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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 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* 2019 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.

**(Pir Noor-ul-Haq Qadri)**  
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 2019-20 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, Qiyamul Lail 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 “Year Book” will serve as a reference to evaluate our performance in terms of achievements of targeted goals and objectives.

**(Sardar Ajaz Ahmad Khan Jaffar)**  
Secretary  
Religious Affairs & Interfaith 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”. 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 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:

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



# **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 Ulema and Khateeb 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.



## HAJJ WING

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony ever strives to bring utmost improvements in facilitating the guests of Allah (SWT). In this regard, Hajj Wing played pivotal role in conducting the Hajj operation in consultation with all stakeholders including various Ministries/Organizations of Saudi and Pakistani Governments, Banks, Airlines, Hajj Group Organizers, Scholars, prominent figures and Members of the Parliament.

2. The Policy and Plan for Hajj 2019 was approved by Federal Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019. Initially, Saudi Government allocated Hajj quota of 179,210 for Pakistan which was later on extended to 200,000 Hujjaj. It was subsequently distributed with the ratio of 60:40 between Government and Private Hajj Schemes.

3. Hajj applications for Hajj-2019 were received through thirteen (13) designated scheduled banks NBP, HBL, UBL, MCB, ABL, Bank Alfalah, Bank of Punjab, ZTBL, Habib Metro Politian Bank, Meezan Bank, Dubai Islamic Bank, Faysal Bank and Askari Bank. This Ministry reserved 216,623 Hajj applications under Government Hajj Scheme through the said Banks. The selection of Hujjaj was made through "Balloting" conducted by Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB).

4. The Hajj operation was undertaken from Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Sialkot, Multan, Faisalabad, Rahim Yar Khan and Sukkur gateways. This Ministry established various operational facilitation counters at all Directorates of Hajj in Pakistan which operated round the clock during the Hajj season.

### HAJJ DUES:

5. The Government of Pakistan announced the Hajj Package for Hajj-2019 as per following details:-

Package	North Region	South Region
Total Package without Qurbani	Rs. 436,975/-	426,975/-
Total Package including Qurbani (optional)	Rs. 456,426/-	446,426/-

### TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

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



Prime Minister Imran Khan seeing off Hujjaj after inauguration of "Road to Makkah" program at Islamabad International Airport on 5th July, 2019



### **ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS:**

7. The accommodation arrangements for Hujjaj 2019 were made through following committee approved for the purpose in Hajj Policy 2019:-

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 Munawwarah	Member

8. In 2019, the Hiring Committee hired 220 buildings for the accommodation of hujjaj of Government Hajj scheme. The Committee kept in view following provision of Hajj Policy 2019 before finalizing accommodation arrangement for the Hujjaj:-

- The maximum rent of accommodation for Makkah Mukarrammah was charged @ SR. 2,415/- per pilgrim including transport facility.
- The determination of rent in Makkah Mukarrammah was based upon services available in building, availability of transport and distance from Haram Sharif.
- Accommodation in Madinah Munawwarah was hired @.SR. 1,050/- per pilgrim per cycle of 8 days stay. 100% accommodation was ensured in the area of Markazia in Madinah Munawwarah except a few.

### **TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS:**

9. 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 provided air conditioned buses to Pakistani Hujjaj from Jeddah Airport to Makkah Mukarrammah, Makkah Mukarrammah to Madinah Munawwarah and back to Makkah Mukarrammah. Besides, Pakistan Hajj Mission in KSA managed round the clock

(i.e. 24 hours) Salwat Transport for Hujjaj to transport them from building to Haram and vice versa. It is worth mentioning that not a single incident of collapsing/break down of bus happened during entire Hajj Operation-2019.



### **PROVISION OF TRAIN FACILITY:**

10. The office of the Pilgrims Affairs of Pakistan (OPAP) made its utmost endeavors to acquire train facility for 100% Pakistani Hujjaj of Government Scheme but Moassassah South Asia (KSA) provided train ticket to almost 50% of Pakistani Hujjaj whose makatibs were located near to the Mashair Railway stations.

### **PROVISION OF FOOD TO HUJJAJ:**

11. The government of KSA made it mandatory for provision of meals to Hujjaj at their respective buildings, which were arranged through Directorate General of Hajj, Jeddah and ensured meals three times a day to all hujjaj with a standard menu which was appreciated by the Hujjaj.



### **ROAD TO MAKKAH INITIATIVE:**

12. The project 'Road to Makkah' was initiated on personal request of the Prime Minister of Pakistan to H.E Muhammad Bin Salman, Crown Prince of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during his visit in February, 2019. The pilot project of 'Road to Makkah' was started from Islamabad International Airport during Hajj-2019 which was highly appreciated by the Hujjaj. Post Hajj operation presentation was given to the Prime Minister on 29-08-2019 by Mr. Mohammad Shehzad Arbab, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Establishment/Coordination Hajj-2019 and the Prime Minister, inter-alia, approved the following:-



- Scaling up of 'Road to Makkah' Project throughout the country, in principle, for implementation during next year Hajj.
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony to take necessary measures including taking up matter with the Saudi Government and submit report to the Prime Minister within one month.

13. Pilgrims Welfare Section is mandated to finalize and dispatch various contingents of welfare staff i.e. Ministry's Seasonal Duty Staff (SDS), Moavineen-e-Hujjaj and Hajj Medical Mission (HMM) to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for rendering welfare services to the Pakistani Pilgrims during Hajj Seasons. Besides, vaccines (Flu, Meningitis and Polio), medicines and allied equipment are also managed for exclusive use of the intending pilgrims. For Hajj Season 2020 (financial year 2019-20) different targets were set to achieve, but in the wake of announcement by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, regarding barring pilgrims of

other than Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the activities for Hajj-2020 were called off; despite this, with the blessings of ALLAH almighty, guidance of higher authorities and in time efforts National exchequer didn't suffer any financial loss even a single rupee.

