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BUDGET SPEECH 2021-22

Mr. Speaker,

I express my gratitude to Almighty Allah who has bestowed upon me the privilege to stand before this August house and present the Budget for the fiscal year 2021-22. I am pleased to announce that for next financial year we are not proposing any new tax. I am grateful to my Almighty Allah for putting us on a persistent path to progress and development.

I would like to begin by thanking the people of Sindh for reposing trust on us and it is incumbent upon us to live up to their expectations. Ever since Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) was founded, People have always supported the PPPs program. People of Sindh recognized and validated our services for the province by thrusting the reigns of governance into our hands in successive elections especially in General Election 2018 where we secured highest number of seats and we feel this responsibility to serve more than ever before.

Mr. Speaker,

Our founding father Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, said:

“If we want to make this great State of Pakistan happy and prosperous we should wholly and solely concentrate on the well-being of the people, and especially of the masses and the poor”.

Pakistan Peoples' Party has always espoused these values. Quaid-e Awam, Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, scrupulously followed the teaching of Quaid-e-Azam and worked towards the well-being of the common person.

Quaid-e Awam, Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, said:

‘...power must pass to people or everything will perish’.

Their policy was centered on the idea of the welfare of the common person, and they strove relentlessly during their lives and embraced martyrdom to achieve these goals.

As Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed said:

“Pakistan's future viability, stability and security lie in empowering its people and building institutions.

Mr. Speaker,

It is my honour to convey to this House, that under the unmatched and dynamic leadership of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and President Asif Ali Zardari, the Pakistan Peoples Party and its Government has been successful in staying true to its commitment to improve service delivery and continue to work persistently for the welfare and uplift of the people of Sindh. We have been fortunate to benefit from our leadership, but we have also been diligent, and diligence is the mother of good fortune. The Budget of 2021-22 has been prepared in consonance with the collective vision of our leaders which also meets the moment.

Mr. Speaker,

Pakistan Peoples Party has ensured that the people of Sindh have a say in setting out priorities of Government. For this purpose, this year's Budget has also been set out in the spirit of participatory governance, aimed towards the establishment of a just, equitable, and egalitarian society. We believe in the politics of inclusion. We believe in the politics of

participation. Thus, we will try to ensure that decisions are transparent and made with participation of citizen. Our aim is the empowerment of people through policies and programs that can facilitate growth and development; and help us move towards medium and long term economic growth, a growth which is not for the few but for the many. I am thankful to all our honorable MPAs, both from the treasury and opposition benches, for their support and look forward to their cooperation in future.

Mr. Speaker,

A year ago, we announced our initial response to coronavirus. What was originally thought to be a temporary disruption to our way of life has fundamentally altered it. People are still being told to stay in their homes; businesses have been ordered to close early; thousands of people are in hospital. Much has changed. But one thing has stayed the same.

“I said we would do whatever it takes; we have done; and we will do so”.

Mr. Speaker,

The preparation of this Budget was undertaken in circumstances like never before. We knew of calamities that have affected a country or a region within a country, but what we have endured with COVID-19 through 2020-21 is sui generis. When I presented the Budget 2020-21, we could not have imagined that our people as those in other provinces would have to endure the loss of near and dear ones and suffer hardships brought about due to a health crisis.

Mr. Speaker,

Our rich history serves as concrete evidence of how we have overcome our challenges by the dint of our own efforts and resilience. Our economic situation may be far from perfect, and adequate help may not be forthcoming, but on behalf of people of Sindh I can say that we will pass this ordeal with flying colours—the way we have done so often in past. I am reminded of the hauntingly beautiful words of the great poet Dr. Mohd. Sir Alama Iqbal I quote in original:

**“Zinda Rehna Hai To Halaat Se Darna Kaisa,
Jung Lazim Ho Toh Lashkar Nahe Dekhe Jate”**

Mr. Speaker,

The economic meltdown due to Covid-19 and inflation has severely affected the lives of ordinary citizens. We are sensitive to the hardships being faced by the common man and it was in this background that we stretched our resources and rolled out interventions that could provide some immediate relief. Additionally, we began some programs for empowering the vulnerable sections of our society to gradually move towards “inclusive growth”. Let me very briefly highlight these:

- ✓ Health Risk allowance @ One Running Basic salary in relevant Pay Scale has been allowed to the Health Personnel who are performing duties related to COVID-19 patients in the health institutions/ laboratories. This Risk Allowance is being extended to all health professionals including Post Graduate/House Job Officers and Nursing students. Funds to the tune of Rs.17.4 billion have been provided as Health Risk Allowance in the current financial year 2020-21.
- ✓ To encourage community driven economic activities, focusing on supporting home-based businesses, small and medium enterprises, a social protection and economic sustainability package of Rs.34.7 billion was provided in CFY 2020-21

- ✓ Corona testing capacity has been enhanced to more 24,600 per day, in the province, which were initially only 80 tests per day.
- ✓ Government of Sindh has released Rs.7.14 billion in CFY, which includes Rs.2.3 billion under Corona Emergency Fund and Rs.4.7 billion as special grant to Health Department. 81 isolation Centers in all districts with 8,266 beds capacity were established. By June, 2021 this capacity will increase to 8,616. For ensuring timely supplies and proper service delivery, Government of Sindh constituted Medical Procurement Committee. As a government, we kept a watch on the situation and were proactive in our responses. We made it a regular practice to keep people of the province informed on our efforts against COVID-19. Sindh government stretched its resources to deliver for most vulnerable sections of our society – the poorest of the poor, the elderly, the migrant workers, and our children.

