



GILGIT-BALTISTAN ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

No. Legis-1(5)/2020

September 08, 2023

Subject: - GBA UN-STARRED QUESTION No.14

I am directed to say that Mr. Akbar Ali Rajai, Member Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly has submitted an un-starred question which is reproduced as under:-

سوال۔ کیا وزیر امیٹر جنگلات گلگت بلتستان بیان فرمائیں گے؛

اور Environmental Protection Agency کا کل سالانہ بجٹ اور

Donor fund، PSDP اور ADP کے مد میں ملنے والی رقم کی تفصیل مہیا کی جائے نیز اس ایجنسی کو

فعال بنانے کیلئے اب تک اٹھائے گئے اقدامات سے آگاہ کیا جائے۔

2. The concerned Department is requested to submit reply to the Un-starred Question No.14 to the GB Assembly Secretariat 48 hours before the commencement of Question Hour under Rule 51 of the GB Assembly Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business-2017.


(Ashiq Hussain)
Additional Secretary
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To

1. The Advisor to Chief Minister on Forest Wildlife & Environment GB.
2. The Secretary Forest Department Gilgit-Baltistan.

C.C:-

1. Mr. Akbar Ali, Member GB Assembly.
2. The Secretary to Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan.
3. The Additional Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary GB.
4. PS to Speaker GB Assembly.
5. PS to Secretary GB Assembly.



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Major Initiatives/reforms and interventions taken

The GB Government has taken various initiatives to systematically strengthen GB-EPA and environmental governance in the region. These include;

- Regulatory Regime (List Annexed)
- Gilgit-Baltistan Environmental Protection Act, 2014
- Gilgit-Baltistan Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

Institutional Setup

The GB Government has now approved positions for establishment of EPA at Divisional level at Gilgit, Baltistan and Diamer-Astore for which following steps have been take;

- PC-1 for GB-EPA Directorate Gilgit has been approved.
- Baltistan division office is under construction and staff has been hired. Assistant Director (BPS-17) & Scientific Officer (BPS-16) have recruited through Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) and class-IV staff have hired through Departmental Selection Committee.
- Diamer-Astore Division office scheme is included in the ADP 2023-24 for which PC-I is submitted to Planning & Development Department. Assistant Director (BPS-17) & Scientific Officer (BPS-16) have recruited through Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) and class-IV staff have hired through Departmental Selection Committee.
- Gilgit Division office PC-I is approved which will be tendered shortly.

A well-equipped environmental laboratory has been established and is operational for providing water testing facilities to the general public and to interested individuals/organizations. Additionally Air Pointer has been installed for continuous air quality monitoring of Gilgit city.

Development Projects (ADP/PSDP/Donor fund)

S#	Development Projects	Project Ref#	Project cost			
1	PSDP projects	Nil	Nil			
2	Donor funded	Nil	Nil			
3	ADP SCHEMES					
	Name of Scheme	ADP No.	Total Cost Rs. (million)	Location	Up to date Exp	Scheme status
	3.1 Environment/Environmental Management and Monitoring System in Gilgit-Baltistan. (R)	311	172.50	Gilgit	170.140	Targeted
	3.2 Phasing out Plastic Bags in Gilgit-Baltistan through promotion of smart Shopping Bags in GB	321	150.00	Gilgit	47.322	
	3.3 Construction of Regional offices of EPA at Gilgit	323	58.70	Gilgit	18.687	
	3.4 Const. of Regional Setup of EPA Offices at Skardu	324	34.60	Skardu	11.977	



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3.5	Environment/Environmental Management and Monitoring System in Gilgit-Baltistan. Phase-I	331	17.051	Gilgit	0.000	
3.6	Feasibility for Environmental Protection, Sustainable Management and Development of Khunjarab, Attabad Lake and Babusar & upper Kachora Lake	332	8.00	Gilgit	3.100	Targeted
3.7	Feasibility study for development of solid waste disposal system and to subsidize LPG to mitigate climate change in GB	333	25.00	Gilgit	0.000	