14. Approximately 1555 nominations of welfare staff were sought through different Federal and Provincial Departments against Seasonal Duty Staff (SDS), Moavineen-e-Hujjaj and Hajj Medical Mission (HMM) categories, to send them to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for rendering welfare service for Hajj operation-2020, detail is as follows:

a) **Moavineen-e-Hujjaj**

S.#	Category	Distribution of Seats
1.	Pakistan Armed Forces	60
2.	Langri Navy	15
3.	Pakistan Rangers (PR)	20
4.	Pakistan Police (PP)	70
5.	Motorway Police (MWP)	10
6.	Pakistan Railways Police (PRP)	10
7.	Rescue 1122	20
8.	Airport Security Force (ASF)	10
9.	Pakistan Boy Scouts (PBS)	40
10.	Civil Defence (CD)	04
11.	Core Team + Repeaters	130
12.	PITB	02
13.	Federal Ministries / Divisions / Secretariat	120
14.	Provincial / Regional Governments	140
15.	Prime Minister Secretariat	02
16.	President Secretariat	02
<b>Total</b>		<b>655</b>

b) **Hajj Medical Mission**

Category	Army	Civil
Medical Officers/Specialists	60	126
Pharmacists	--	50
Paramedics	120	200
Repeaters	--	30
Core Committee	--	10
Permanent Dispensary of Directorate of Hajj, Islamabad	--	04
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>600</b>	

c) **Seasonal Duty Staff**

Seasonal Staff:	M/o Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony:	300
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>300</b>





15. The procurement committee of vaccines recommended to procure 210,000 doses of Flu vaccine of amounting Rs. 112,980,000/- and subsequently supply order was issued with the approval of competent authority. Later on, order was suspended at the shipment stage, due to COVID-19 and Ministry halted agreement without any financial loss because of in time efforts.

16. Approximately 2,10,000 doses of Polio vaccines were arranged through National program on Immunization (Extended Program on Immunization) as a donation for exclusive use of the intending pilgrims.

17. The procurement committee recommended to procure 298 items of Medicines including allied equipment amounting to Rs. 90,478,753/- from different vendors in strict compliance with PPRA Rules-2004, with prior approval of the competent authority but supply order was not issued as per advice of Saudi authorities in wake of COVID-19. The procurement of vaccines was suspended as well.



## DAWAH & ZIARAT WING

### PAKISTAN MADRASSAH EDUCATION BOARD (PMEB)

19. PMEB was established under Pakistan Madrassah Education (Establishment and Affiliation of Model Dini Madaris) Board Ordinance, XL-2001. 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 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.

20. Though all 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 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 to 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.

21. 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) Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence
  - v) Logic (i.e. Mantiq)
  - vi) Arabic Language.

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

Name of Institution	No. of Students
Model Dini Madrassah (for Girls), Islamabad	313
Model Dini Madrassah (for Boys), Sukkur	110
Model Dini Madrassah (for Boys), Karachi	155

23. 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 and three Model Dini Madaris are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Department	Regular	Contract/Daily Wages/ Addl. Charge	Total Staff
1	Pakistan Madrassah Education Board, Islamabad	12	02	14
2	Model Dini Madrassah (for Girls), Islamabad	17	15	32
3	Model Dini Madrassah (for Boys), Sukkur	18	05	23
4	Model Dini Madrassah (for Boys), Karachi	07	24	31
<b>Total:</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>100</b>

24. For salaries and utilities, allocation is received from Government budget. The total allocation of budget for financial year 2019-20 was Rs. 60.612 million. The major junk of this allocation is consumed in payment of salaries and allowances to the teaching staff of three Model Dini Madaris and remaining on utilities. Besides, free boarding and lodging to the students is also provided.

**SCHOLARSHIP/MESS & FOOD:**

	Scholarship	Mess/Food
Scholarship to mustahiq students up to Matric	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 1000/-
Scholarship to mustahiq students up to Matric	Rs. 1125/-	Rs. 1000/-

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

25. Consequent upon devolution of Ministry of Education in pursuance of 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2011. The aim of the scheme is to facilitate the registered Madaris wherein following teachers are working from Primary to Secondary and Higher Secondary levels to integrate religious education with contemporary education. The detail of Madaris and staff is given below:-

S. No.	Province /Area	Total Madaris	No. of teachers
1	Punjab	38	364
2	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	64	320
3	Balochistan	20	78
4	FATA	72	265
5	FANA	20	49
6	ICT	10	53
7	AJK	46	177
<b>Total:</b>		<b>270</b>	<b>1306</b>

26. The Ministry of Religious Affair & Interfaith Harmony is disbursing the salaries to the 1306 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. 38.007/- million were allocated during the financial year 2019-20.

27. As per Cabinet Decision's Memorandum No. 7-2/2019-Min-I dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and the minutes of Advisor to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reform Austerity, the (Pakistan Madrassah Education Board and three allied Dini Madaris (Islamabad, Sukkur and Karachi) have been transferred to Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training vide this Ministry's Notification No. 3(21)/D-II/2012 dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

**SELECTION OF HUFFAZ FOR QIYAMUL LAIL, 2019-20:**

28. A competition for selection of Huffaz for recitation of Holy Quran in Qiyamul Lail is held every year but due to precautionary and preventive measures against the spread of Corona Virus (Covid-19), in 2019-20 competition was postponed.

### **QIYAMUL LAIL, 2019-20:**

29. The Qiyamul Lail was organized during the last nine nights of Ramadhan-ul-Mubarak, 1441 AH at Faisal Masjid, Islamabad wherein selected Huffaz participated and recited the Holy Quran.

### **NATIONAL HIFZ-O-QIRAT COMPETITION 2019-20:**

30. The National Hifz-o-Qirat Competition is held every year but

due to precautionary and preventive measures against the spread of Corona Virus (Covid-19) in 2019-20. The competition was postponed.

### **INTERNATIONAL QURAN COMPETITION 2019-20:**

31. The position holders of the National Hifz-o-Qirat Competition were nominated to participate in the International Quran Competition held in various countries i.e. Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Dubai, Jordan, Morocco, Turkey and Kuwait.