Mr. Speaker,

Budget making is always a daunting task especially when the global economy is suffering from pandemic and uncertainty, and when there are serious resource constraints. This monsoon season had brought heavy rainfall to Karachi than on previous occasions. We had more rainfall in one day than the past 92 years. Urban flooding had affected major areas of the city especially District Central due to Green Line Project, Yousuf Goth in District Malir Wazir Mansion in District South and DHA. Despite such impediments we took extra ordinary measures and carried out rapid need assessment for Ashura processions for its peaceful culmination. Against all the odds, we have tried to present a different budget and give people of this province relief and opportunity, which they expect from us. Different not in words, but in spirit and in content. We have taken utmost care to facilitate a budget which is clearly Pro-People and Pro-Poor.

Mr. Speaker,

As stated earlier, the focus of this budget is the overall betterment and welfare of the people, for which efficient and optimal utilization of the resources is mandatory. I want to confidently state that our Government is fully prepared to support and facilitate the economic and social foundation reset. This Budget provides every opportunity to raise and capture the pace that it needs for sustainable growth. We aim to move towards a peaceful and prosperous Sindh by protecting the most vulnerable people from the impact of pandemic and bringing about sustainable socio-economic, infrastructural and human resource development.

Mr. Speaker,

I want to say with great regret that the actual transfers to Government of Sindh in a fiscal year always fall short of the estimates provided, as FBR falls short in collection of its set targets. The Federal Government is the major contributor to Sindh's finances comprising of 72.5% in its entirety. It is a fact that these shares inevitably fall short of the estimates we provide every year. As a result, our development expenditure has to be adjusted to offset the effect. However, it is our desire to work in close coordination with the Federal Government in the larger interest of the people of Pakistan to overcome these issues. We thus expect that the Federal Government would also support us in all our endeavors and help to come up with viable solutions to the issues being faced by Sindh.

”امید تو بندھ جاتی، تسکین تو ہو جاتی
وعدہ نا وفا کرتے، وعدہ تو کیا ہوتا“
(چراغ حسن حسرت)

Mr. Speaker,

Before I commence Revised Estimates of 2020-21, I want to take a moment to acknowledge how isolating and distancing seemed like insurmountable challenges for a country like ours that has people coming together in times of crises. It hurt us in many ways. I bow my head in respect to every citizen, for the endurance shown in facing what was an undeniably a tough year for all our physical and mental well-being. Having said that, we are all reminded time and again that our fight against COVID-19 continues into 2021.

Mr. Speaker,

With your permission, let me now place before the august house fiscal performance of the government during CFY

REVISED ESTIMATES 2020-21

Mr. Speaker,

Against an estimated budgetary amount of Rs.1,073.7 billion the revised receipts of the Province for Current Financial Year 2020-21 stand at Rs.960.4 billion. As mentioned earlier we are facing a shortfall on account of Federal Transfers. During eleven months of this financial year against budgeted receipts of Rs.696.944 billion we have only received Rs.623.619 billion. Based on these figures we will be facing a shortfall of Rs.83.8 billion. Receipts of Federal PSDP are revised at Rs.8.302 billion; whereas revised Foreign Project Assistance stands at Rs.38.29 billion. The provincial tax and non-tax receipt is revised to Rs.242.9 billion against an estimated target of Rs.313.4 billion.

On the expenditure side the budget has been revised from Rs. 968.99 billion to Rs.954.4 billion.

The development expenditure is revised at Rs.160.3 billion against an estimated allocation of Rs.232.94 billion. There has been a severe financial crunch due to reduced resources from federal government and low collection from provincial resources due to Covid. Provincial ADP which was Rs.228.0 billion in Year 2019-20 was reduced to Rs.170.0 billion in 2020-21. The revised estimates of current year's ADP will be about Rs.113.0 billion.

Despite various constraints, stakeholder departments are likely to complete 460 schemes during 2020-21. By the end of CFY we will be able to spend 85% of the development budget that is 15% higher than last FY. It reflects on our growing capacity and our rational financial management.

