony in the country.

COMPILATION OF HAJJ MATERIAL:

98. 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:

99. 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.

REDRESSAL OF COMPLAINTS OF SECTARIAN NATURE:

100. A number of complaints were received on sectarian issues in the Ministry. All these complaints were resolved according to rules and policies.

WEB EVALUATION CELL

101. Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony (MORA) is fully committed to take all necessary steps, within its purview, to report blasphemous content on social media. Since 2015, MORA has been providing strong assistance to Pakistan Telecommunication Authority by providing expert opinion on objectionable content (including blasphemous/Anti-Islamic/Sectarian/pornographic etc.) and by forwarding recommendations to PTA through e-portal for blockage / any other necessary action.

102. Web Evaluation Cell in the Ministry of Religious Affairs is in function since 2015 and is limited to the examining of religiously objectionable online content and reporting of such content to PTA with recommendations. Following is the detailed report from 2015 till date:

S.No	Details	Total
	Total Processed Links	53,501
1	Links reported to PTA	29723
	Blasphemous links	28030
	Sectarian Links	1079
	Pornography	224
	Others/Anti Islam	400
	To be decided by Apex Committee	41
2	links which were evaluated but were found to be irrelevant (Non-Blasphemous/Found Block/Can't be reached/Temporary Blocked in Pakistan/ To be Probe Further)	23730

CONSTITUTION OF APEX COMMITTEE

103. An Apex Committee comprising of Ulema from all schools of thought, university academia and representatives from PTA, Federal Investigation Agency, Council of Islamic

Ideology and Law and Justice Division has been constituted to analyze sensitive online contents and prepare recommendations for taking further appropriate actions. The Apex Committee holds its regular meetings and fifteen meetings have been held till date.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CIVIL AWARDS

104. The Ministries and their divisions are invited by the Cabinet Division to recommend candidates for Civil Award. Renowned nominees are considered by three award committees after which final recommendation is sent to the President for approval. After the President's approval, the announcements are made on Independence Day and investiture takes place on Pakistan Day. The Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony also responsible for nominating Renowned personalities for Conferment of Pakistan Civil Awards for Religious services i.e. Qirat, Naat, Religious services Scholar etc. Following personalities rendering Religious services awarded Civil Award on recommendation of Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony 2022.

S.NO	NAME	CATEGORY	AWARD
1.	Mufti Abdul Shakoore (Posthumous)	RELIGIOUS SCHOLAR	HILAL-I-IMTIAZ
2.	Mufti Muneeb Ur Rehman	RELIGIOUS SCHOLAR	SITARA-I-IMTIAZ
3.	Abdul Rauf Roofi	NAAT KHAWAN	SITARA-I-IMTIAZ
4.	Allama Pirzada Muhammad Raza Saqib Mustafai	RELIGIOUS SCHOLAR	SITARA-I-IMTIAZ
5.	Dr. Qibla Ayaz	RELIGIOUS SCHOLAR	SITARA-I-IMTIAZ
6.	Qari Buzargh Shah	QUR'AN	SITARA-I-IMTIAZ
7.	Qari Waseem Ullah Amin	QUR'AN	TAMGHA-I-IMTIAZ
8.	Shahbaz Qamar Fareedi	NAAT KHAWAN	TAMGHA-I-IMTIAZ
9.	Dr. Mimpal Singh	MINORITY	TAMGH-I-IMTIAZ
10.	Maulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khair Azad	RELIGIOUS SCHOLAR	TAMGHA-I-IMTIAZ
11.	Dr. Qari Ikramullah Mohsin	QUR'AN	TAMGHA-E-IMTIAZ

MEETINGS OF RUET-E- HILAL COMMITTEES

105. Meetings were held on 29th of each lunar month for moon sighting. Harmony on the occasions of Islamic festivals has been observed across the country.

LEGISLATIONS

Sr.No	Name of the Bill	Status
1	♦ The Publication of the Holy Quran(Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) (Amendment) Act, 2023.	♦ To ensure error free printing of the Holy Quran, an Official Bill "The Publication of the Holy Quran(Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) (Amendment) Act, 2023.". The said bill passed by Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament).
2	♦ The Pakistan Ruet-e-Hilal Act, 2023	♦ To bring harmony and uniformity on religious festivals in the country,

		<p>“The Pakistan Ruet-e-Hilal Act, 2023” was prepared by this Ministry in consultation with all stake-holders. The said bill passed by Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament).</p>
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