### **VISIT OF PAKISTANI ZAIREEN TO URSES IN INDIA 2019-20**

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

S #	Name of Urs	No. of Zaireen	Date of Urses		Actually Traveled
			Lunar	Party Duration	
1.	Hazrat Mujadid Alf Sani (RA) <b>Sarhand Sharif</b>	200	28 Saffar	21 <sup>st</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> October , 2019	Cancelled
2.	Hazrat Khawaja Allauddin Ali Ahmad Sabir (RA), <b>Kalyar Sharif</b>	200	13 Rabiul Awwal	7 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019	Cancelled
3.	Hafiz Abdullah Shah (RA), <b>Agra</b>	150	4 Rabi us Sani	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov. to 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 2019	Cancelled
4.	Hazrat Khawaja Nizamuddin Aulia (RA), <b>Delhi</b>	250	16 Rabi us Sani	12 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019	57
5.	Hazrat Khawaja Moinuddin Chishti (RA), <b>Ajmair Sharif</b>	500	6 Rajab	27 <sup>th</sup> February to 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	211
6.	Hazrat Amir Khusro (RA), <b>Delhi</b>	200	18 Shawal	4 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	Cancelled





## RESEARCH AND REFERENCE WING

### INTERNATIONAL SEERAT CONFERENCE

33. An International Rehmat-ul-Aalameen Conferences were held on the occasion of 12th Rabi ul Awwal at Serena Hotel, Islamabad to project the life, Seerah and teaching of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and to eliminate racial discrimination, sectarian hatred and religion based hatred. Significant number of foreign delegates participated in both Conferences from Muslim and non-Muslim countries belonging to different faiths. Diplomats, politician and other prominent personalities from the country also participated in the Conference. Honorable President of Pakistan and Prime Minister of Pakistan chaired different sessions of the Conference. The themes of the Conferences were:-

S.No.	Theme of the Conferences	Year
1	ریاست مدینہ اور اسلامی فلاحی مملکت کا تصور تعلیمات نبوی ﷺ کی روشنی میں	November, 2019



President Dr. Arif Alvi addressing the International Rehmat ulil Alimeen Conference in Islamabad on November 10, 2019.

### SEERAT BOOK COMPETITION

34. Seerat book competition is organized every year, Books and articles written on the topic, announced by the Ministry are received from all over the Pakistan. Prize winners are given cash prizes, Souvenirs and Certificates. Position holders are awarded during the inaugural session of the Conference.



### PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

35. Milad-ul-Nabi ﷺ was celebrated in the

month of Rabi ul Awwal. A comprehensive program was chalked out and share with all Federal and Provincial government organizations to celebrate Eid Milad-ul-Nabi ﷺ according to this program in a befitting manner.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF CIVIL AWARDS

36. Two famous religious scholars Maulana Tariq Jameel and Pir Syed Lakht-e-Hasnain were recommended by the Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony for grant of Civil Award endorsed by Cabinet Committee for grant of award for the year 2020.

### MEETINGS OF RUET-E- HILAL COMMITTEE

37. 24 Meetings were held on the evening of each 29<sup>th</sup> lunar month for sighting the crescent of moon. This year, Eid ul Fitr and Eid ul Azha were celebrated on same day across the country on the decision of Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee.

### ULEMA & MASHAIKH COUNCIL

38. Ulema and Mashaikh Council was established in the Ministry with the main aim to develop tolerance and endurance among all sects of Muslims by elimination of all kind of sectarian prejudices and differences and to create harmony among them. Three (03) meetings of the Council were held in Islamabad, Peshawar and Karachi during 2019-2020. The recommendations passed during these meetings proved to be instrumental in bringing harmony among different segments of the society and resolved some of the very important religious issues in the country.

39. Before, the commencement of the Holy month of Muharram each year, a meeting is arranged with religious leaders of all sects and law enforcement bodies for maintaining peace during Muharram ul Haram. A declaration was finalized during the meeting which was shared with the Provincial governments with request to arrange similar meetings at provincial and district level for trickledown effect of the said declaration. Similarly, Ittehad-e-Ummat Conferences were organized at different cities with coordination and cooperation of different religious groups to propagate the message of unity and brotherhood during religiously distinct segments. These conferences had a strong impact on the atmosphere of the country.





### **COVID-19 SOPs:**

40. After the outbreak of COVID-19 in the country, the Ministry actively worked on the religious front against the spread of the disease. Ulema/Mashaikh were engaged on important religious issues and policies/strategies were finalized with their consultation. SOPs to avoid the spread of COVID-19 for Ramadan, Taraweeh, Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Azha slaughtering of animals and Muharram-ul-Haram rituals were finalized in consultation with all the stakeholders.



### **COMPILATION/REVISION OF HAJJ MATERIAL:**

41. Hajj material consisting of a booklet for education of intending pilgrims, a guide-book for Hajj trainers, a guide-book for Muavineen Hujjaj was reviewed/revised in Research and Reference Wing of the Ministry. This material was reviewed and revised by a committee in the light of the suggestions received from different people/institutions.

### **WEB EVALUATION CELL**

42. Web Evaluation Cell (WEC) in the Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony was created for the evaluation and examination of blasphemous, sectarian and pornographic web contents. The Ministry is only restricted to provide opinion/ recommendation on the said content to PTA, whereas the administration and enforcement of the relevant laws falls under the preview of the Ministry of Interior.

43. The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) developed an e-portal (a secured indigenous portal) on which the Website Evaluation Cell (WEC) of this Ministry lodges complaints along with recommendations/ views against any objectionable content. The Cell is working under supervision of Research and Reference Wing. PTA forwards the links/URLs of websites containing objectionable material (i.e. blasphemous/ pornographic/ anti-Islamic/sectarian etc.) to Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony which are evaluated in following steps by Web Evaluation Cell:-

- i. Observing the existing statues of URL.
- ii. Evaluating the open links deeply and preparing a summary of analysis.
- iii. Preparing its evidence in word format conversion of PDF in order to relate hyperlink.
- iv. In case of any controversial or perplexed date, the specific link is forwarded to the officers of Research and Reference Wing.

- v. In case of any further complexity or need of fatwa the matter is taken up with renowned Ulema of all schools of thought.
- vi. After final decision, the links is forwarded to PTA through E-portal.
- vii. In 2019-20 Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony has reported nearly 2000 URLs to PTA for blocking.