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2021-22:

Mr. Speaker,

The total receipts of province for Financial Year 2021-22 are estimated at Rs.1.452 trillion as against budget estimate of Rs.1.22 trillion for CFY, showing overall increase of 19%. Receipts from Federal Government on account of revenue assignment, straight transfers and grants are estimated at Rs.869.68 billion, which constitute 72.5% of total receipts of the province. It is an increase of 12.6%, over estimates of Rs.760.3 billion last year. However, the budget estimates of straight transfers for next FY have decreased substantially by approximately 20.6% to Rs.49.5 billion from the budget estimates of Rs.62.34 billion of CFY. Receipts of Federal PSDP are estimated at Rs.5.37 billion. Receipts on account of Foreign Project Assistance (FPA), budgetary support loans and grants are estimated at Rs.71 billion. Receipts from provincial own sources on

account of tax and non-tax receipts are estimated at Rs.329.033 billion, which constitute **27.5%** of total receipts. This is an increase of 4.8% over estimates of Rs.313.4 billion of CFY.

Mr. Speaker,

The total budget outlay for Financial Year 2021-22 is estimated at Rs.1.477 trillion, as against budget estimate of Rs.1.241 trillion for CFY, showing overall increase of 19%. The current expenditure of the province is projected at Rs.1.14 trillion, which includes current revenue expenditure of Rs.1.089 trillion and current capital expenditure of Rs.59.49 billion. This is 78% of total expenditure of the province and shows an increase of 14% over estimates of Rs.1 trillion for last year. It is important to highlight here that for the next financial year; we have tried to align our Development as well as non-development expenditure priorities in line with the post COVID-19 situation.

The development expenditure of the province is estimated at Rs.329.032 billion, which include Rs.222.5 billion for Provincial ADP and Rs.30.0 billion for Districts ADP, foreign project assistance of Rs.71.16 billion and Rs.5.4 billion from Federal PSDP Grant for schemes being executed by Government of Sindh.,

In FY 2021-22, 1033 schemes have been identified for completion in first and second quarter and maximum resources will be provided for their timely completion. On-Going schemes with remaining throw-forward up to Rs.100 million have been fully funded for completion by June, 2022. On-Going Schemes where 70% expenditure is made have been fully funded for completion by June, 2022.

Mr. Speaker,

We have introduced Citizens' Budget to improve citizen's access to budgetary information with the objective to promote accountability and transparency in public financial management. It presents the provincial budget in a simple and lucid manner, highlighting its salient features and making it easy for the common man to understand. This will empower citizens to hold their elected representatives and public officials accountable and thus contribute to good governance.

Mr. Speaker,

Keeping in view above non-development and development expenditure priorities, the major milestone of our objectives are:

- ✓ Provide infrastructure to education institutions for increased enrolment,
- ✓ Improve and Upgrade health facilities and managing available health institutions,
- ✓ Provide nutrition support, community infrastructure funds, income generating grants, micro assets, and low cost housing for reducing poverty of poorest of the poor.
- ✓ Increase agricultural productivity and value chain,
- ✓ Conservation of water for agriculture, industrial and municipal consumption,
- ✓ Provide clean drinking water and safe disposal of sewerage,
- ✓ Improve connectivity between major cities and towns of province
- ✓ Increase road connectivity and planned mass transit for Karachi city,

Mr. Speaker,

This peoples' government has remained overtly cautious about the growth in size of government vis-a-vis service delivery. We believe in minimum government with maximum Governance. Even though it is the responsibility of a government to create employment opportunities; however, such creation of opportunities should be carefully planned. During

our tenure, we have only made appointments based on need while ensuring meritocracy. For next financial year, we have created around 2600 posts.

HEALTH

Mr. Speaker,

Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have. Our Government is committed to provide affordable quality health services to its entire population. This is a basic right for all its citizens instead of as a privilege for the few who can afford to pay expensive doctors in private clinics. Beginning at the basics, vaccines are the most effective health intervention in terms of economics. They lower the possibility of disease and ensure that children grow up healthier and better equipped to fight with disease throughout their lives. This lowers the cost of healthcare required in the future.

Mr. Speaker,

Health remains a priority sector. After advent of Covid-19, Government reprioritized its allocation and earmarked maximum resources in 2020-21 for prevention, isolation, and treatment for Covid-19; besides, significant resources were also spent containing and mitigating the economic damage due to job loss and business closure. For the next financial year, an allocation of Rs.172 billion is proposed as against an allocation of RS.132.88 billion in 2020-21. For NFY, the ADP of health is pitched at Rs.18.5 billion. The next financial year will witness an increase of 30% in total allocation for Health Sector including medical education.

Moreover, Rs.7.6 billion has been allocated in next financial year 2021-22 with an overall increase of 10% for 09 vertical Programs to combat/control Polio, TB, Aids, Lady Health Worker Program, Hepatitis control, and expanded program for Immunization and others.