### **LEGISLATIONS**

1	The Publication of Holy Quran (Amendment) Bill	To ensure error free printing of the Holy Quran, an Official Bill has been initiated for amendments in the existing Holy Quran Act, 1973.
2	Ruet-e-Hilal Bill	To bring harmony and uniformity on Religious festivals in the country, draft Ruet-e-Hilal bill was been prepared in consultation with all provincial Governments. To legislate on Ruet-e-Hilal for the whole country, resolution of Provinces is required under Article 144 of the constitution of Pakistan. For the said purpose, all Provincial Governments were requested to get resolution passed by the Provincial Assemblies, so that further legislative process for passing the bill could be completed.
3	Establishment of Recycling plant	For sanctity of the Holy papers of the Holy Quran a project namely Establishment of Recycling Plant in Islamabad has been proposed by the Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony. PC-II i.e. feasibility report of the project has been prepared.
4	Dowry & Bridal Gifts (Restriction) Act 1973	To amend the <b>Dowry &amp; Bridal Gifts (Restriction) Act 1973</b> , an Official Bill has been processed. The Bill seeks to impose ban on demand & display of dowry. It also provides for easy and speedy restoration of the dowry items to the bride, in case of talaq. It will facilitate the divorces and save them from lengthy litigation.
5	Muslim Family Laws Ordinance 1961	To amend the <b>Muslim Family Laws Ordinance 1961</b> , an official bill has been processed to improve the procedure for registration of Talaq, to provide for Maintenance of Parents , minor children, children with disability and unmarried dependent daughter . The Bill seeks to ensure protection of women rights.  The Ministry has already added Serial no.15 & 16 in Nikahnama form up to extent of ICT which seek to provide list of dowry items & bridal gifts.

## INTERFAITH HARMONY WING

44. As per Rules of Business-1973, Interfaith Harmony Wing has been assigned the following tasks:-
- Policy and legislation of interfaith harmony.
  - International agreements and commitments of all religious communities and implementation thereof.
  - Representation of Pakistan at UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination to Minorities.
  - Minorities Welfare Fund.
  - National Commission for Minorities.
  - Evacuee Trust Property Board.



### **PROTECTION OF MINORITIES - A BRIEF OVERVIEW:-**

45. Pakistan has taken measures to safeguard and promote rights of minorities, as highlighted hereunder:-
- The Constitution of Pakistan guarantees fundamental rights to 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.
  - 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 institutions and perform their religious customs as per their beliefs.
  - The Pakistan Penal Code-1860 provides a complete chapter i.e. Chapter XV containing offences relating to the religion.
  - The system of separate electorate for minorities was abolished in favour of universal adult suffrage on the demand of the minorities.
  - 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:-**

46. 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 under Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination, for clearance by all Provinces so that it has ownership of all Provinces. However, due to some reservations of the Provincial Governments, CCI decided that M/o RA&IH should review the Policy in consultation with Provincial Governments and submit the revised Policy before CCI. In this regard, a meeting with the representatives of Provincial Governments, Law & Justice Division, Cabinet Division under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary

RA&IH was held on 24.09.2019. Draft IH Policy was again been sent to Provincial Governments on 09.10.2019 for their concrete proposals/amendments. The IH Policy will soon be placed before newly constituted National Commission for Minorities, which will further deliberate on it.

#### **DISTRICT INTERFAITH HARMONY COMMITTEES:-**

47. On the directions of this Ministry, Provincial Governments as well as Govt. of AJK, 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**.

#### **DECLARATION OF 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST AS MINORITIES’ DAY**

48. The Government has declared 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> August 1947.



*“You are free; you are free to go to your mosques or other places 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 day when there is no discrimination, no distinction between one caste, creed and colour. We are starting with this fundamental principle that we are all citizens and equal citizens of the State.” Government has declared 11<sup>th</sup> August as Minorities Day 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.*

**Minorities Day-19** celebrations were arranged at official level on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad.

#### **ACTIVITIES ABOUT RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS OF MINORITIES**

49. To promote the religious activities of minority communities and on the directive of President of Pakistan, this Ministry has marked ten 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 Baha’i’s, Festival of Lights for Buddhist Community and Chelum Jusht for Kalash people. Following festivals have been celebrated during 2019-20:-





- i. **Dewali-2019** of Hindu Community was celebrated at official level on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at Pakistan National Council of Arts, Islamabad.
- ii. **Christmas-2019** of Christian community was planned to be celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019 at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad.
- iii. The festivals of **Holi-2020, Easter-2020, Eid-e-Ridvan-2020 and Chelum Jusht-2020** were not celebrated at official level in pursuance of measures adopted by the Federal Government to prevent spread of “Novel Corona Virus” among the public.



### **WELFARE OF MINORITIES - A BRIEF OVERVIEW**

50. 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 & grant of **Scholarships** to minorities students on merit basis. During the FY-2019-20 following funds were sanctioned:-

#### **Funds sanctioned for Small Development Schemes:-**

Fin. Year	Funds Allocated	Schemes Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned in Million
2019-20	Rs. 38.5/- M	28	Rs. 35.8/-

#### **Funds sanctioned for Financial Assistance:-**

Fin. Year	Funds Allocated	Persons / Beneficiaries	Amount Sanctioned in Million
2019-20	Rs. 16.5/- M	4126	Rs. 15.94/-

#### **Funds sanctioned under Minorities Scholarships:-**

Fin. Year	Funds Allocated	Students	Amount Sanctioned in Million
2019-20	Rs. 34.44/- M	2888	Rs. 34.40/-

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES**

51. National Commission for Minorities (NCM) was established through Resolution as a result of Federal Cabinet Decision vide Case No. 194/15/90 dated 02.07.1990. The Commission gives recommendations to this Ministry in Policy matters and recommendations regarding NOCs for sale/purchase/transfer/gift of communal properties of minority communities. After approval of the Federal Cabinet, the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has been reconstituted and notified on 11.05.2020.



چیلارام کیولانی، چیئر مین قومی اقلیتی کمیشن اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے، وفاقی وزیر مذہبی امور پیر نور الحق قادری خصوصی طور پر شریک ہوئے



52. The new NCM consists of six (06) official and Twelve (12) Non-official members (10 Non-Muslim members) with Mr. Chela Ram Kewlani as its Chairman. Thus the newly constituted NCM not only consists of Majority of its membership from Minority communities but its Chairman has also been appointed from minority community. The composition of NCM is as under:-

<b>Mr. Chela Ram Kewlani (Hindu)</b>		<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Official members</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Representative from Ministry of Interior (not below the rank of BS-20 officer)	Member
2	Representative from Ministry of Law and Justice ( not below the rank of BS-20 officer)	Member
3	Representative from Ministry of Human Rights (not below the rank of BS-20 officer)	Member
4	Representative from Federal Education and Professional Training Division (not below the rank of BS-20 officer)	Member
5	Chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology	Member
6	Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony	Member
<b>Non-Official members</b>		
1	Moulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabir Azad (Muslim)	
2	Mufti Gulzar Ahmed Naeemi (Muslim)	
3	Mr. Jaipal Chhabria (Hindu)	
4	Mr. Vishno Raja Qavi (Hindu)	
5	Mr. Chela Ram Kewlani (Hindu)	
6	Dr. Sarah Safdar (Christian)	
7	Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw (Christian)	
8	Mr. Albert David MBE (Christian)	
9	Dr. Mimpal Singh (Sikh)	
10	Mr. Saroop Singh (Sikh)	
11	Ms. Roshan Khurshed Bharucha (Parsi)	
12	Mr. Dawood Shah (Kalash)	

53. The following are the Terms of Reference (TORs) of National Commission for Minorities:

- To formulate proposal for development of a National Policy on Inter-faith Harmony with regard to peace and interfaith harmony in the country.
- To formulate proposals for amending laws/policies which are reported to be discriminatory towards the Minorities.
- 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.
- To ensure effective participation and association of Minority communities with their religious and cultural festival and celebrations.
- 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;
- To ensure that places of worship of the Minority communities are preserved and well-kept in a functional condition.

- g. The Commission with consensus may set additional objectives for itself and if required may consult legal and constitutional experts.
- h. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2002.

54. The first meeting of the NCM was held on 14.05.2020 in which all members urged to make NCM active and effective through legislation. The TORs of the NCM empower it to play an effective role for realization of minorities' rights. The NCM will pursue the finalization and legislation of **“National Commission for Interfaith Harmony Bill”** and **“National Interfaith Harmony Policy”** and for this purpose NCM may acquire services of legal and constitutional experts as well.

## **EVACUEE TRUST PROPERTY BOARD**

### **Background.**

55. Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) is the custodian of all Sikh/Hindu shrines in the country and attached properties. It is a self-finance generating corporate body (Autonomous Body) functions under Evacuee Trust Property (Management and Disposal) Act No XIII of 1975, under the administrative control of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Government of Pakistan. Chairman is the administrative head of the department whereas all policies and development projects are approved and supervised by the Board of Directors (BoDs) with participation of Hindu and Sikh representatives from all four provinces and Gilgit Baltistan.

### **Functions of the Board**

56.

- ♦ Management of evacuee trust properties on behalf of Federal Government.
- ♦ Buy out surplus income, if any with the approval of Federal Government 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 the Board**

57. The Board is constituted for a period of three years on such terms and conditions, as the Federal Government may determine under Section 3 (5) of Evacuee Trust Properties (Management & Disposal) Act No.XIII of 1975. The present Board has been constituted / notified on 19-04-2019 for a term of three years.

### **Constitution of Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (PSGPC)**

58. Minorities affairs are being run through their respective committees. PSGPC is also being appointed by the Federal Government for a term of three years. The present PSGPC was constituted in June, 2019.Uptill

1998, all functions in Pakistani Gurdwaras were managed by Indian Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC). A large number of expatriate Sikhs also used to participate from Europe, North America and some South Asian countries. SGPC India 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 India 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. On every occasion they requested the Pakistani Government to hand over the control and management of Gurdwaras to local Sikhs of Pakistan. After 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.

#### **Categories of Trust Properties**

59.
  - a. Shrines /Worship Places.
  - b. Agriculture lands.
  - c. Urban properties.
  - d. Properties Purchased / acquired with trust money.
  - e. Sale proceeds of trust properties.
  - f. Profit / income from trust properties (cash invested).
  - g. Lease /rent money from trust properties.
  - h. Evacuee trust property exchanged with any other properties / land.

#### **Subsidiary Organizations with ETPB.**

60. ETPB runs the following welfare organizations to contribute in education and health sectors:
  - a. Dyal Singh Trust Library, Lahore.
  - b. Dr. Ambedkar Society for South Asia.
  - c. Sir Ganga Raam Foundation.
  - d. Five Health Centers:
    - i. Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore
    - ii. Agarwal Ashram, Lahore
    - iii. Staff Colony, Lahore
    - iv. Gurdwara Janamasthan, Nankana Sahib
    - v. Gurdwara Punja Sahib, Hassanabdal
  - e. Nawaz Sharif Girls High School, Lahore.
  - f. Trust Model Public School for Boys, Lahore.
  - g. Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqa Degree College for Women, Lahore.
  - h. Janki Devi Hospital, Lahore

#### **Minorities Shrines.**

61. ETPB is responsible for the conduct of rituals in Sikh and Hindu functional shrines rituals as per bilateral protocol between India and Pakistan - 1974 and provides facilities to the yatrees, who visit Pakistan to perform yatra and attend their religious rituals. Most of the important and historical shrines particularly of Sikh Community are located in Pakistan. Due to some untiring efforts, a remarkable success has been achieved in uplifting the image of Pakistan as minorities' 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 as evident but the recent visit of UN Secretary General to Kartarpur Corridor.