➤ **Main features include:**

Rs.644.9 million for TB Control Program in Sindh, Rs.1.4 billion for Lady Health Worker (LHW) Program, Rs.2.04 billion for Prevention & Control of Hepatitis in Sindh, Rs.315.9 million for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Program in Sindh, Rs.309.8 million for Malaria Control Program in Sindh Rs.2.5 billion for EPI Program Sindh, Rs.288.7 million for Sindh AIDS Control Program Rs.57.9 million for Prevention and Control Program for Dengue Rs.76.8 million for Prevention and Control of Blindness-

Mr. Speaker,

We are dedicated to improve the health cover and are striving to maximize the facilities at the primary level. On the other hand, we are trying to improve service delivery and enhance operational capabilities at the secondary and tertiary levels. Around 62 schemes likely to be completed up-to June 2021, this will increase access to quality healthcare services network province wide. Resource allocation is done as per the real needs and requirement of the people. This has improved both the process of budgeting and provision of health services.

Mr. Speaker,

Now I would present some major milestones that have been achieved during current financial year:

- ✓ Establishment of Gastroenterology and Neuropsychiatry Unit at NICH, Karachi at cost Rs. 192.788 million.
- ✓ Establishment of Cardio thoracic Surgery Department at Liaquat University Hospital, Hyderabad (Revised) at cost Rs. 376.667 million.
- ✓ Construction of Operation Theaters for Ophthalmology and Strengthening of Trauma Centre at CMC Hospital, Larkano at Cost Rs. 219.989 million.
- ✓ Strengthening of existing surgical intensive care unit and anesthesiology department at Peoples Medical College Hospital Shaheed Benazirabad at cost Rs. 169.725 million.
- ✓ Construction of 50 bedded Hospital / Maternity Home in Gulistan-e-Jauhar, Karachi (Revised) at cost Rs. 323.644 million.
- ✓ Construction of 100 bedded Hospital at PIB Colony, Karachi at cost Rs. 477.550 million.
- ✓ Extension of Services of SIUT, Karachi (Revised) at cost Rs. 1,514.040 million.
- ✓ Expansion & Rehabilitation of Sir C.J Institute of Psychiatry Hyderabad including Construction of New Female Ward, Rehabilitation Centre & OPD Block, Psychiatric Emergency 50 bedded Ward (Revised) at cost Rs. 292.211 million.
- ✓ Up-gradation of Sindh Govt Hospital / THQ Hospital Shahdadpur to the level of Institute of Medical & Health Sciences, District Sanghar. (Revised) at cost Rs. 328.077 million.
- ✓ 02 schemes of Construction of Divisional Warehouse at 1) Hyderabad and other at Mirpurkhas at cost Rs. 94.242 million each unit.
- ✓ NICVD has 10 satellite Centers, 21 mobile chest pain clinics. In CFY, more than 1.5 million people have been treated for various heart ailments free of cost.
- ✓ Up-gradation of THQ Hospitals to the level of DHQ Hospitals (03 Nos) at Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allahyar & Jamshoro (Re-revised) at cost Rs. 1,743.695 million.
- ✓ Up gradation of existing RHC to the level of THQ Hospital at Kunri, District Umerkot at cost Rs. 195.546 million.
- ✓ Up gradation of RHC Daur to the level of Taluka Hospital Daur at cost Rs. 67.633 million.
- ✓ Automation of Health Department, Government of Sindh has been continued through public sector development initiative with revised/modified scope. Under this initiative following process are being automated:

- Web Portal established.
- Biometric Verification of all Sindh Health Department Employees has been established to check online attendance of facility and other services staff
- Comprehensive Human Resource Management System with complete profile of employees, Transfer/Postings, Leaves Management, Medical reimbursements, online recruitment, reporting and analytics – demonstrating Profile and Transfer/Postings.
- In addition, Document Archiving involving scanning of files/letters and making it available online; Asset Management of all immovable and movable assets under the purview of Health Department (Civil Hospital assets entered); Monitoring of Development Schemes and Budgets; Medicine inventory management systems and Health GIS to display all health facilities along with it details are under process.

➤ **Other Important Initiatives:**

- ✓ Developed 81 Isolation centers (15 in Karachi and 66 in rest of Sindh) with 8,666 beds capacity (2,068 in Karachi & 6,598 in rest of Sindh). Also established more than 400 ICU beds with ventilators 32 health facilities and 1,146 HDU beds in 35 HFs across the province.