**Major Sikh and Hindu Festivals both local and International (As per Bilateral Protocol, 1974).**

62. Following International Hindu festivals were celebrated in the year 2019. Some events were celebrated only locally due to Corona situation:-

S #	Name of Festival	Month of Festival
a.	Maha Shiv Pujan, Katas Raj Temples, Chakwal	13 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
b.	Hayat Pitafi, Sindh	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov to 05 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2019

63. Following local festivals were celebrated in the year 2019-20:-

S #	Name of local Festival	Month of Festival
a.	Holi	March 2019
b.	Ram Noami	April 2019
c.	Sadhu Bella Mandir, Sukkur	June 2019
d.	Krishan Janam Asthami, Lahore Krishan Janam Asthami, Rawalpindi	August 2019
e.	Durga Asthami (Puja)	October 2019
f.	Dosera	October 2019
g.	Birthday of Guru Balmiki / Shri Valmiki Jayanti	October 2019
h.	Dewali	October 2019

**Facilities provided to the Yatrees.**

64. Following facilities were provided to Yatrees as per tradition:-

- Reception.** Sikh and Hindu yatrees from India were received at Joint Check Post (JCP) and Railway station, Wagha by the PSGPC members, ETPB officers/staff. Special arrangements are made for the yatrees to facilitate them which includes helping and facilitating desks.
- Langar.** Provision of langar on arrival / departure and throughout the stay of Sikh and Hindu yatrees in Pakistan is ensured by ETPB and PSGPC.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Facilitation Desks.** ETPB establish facilitation desks to help yatrees by issuing them cards and collecting their bio data.

- g. **Accommodation.** ETPB ensures 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 shrines as per traditions of Sikh & Hindu religions.
  - i. **Currency Exchange.** Arrangements for money exchange according to market rates of National Bank of Pakistan/ Habib Bank Limited are established 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.
65. i. **Projects recently completed (Development/Non-Development Projects – Gurdwaras/Mandirs)**
- **Development Projects - Gurdwaras**
- a. **Construction of New Dispensary / Administrative Block.** Construction of dispensary / administrative block at Gurdwara Janam Asthan Nankana Sahib for the facilitation of visiting Sikh yatrees from India and world over.
  - b. **Renovation/Uplifting of Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore.** Construction of 32 rooms accommodation block has been completed. Renovation/uplifting work of Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore is in progress.
  - c. **Installation of State of the Art Laser Fountain at Nankana Sahib.** A state of the art laser fountain has been installed at Gurdwara Janam Asthan Nankana Sahib. Inauguration ceremony was held on 10 Oct 2019.
  - d. **Renovation/Uplifting of Gurdwara Balila Sahib, Nankana Sahib.** Renovation/uplifting of Gurdwara Balila Sahib has been completed.
  - e. **Renovation/Uplifting of Gurdwara Tamboo Sahib at Nankana Sahib.** Renovation/uplifting of Gurdwara Tamboo Sahib at Nankana Sahib is in progress.
  - f. **Renovation/Uplifting of Gurdwara Malji Sahib at Nankana Sahib.** Renovation/uplifting of Gurdwara Malji Sahib has been completed.
  - g. **Scholarships for Deserving Sikh Students.** Scholarship system for the deserving Sikh/Hindu students has been started to encourage the community to get higher education.
  - h. **Opening of Gurdwara Choa Sahib, Jhelum.** On 02 August 2019, Gurdwara Choa Sahib Jhelum was opened was Sikh community of the world by Dr. Aamer Ahmed, Chairman ETPB. The Gurdwara is directly associated with Baba Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Repair and renovation of Gurdwara is under progress.

- i. **Up-gradation of Langer Hall of Gurdwara Janam Asthan.** Langer hall of Gurdwara Janam Asthan has been completely upgraded and its capacity has been increased to 1000 yatrees at a time.
  - j. **International Sikh Convention.** ETPB and Governor House, Punjab have successfully conducted an International Sikh Convention in Lahore in November 2019 which has send a very positive message across the world.
- **Development Projects - Mandirs**
- a. **Shivala Teja Mandir, Sialkot.** This historical Mandir was renovated and reopened after 72 years and has been appreciated by US Commission of International Religious Freedom (USCIRF).
  - b. **Restoration / renovation of Kali Bari Mandir, Peshawar.** This Mandir was renovated with a cost of Rs 3.2 million in 2019.
  - c. **Restoration of Punj Tirath Mandir, Peshawar.** It is considered to be one of the historical Mandir. It was planned to be inaugurated and opened for Parkash in February 2020 but was postponed due to some un-favourable circumstances of law and order situated.
  - d. **Restoration of Sir Ganga Ram Smadhi.** It is one of the most sacred and important Samadhi in Hindu religion. It was retrieved from the illegal occupation and renovated as per its historical importance.
  - e. **Shamshan Ghat at Lahore.** Shamshan Ghat in Lahore has been re-constructed with cost of Rs. 160 million and will be completed soon
- ii. **Future / Pipeline Development/Non-Development Projects – Gurdwaras / Mandirs**
- **Future / Pipeline Development Projects – Gurdwara**
- a. Repair/maintenance of Gurdwara Choa Sahib, Jhelum is in progress
  - b. Repair/renovation of Gurdwara Baba Guru Nanak Dev Ji is in progress.
  - c. Renovation/uplifting of Gurdwara Tamboo Sahib at Nankana Sahib is in progress.
  - d. Renovation/uplifting work of Gurdwara Dera Sahib, Lahore is in progress.
  - e. Opening / renovation Gurdwara Khara Sahib, Nowshera Virkan
  - f. Opening / renovation Gurdwaras Grant Sahib and Sangat Sahib, Kasur
- **Future / Pipeline Development Projects – Mandirs**
- a. Renovation of Katas Raj Mandir, Chakwal, Museum and construction of accommodation block
  - b. Renovation of Krishna Mandir, Lahore is in progress
  - c. Restoration of Parhaladpuri Mandir, Multan and a Mandir in Gujranwala
  - d. Restoration of Haveli Maharaja Ranjit Singh in Gujranwala
  - e. Restoration of Jain Mandir in Gujranwala
  - f. Repair and maintenance work in Sadhu Bella Temples, Sukkur.
  - g. Shamshan Ghat facility in Hassanabdal and Peshawar for Hindu and Sikh communities are under process

### **Kartarpur Corridor.**

66. To fulfill the long-standing desire of Sikh nation, Pakistan opened Kartarpur Corridor and Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Complex. Kartarpur has been completed in November, 2019 in a short span of one year spending Rs.16.5 billion. The move has been appreciated a lot despite Indian reluctance and problematic approach.

### **Inauguration Ceremony of Kartarpur Corridor.**

67. In November 2018, Prime Minister Imran Khan announced and led the foundation stone of Kartar Corridor. The project was completed in a short span of time of one year. **Inauguration ceremony was held on 09th November 2019. The gesture of Pakistan has been appreciated worldwide.**



*Pir Noor ul Haq Qadri, Federal Minister for Religious Affairs welcomes UN Secretary General Mr. Antonio Guterres at Karatarpur Sahib*



*Prime Minister Imran Khan addressing at the inauguration Ceremony of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor at Kartarpur*

### **Memorial Coin and Postage Stamp.**

68. Memorial coin and Postage Stamp were issued on the 550<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, November 2019 which were momentarily appreciated by the Sikh Community across the globe.

### **Achievements**

#### **69. a. Administrative Milestones**

- i. Savings of Rs.3.635 million by adopting strict austerity measure in the head of POL adjustment (year 2019-20) and other heads.
- ii. Creation of Fast Track Cell on 06.01.2020 of lower scale from BPS-01 to BPS-05 for quick disposal of the case. Since the date of its inception till 31.08.2020, total received cases pertaining to 01-05 employees are 821, disposed off / decided are 801 and under process are 20 cases.
- iii. More than 300 employees were transferred who have spent more than 10 years at the same station.
- iv. Retrieval of 686 acres ET Land & Properties (worth Rs. 6690.5 million approx.) through ETPB anti encroachment drive.
- v. 44 officers/officials and 150 - security personnel have been trained during this year.



**b. Disciplinary Cases**

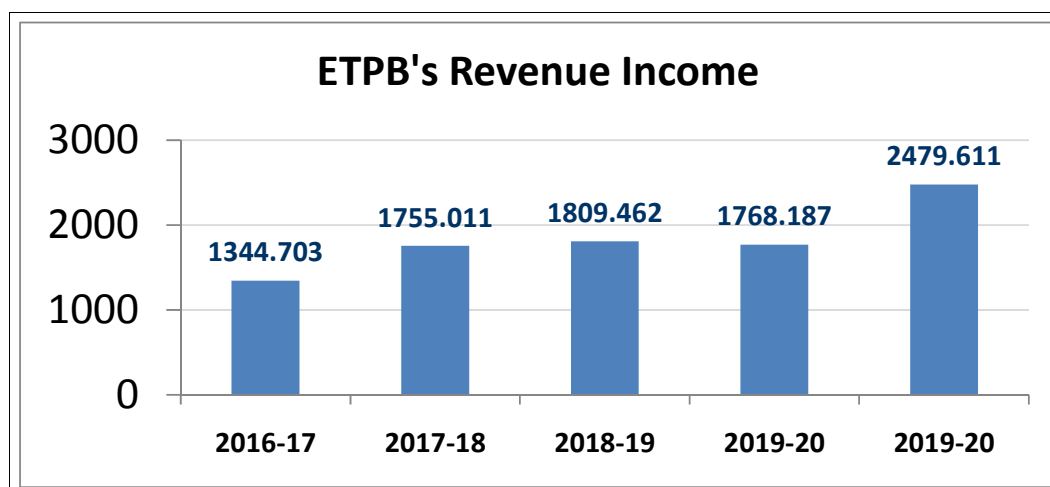
Category	Total
Cases Initiated	305
Cases disposed off / decided	109
Major Penalty Imposed	19
Minor Penalty Imposed	63
Warning Issued	27
Financial Penalty Imposed	Rs.143.647 (Million)

**c. Financial**

- i. Recovery enhancement of Rs.711.424 million in Revenue Income 2019-20.
- ii. Savings of Rs.615.025 million by adopting austerity measures for Financial Year: 2019-20.
- iii. Implementation on Internal/External Audit Reports (Years 2009-19).
- iv. Hidden ET properties traced out worth Rs.690 million.
- v. Resolution of important cases with Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony, Islamabad.
- vi. Vigilant recovery of arrears and removal of illegal occupations/encroachments.
- vii. Arrears rent recovery of Rs.5.000 million from Wild Life department Sanda road, Lahore.
- viii. Due to anti-encroachment drive by ETP Board, Fisheries department approved and ready to pay Rs.63.700 million on account of arrears of rent.
- ix. Arrears of Rs. 63.139 million recovered from Mouza Sahoki Marian Jinnah Park Punjab Government.



*Federal Secretary Mr. Ijaz Khan Jafar hearing Revision Petitions of ETPB*



## **ADMINISTRATION WING**

70. Administration Wing of the Ministry is comprises of the following sections:-

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

### **ADMINISTRATION SECTION:**

71. The Administration section is responsible for looking after the matters relating to human resource management of the Ministry. Activities of Administration Section during 2019-20 are as under:-

- i. 03 requisitions sent to FPSC for recruitments of 02 Deputy Directors (BS-18) and one advertisement of 04 officials appointed in the Ministry in BS-01 to 15.
- ii. Recruitment process for filling of 21 Ministerial posts (BS-01 to 15) initiated in the Ministry.
- iii. 02 children of the deceased employees were appointed against BS-09 posts in the Ministry under Prime Minister's Assistance Package for the families of deceased employee who died during service.
- iv. 15 cases of Educational Stipend/Fee re-imbursement and 06 cases of marriage grant were finalized and forwarded to the concerned department.
- v. 200 cases regarding hiring of residential accommodation for employees of the Ministry and Haji Camps were processed.
- vi. 10 pension cases were processed.
- vii. 45 medical reimbursement cases of serving employees and 50 medical reimbursement cases of retired officers/officials were processed.
- viii. 35 cases of posting/transfer/provision of replacement were processed.
- ix. 11 litigation cases were defended in FST, Islamabad on behalf of the Ministry.

72. The achievements of the Administration Section for the financial year 2019-20 are as under:-

S.#	NAME OF CASES	NUMBER
01.	HBA granted to officers/officials.	10
02.	Motor Care Advance granted to employees.	02
03.	GPF advance granted to employees.	15

### **BUDGET AND CASH SECTION:**

73. 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 2019-20:**

**i). BUDGET FOR FY: 2019-20**

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Allocated Budget 2019-20 (IN MILLIONS)</b>
96	479.000
97	625.000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,104.000</b>

**ii). RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:**

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS 2019-20 (IN MILLIONS)</b>	
	<b>RE-APP (+)</b>	<b>RE-APP (-)</b>
96	41.580	41.580
97	15.932	15.932
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57.512</b>	<b>57.512</b>

**iii). SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS:**

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS 2019-20 (IN MILLIONS)</b>
96	0
97	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>

**iv). SURRENDER OF FUNDS:**

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>SURRENDER OF FUNDS 2019-20 (IN MILLIONS)</b>
96	1.921
97	5.911
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7.832</b>

**v). SUBMISSION OF CONTINGENCY BILLS:**

- i. 1,655 bills were submitted to the AGPR, Islamabad.
- ii. Reconciliation of expenditure with the AGPR, Islamabad was done on monthly basis.