- ✓ In addition, established 102 beds ICUs in 13 DHQ Hospitals with 10 bedded ICU in 06 DHQ Hospitals (Badin, Khairpur, Shikarpur, Dadu, Mirpurkhas, and Mithi) 6 Bedded ICUs in 07 DHQ Hospitals (Matiari, Umarkot, T.M. Khan, T.A. Yaar, Kandhkot, Kamber and Kotri) through public sector development program.
- ✓ In addition, a 196 bedded 'Sindh Infectious Diseases Control Hospital & Research Center at NIPA, Karachi' & '50 Bedded Hospital at Gulistan-e-Johar Karachi' have been established and made functional by 30th June, 2020. Both at the cost of Rs. 1,990.00 million
- ✓ Under MOU, in partnership with National Institute of Health Islamabad (NIH) and Dow University of Health Sciences initiated the establishment of "Provincial Public Health Laboratory (PPHL) and making it operational at DUHS (Ojha Karachi) that will enable detection, characterization and tracing of disease transmission for prevention & control of Public Health events. This PPHL serves specifically for diagnostic of infections/ viruses in emergencies, epidemics/ pandemics.
- ✓ Furthermore, since the onset of COVID-19 emergency in the province, Government of Sindh has initiated viral laboratories for testing of patients at Dr. Ruth K.N Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi, Ojha Institute of Chest Disease Karachi, Ghulam Muhammad Maher Medical College Hospital Sukkur and Indus Hospital Karachi.
- ✓ Rs. 26.13 billion spent of COVID related activities during current financial year, which includes, Salaries of contract employees, ILR PCR Kits (Covid-19 test kits) & PPE's, Cold Chain, Major Tertiary Care Hospitals on account of Operation Expenses to Run HDUs & ICUs PPHL, Instruments like Biosafety Cabinet Class-II A-2 & Related Material for Laboratories, Establishment of Critical Care Unit (CCU), establishment of vaccination centers, Procurement of Corona Vaccine, Isolation Center at Expo Center, etc.

➤ **COVID & ADDITIONAL MEASURES:-**

Mr. Speaker,

During current financial year 2020-21, following additional rapid measures were taken during pandemic:

- ✓ Rs.17.03 billion has been provided to the employees of Health Department as Health Risk Allowance due to current pandemic of Covid-19.
- ✓ Rs.430.710 million provided as Health Risk Allowance to the PGs, House Officers and Student Nurses on account of sanctioned posts in different Hospitals.
- ✓ Rs.2.44 billion were provided to Health Department on account of Medics & Para-Medics appointed on Service Rendered Basis for period of (89) days to combat with Covid-19 pandemic.
- ✓ Rs.7.781 billion were provided to the Health Department on account of Operational Expenditures in context with covid-19.
- ✓ Rs.100.000 million was provided to Health Department for establishment of Sindh Institute of Child Health and Neonatology (SICHN).
- ✓ Rs.139.526 million were provided to Health Department for establishment of health Management, Research & reforms Unit (HMRRU) for public health research, result based monitoring, coordination / guide in accrual of better health outcomes as well as in

harmonizing / harnessing the resources of various stakeholders to current and future health sector as per directions of the GoS.

- ✓ Rs.50.000 million were provided for establishment of Hospitals and Dispensaries Management Board constituted under “The Sindh Seized and Freezed Health Facilities (Hospital and Dispensaries) Act, 2020”.
- ✓ Rs.34.241 million along coupled with seventeen new posts for the Establishment of Drug Court for Sindh at Karachi under drugs (Sindh Amendment) Act 2020.
- ✓ Rs.154.680 million was provided for Establishment of New Institute of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Govt. of Sindh at Modern Sindh Govt. Hospital (Taken over Assets) of Proscribed Organization Sindh.
- ✓ Rs.564.000 million as special Grant-in-Aid for operationalization of Neuro Medicines, Neuro-Surgical orthopedic Department and 30 Bedded ICU at newly constructed departments on 2nd floor at Syed Abdullah Shah Institute of Medical Sciences at Sehwan Sharif for providing better health facilities to the patients.
- ✓ Rs.666.228 million for provision and Installation of six On-site Oxygen Generation/ Medical Gases Plants at Tertiary Care and Major Hospitals in Sindh.

Mr. Speaker,

Additional funds to the tune of Rs.6.3 billion were provided to Indus Hospital, NIB Dr. Panjwani Center for Molecular Medicine and Drug Research (ICCB), Syed Abdullah Shah Institute of Medical Sciences (SASIMS) Sehwan Sharif for better service delivery, SIUT for Service Contract and Purchase of Surgical Instrument for Robot Surgical System, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Institute of Trauma Karachi for Repair and Maintenance, Health Department for Establishment of 100 Bedded Hospital /Maternity Home Eid Gah Karachi, Sindh Institute of Physical Medicines & Rehabilitation (SIPM&R) Karachi, Health Department for Sindh Forensic DNA and Serology Lab (ICCBS) University of Karachi to meet the requirement of Modern Investigation of various Crimes and for the identification of dead bodies in the result of disaster, Aman Health Care Services for Ambulance Services, Peoples Medical College Hospital Nawabshah, District Shaheed Benazirabad and Civil Hospital, Khairpur for House Job Officers.