**COUNCIL AND COORDINATION SECTION**

74. 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 to Article 9 of the Constitution of Pakistan.

## **GENERAL SECTION**

75. The General Section is responsible for following:
- i. Look after the Security of Office building and watching of incoming /outgoing of visitors as well as vehicles parked in front of Office building.
  - ii. Purchase of Transport
  - iii. Purchase of furniture and fixture, Machinery & Equipment, Computers and other Assets
  - iv. Purchase of Stationary items.
  - v. Purchase of Miscellaneous items
  - vi. Purchase of POL for vehicles.
  - vii. Payment of utilities bills i.e. Telephone/DSL Electricity/Sui Gas/Officers' Mobile Bills.
  - viii. Repair of Transport (VIP vehicles) Minister/Minister of State/ Parliamentary Secretary's vehicles.
  - ix. Repair of Transport (General vehicles of the Ministry).
  - x. Repair of Telephones
  - xi. Repair of Machinery & Equipment Computers/Printers/ACs/Electricity etc)
  - xii. Photocopiers & Fax Machine.
  - xiii. 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
  - xiv. Arrangements of official meeting.
  - xv. Reservation of accommodation in hotels, meal arrangements of official guests
  - xvi. Dispatch of outdoor Dak i.e. Immediate / routine Dak through Courier and General Post Office.
  - xvii. Distribution of indoor mail received from Couriers and General Post Office in the Ministry.
76. The General Section during year 2019-20 made efficient arrangements to ensure security measures of the office building and facilitate 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.

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    MinisterOfState --> ParliamentarySecretary[Parliamentary Secretary]
    ParliamentarySecretary --> Secretary[Secretary]
    Secretary --> AdditionalSecretary[Additional Secretary]
    AdditionalSecretary --> JointSecyAIF[Joint Secy (A/F)]
    AdditionalSecretary --> JointSecyHajj[Joint Secy (Hajj)]
    AdditionalSecretary --> JointSecyDZ[Joint Secy (D&Z)]
    AdditionalSecretary --> DirectorGeneralRnR[Director General (R&R)]
    AdditionalSecretary --> JointSecyZakat[Joint Secy (Zakat)]
    AdditionalSecretary --> SrJointSecyIH[Sr. Joint Secy (IH)]
    JointSecyAIF --> DSAdmin[D. S. (Admin)]
    JointSecyAIF --> DSBC[S.O. (B&C)]
    JointSecyAIF --> DSGen[S.O. (Gen.)]
    JointSecyAIF --> DSCC[S.O. (C&C)]
    JointSecyAIF --> DSFieldAdmin[S.O. (Field Admin)]
    JointSecyAIF --> DSComplaints[S.O. (Hajj Policy Complaints)]
    JointSecyAIF --> DSUGO[S.O. (UGO)]
    JointSecyAIF --> DSLitigation[S.O. (Litigation)]
    JointSecyAIF --> DSMedia[D.D. (Media)]
    JointSecyHajj --> DSHajjPolicy[D. S. (Hajj Policy)]
    JointSecyHajj --> DSHO[D. S. (HO)]
    JointSecyHajj --> SOWPW[S.O. (PW)]
    JointSecyHajj --> SOWFieldAdmin[S.O. (Field Admin)]
    JointSecyHajj --> AOHajjRefund[A.O. (Hajj Refund)]
    JointSecyHajj --> AOWPW[A.O. (PW)]
    JointSecyHajj --> ProtocolOffice[Protocol Office]
    JointSecyDZ --> DSDawaahZakat[D. S. (Dawaah & Zakat)]
    JointSecyDZ --> SODawaah[S.O. (Dawaah)]
    JointSecyDZ --> SIZakat[S.O. (Zakat)]
    JointSecyDZ --> SUmrah[S.O. (Umrah)]
    JointSecyDZ --> HajjComputerCell[Hajj Computer Cell]
    DirectorGeneralRnR --> DirectorI[Director (I)]
    DirectorGeneralRnR --> DirectorII[Director (II)]
    DirectorGeneralRnR --> DirectorIII[Director (III)]
    DirectorI --> DDIJ[D.D. (IJ)]
    DirectorI --> ADIJ[A.D. (J)]
    DirectorI --> ADISI[A.D. (ISI)]
    DirectorI --> Librarian[Librarian]
    DirectorII --> DDIRS[D.D. (R&S)]
    DirectorII --> ADResearchSecrariI[A.D. (Research & Secrari-I)]
    DirectorII --> ADResearchSecrariII[A.D. (Research & Secrari-II)]
    DirectorII --> ResearchOfficer[Research Officer]
    DirectorIII --> DDQuran[D.D. (Quran)]
    DirectorIII --> ADQuran[A.D. (Quran)]
    JointSecyZakat --> DSZakat[D. S. (Zakat)]
    JointSecyZakat --> SOZakat[S.O. (Zakat)]
    JointSecyZakat --> DyAdminZakat[Dy. Admin (Zakat)]
    JointSecyZakat --> Programmer[Programmer]
    JointSecyZakat --> AOZakatI[A.O. (Zakat-I)]
    JointSecyZakat --> AOZakatII[A.O. (Zakat-II)]
    SrJointSecyIH --> DSMinority[D. S. (Minority)]
    SrJointSecyIH --> DSAdmin[S.O. (Admin)]
    SrJointSecyIH --> DSBC[S.O. (B&C)]
    SrJointSecyIH --> DSMinorityRev[S.O. (Minority)]
    SrJointSecyIH --> SORev[S.O. (Rev.)]
    SrJointSecyIH --> EvacueeTrustPropertyBoard[Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB)]
  
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