Mr. Speaker,

Building on our successes and as a continuation of our policies we have a detailed roadmap for expanding our health sector. For the next financial year, from Current Revenue side we plan to unfold the following interventions:

- ✓ Funds to the tune of Rs.24.72 billion have been allocated specifically to deal with the pandemic.
- ✓ 964 new posts will be created at different levels of health management.
- ✓ Rs.18.32 billion has been proposed for Purchase of Drugs and Medicines.
- ✓ Rs.2 billion is kept for Purchase of PCR and PPE Kits in context with covid-19.
- ✓ Rs.646.22 million has been proposed for Purchase of Medical Gas (Oxygen) keeping in view pandemic situation.
- ✓ M&R funds for various health facilities of **Rs.1.594 billion** has been kept for NFY against the current budgetary allocation of Rs.1.254 billion, an increase of Rs.340.450 million (**i.e 27%**)

Considering the performance and efficiency of our health institutions, following Grant in Aid has been proposed for the next financial year 2021-22.

- ✓ Rs.8.2 billion has been allocated to PPHI Sindh,
- ✓ Rs.7.1 billion has been allocated to SIUT,
- ✓ Rs.4.5 billion has been allocated as Special Grant for Indus Hospital Karachi. Out of this Rs.2.5 billion is for its current operation and Rs.2.0 billion for Expansion of Indus Hospital.
- ✓ Rs.6.1 billion has been allocated to NICVD, Karachi and Rs.6.4 billion has been allocated to SICVD (Lyari Karachi, Larkana, Sehwan, Hyderabad, Sukkur, T.M.Khan, Shaheed Benaziabad, Khairpur, Mithi and Karachi).
- ✓ Rs.3.0 billion has been adopted for PPP Node Health department.
- ✓ Rs.4.0 billion has been adopted for the Institute of Pir Abdul Qadir Shah Jillani, Gambat.
- ✓ Rs.473.9 million has been allocated to Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences Hyderabad
- ✓ Rs.600.0 million is allocated for Jacobabad Institute of Medical Sciences,
- ✓ Rs.2 billion has been allocated for SMBB Trauma Centre Karachi,
- ✓ Rs.300.0 million has been allocated for Shahdadpur Institute of Medical Sciences,
- ✓ Rs.500.0 million has been allocated to NIBD,
- ✓ Rs.1.2 billion has been allocated for Child Life Foundation,
- ✓ Rs.300.0 million has been allocated for Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Karachi and
- ✓ Rs.365.0 million has been allocated to Health Care Commission, Karachi.
- ✓ Rs.300.0 million have been proposed for 10 Thalassemia Care Centers (i.e at Badin, Jacobabad, Shikarpur, Mithi, Shaeed Benazirabad, Thatta, Sujawal, Hyderabad, Karachi and Umerkot,)
- ✓ Rs.170 million have been proposed for 10 Dialysis Centers (i.e at Jamshoro @ Kotri, Kashmore @ Kandhkot, Mirpurkhas, Tharparkar @ Mithi, Hala, Sujawal, Shahdadpur, Thatta, Nusheroferoze and Umerkot)

For the next financial year, from Development side we plan to unfold the following interventions:

- ✓ COVID Response and Other Natural Calamities Program in Sindh Co-financed with Federal Government on 50% share (Government of Pakistan Rs. 10.411 + Government of Sindh Rs. 10.411 billion) at the estimated cost of Rs. 20.822 billion
- ✓ Establishment of Bio Safety Lab-III at Sindh Infectious Disease Hospital Karachi.
- ✓ Provision of Linear Accelerator with integrated High Field MRI System at DUHS Karachi.
- ✓ Provision & Installation of Onsite Oxygen Generation/ Medical Gases Plants at Tertiary Care Hospitals in Sindh.
- ✓ Establishment of Sindh Institute of Child Health (SICH) with MNCH Services at Korangi 5, Karachi.
- ✓ 02 schemes of Establishment of Accident Emergency Center on Motorway at Thanu Bola Khan Interchange and at Hawks Bay, Karachi.
- ✓ Sindh Human Capital Project - Sindh 1000 Days' Plus Program: Continuum of Care for Integrated Healthcare Services for Universal Health Coverage in Sindh at an estimated cost of US\$ 400.00 million under World Bank assistance includes Repair & Rehabilitation of Sindh Government Dispensaries (93 Number) in Sindh.
- ✓ A state of art Mother and Child Health Care Center at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.789 billion with grant assistance of JICA i.e. 'Establishment of Maternal & Child Health Care Centre at Liaquat University Hospital Jamshoro'.

- ✓ Real Time Monitoring through Installation of Tibbi Application in Health System at Karachi South, East, West, Central, Malir, Korangi Districts, Larkana, Kashmore, Jacobabad, Qamber Shahdadkot & Shikarpur districts.
- ✓ Tele Health Solution for Improving Health Department Services in Sindh. Pilot Implementation in District Shaheed Benazirabad.
- ✓ Strengthening of Chemico Bacterial lab at Rohri Sukkur
- ✓ Establishment of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery Department for Amputation Free Sindh.
- ✓ 02 schemes of Establishment/ strengthening of Neonatal ICU in 02 Teaching Hospitals in Sindh CMCH Larkano and PMCH Nawabshah
- ✓ Expansion & Improvement of DHQ Hospital Naushehroferoze.
- ✓ 03 new schemes of Strengthening and Improvement of THQ Hospital Chhachhro District Tharparkar & Mehar District Dadu.
- ✓ Upgradation of 04 Nos. Rural Health Center to the Level of Taluka Headquarter Hospitals at District Shaheed Benazirabad (Kazi Ahmed), Badin (Talhar), Shikarpur (Khanpur), and Ghotki (Khanpur Mahar).
- ✓ Upgradation of BHU to the Level of Rural Health Center at Khanwaharn District Naushahroferoze.
- ✓ Establishment of Ware Houses at Dr. Ruth K.M Pfau, Civil Hospital.

It is expected that 79 number of other development projects will be completed by 30th June, 2022.

➤ **MEDICAL EDUCATION**

Mr. Speaker,

Besides, Health Services, Medical Education is crucial for maintenance and accreditation of standards in Health Services. Therefore, the Medical Education has received a substantial increase in its budget to produce the better human resource for Health & Medical Services. Following are some key budget benchmarks:-

- The overall 45% increase of Rs.2.846 billion is proposed in Medical Education by enhancing its budget from Rs.6.294 billion to Rs.9.141 billion in B.E. 2021-22.
- In SNE (New) total 691 new posts are proposed with financial implication of Rs.509.790 million. Besides, Rs.73.514 million are proposed for Purchase of Machinery & Equipment and Rs.26.414 million are proposed for Purchase of Furniture & Fixture.
- 12 Colleges of Nursing are proposed to be adopted on recurring side by transferring 302 posts and by creating 216 new posts with financial implication of Rs.466.600 million.
- 400 new slots of PGs are created by enhancing slots of PGs from 1400 to 1800 in Sindh. It includes 100 slots each for Dow University of Health Sciences, Liaquat University of Health Sciences, Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University, Larkana and Peoples University of Health Sciences for Women.
- The existing budget of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University, Larkana, Peoples University Medical & Health Sciences for Women Benazirabad and Khairpur Medical College budget is enhanced by Rs.100.00 million each respectively.

The ADP of Medical Education is pitched at Rs.1.15 billion for 2021-22

EDUCATION

Mr. Speaker,

Education is the single most important factor in the development of a nation. The Government of Sindh envisages providing quality education to all, enabling our children to realize their full potential.

US President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously said, “Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.”

Mr. Speaker,

Youth and our children are factually the future of our nation. It is the single most important factor in the development of a nation. The Government of Sindh envisages providing quality education to all, enabling our children to realize their full potential. We must take a good look at the curriculum being followed in the schools to ensure that they are free from outdated ideas and train our Teachers so that they take a genuine interest in stimulating keenness and curiosity in our children from the outset such that our future generation comprises of thinkers and innovators in every field of inquiry.

Thus the People’s Government has allocated the highest percentage of resources towards education in the year 2021-22. It will see an increase of 13.5% over allocation of current financial year. Critics may say that increase in allocation is because of the salary component. But, here I would like to present that the increase in non-salary allocation of education sector is much higher and has been increasing over the years. For the next financial year we propose to enhance the budget for education to Rs.277.5 billion from Rs.244.5 billion.

Mr. Speaker,

In CFY 2020-21 the ADP allocation for Educator sector was Rs.21.1 billion. It comprised of school education, college education, universities, empowerment for persons with disabilities, and skill development. In FY 2021-22 Government has earmarked Rs.26 billion for the sector.

i. SCHOOL EDUCATION:

Mr. Speaker,

For the next financial year 2021-22, the budget of School Education & Literacy Department has been increased to Rs.222.102 billion, compared with Rs.197.368 billion for financial year 2020-21.

School Education & Literacy Department has been allocated Rs.14 billion for 117 on-going schemes and 186 new schemes compared with Rs.13.15 billion for financial year 2020-21. Most of schemes are for Up-grading existing government schools from Primary to Secondary levels, Rehabilitating and Improving schools, Providing Furniture, Basic and Missing Facilities, Construction & Re-construction of existing dangerous school buildings.

Mr. Speaker,

For the next financial year 2021-22, Rs.1.0 billion has been allocated as grant in aid for Education Management Organization for handing over management of various schools to EMOs. Moreover, Government of Sindh has allocated Rs.6.6 billion for purchase of furniture and fixture, Rs.6.1 billion for new activities with the help of International Donor Agencies, Rs.2.3 billion for free text books, Rs.1.2 billion for School Management Committee to meet the requirements of schools, Rs.5.0 billion for repair and maintenance of school buildings, Rs.480 million for Emergent Need Fund for meeting new initiatives under COVID-19 and Rs.663.4 million for educational assets of proscribed organizations of Sindh taken over by Government of Sindh in budget for the next financial year 2021-22. Furthermore, Rs.1.12 billion is earmarked for procurement of furniture and other related articles for development schemes completed in 2020-21. In addition to that Rs.1 billion has been allocated, one time, to provide Financial Assistance to the families of Government Servant who had expired during their service.

Mr. Speaker,

In School Education and Literacy Department following achievements were made in CFY:

- ✓ More than 650 schools are being upgraded from primary to elementary and 160 schools from elementary to secondary levels
- ✓ Transparency is introduced in posting/transfer of teaching staff through E-portal/web portal
- ✓ Recruitment policy 2021 is introduced and in pursuance of that various rules have been revised.
- ✓ Out of 106 schools, 68 schools have been handed over to the reputable Education Management Organizations (E.M.O.s) under public-private Partnership mode.
- ✓ 150,000 children have been newly enrolled and 19,810 out of school children re-enrolled to schools. 15,551 Teachers had been trained. 8,336 students and 800 Teachers received ICT training.
- ✓ More than 30,000 Teachers have been trained on Life Skill Based Education
- ✓ Training of 1700 ECE Teachers have been conducted
- ✓ Induction training of 1000 ECE Teachers, and 6000 JESTs
- ✓ In collaboration with different partners around 350,000 students have been trained on Adolescent health, nutrition, child protection, citizenship etc
- ✓ Opened 1609 viable closed schools by posting Teachers Another 638 are being opened.
- ✓ 7900 unregistered employees have been registered with the help of AG payroll.
- ✓ The department has also introduced mandatory pre-service and in-service for teaching staff for their capacity building and promotions.
- ✓ In collaboration with Microsoft, so far 30,787 Secondary school Teachers have been trained, and around 257,000 students are enrolled and benefitting from digital learning platforms.
- ✓ 252,000 primary students are benefitting from SELD MUSE App, and around 4000 primary school Teachers have been trained,
- ✓ Owing to COVID-19 and discontinuity of learning activity, developed Safe School Reopening Guide for School and Children and in collaboration with PDMA, UNICEF, etc COVID-19 material was sent to all districts.
- ✓ Mass Awareness campaign for Back to School & Retention Drive conducted in all districts of Sindh
- ✓ Conducted training on Disaster Risk Reduction for flood-affected four districts (Mirpurkhas, Tando Allahyar, Sanghar & Umarkot) 197 Head Teachers and 187 Teachers trained in collaboration with UNICEF Sindh
- ✓ Developed Early Childhood Care and Education Curriculum & Standards and notified by the department.

- ✓ School Education & Literacy Department will be institutionalizing STEM i.e. “Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths” integrated curriculum. Around 64 STEM labs will be established from next academic session.
- ✓ Continuous efforts have been made to develop and update curriculum and textbooks according to the 21st century learning skills.
- ✓ During Current Financial Year department will procure 382,000 dual desk in Government Schools.
- ✓ 119 Primary Schools, 35 High Schools have been approved for rehabilitation and provision of missing facilities.
- ✓ 15 English Medium & ‘06’ Comprehensive Schools have so far been constructed & would be operational through EMOs from next academic year, while “10” more new English Medium & ‘09” Comprehensive High Schools would be completed with all facilities including Science / I.T. Labs and Libraries etc by end of June, 2021.
- ✓ Established Out of School Children (OOSC)-Emergency Center to steer efforts in the province to reduce OOSC and explore opportunities for alternate learning pathways.
- ✓ SELD facilitated more than 170,000 out of school and drop out children in getting enrollment in 6,351 Non-Formal Education Centers by engaging local tutors.
- ✓ In school clustering and consolidation, 4095 schools have been consolidated 1350 campus schools, whereas 2745 schools have been merged.
- ✓ Around “2600” High priority Schools have been expanded and rehabilitated and the rest will be completed up to June 2021.
- ✓ Buildings of “21” shelter less primary schools will be completed by June 2021.
- ✓ Government has provided an allocation of Rs.800 million for Girls’ Stipend to ensure girls retention and transition to higher grades to reduce drop out.

Mr. Speaker,

Following major interventions are expected to complete during next financial year:

- ✓ In the next financial year the Department has proposed ‘100’ more shelter less school for provision of buildings.
- ✓ Rs.600 million have been earmarked for opening and operationalization of Non-Formal Centres in the high rate out of schools children districts
- ✓ Due to recent heavy rainfall / flood /urban floods huge loses of educational institutions have occurred in the province. Rs. 2500.000 million for Primary Schools and Rs. 2000.000 million for Secondary Schools have been purposed for rehabilitation / repair / re-construction in the next year ADP.
- ✓ Government is taking dedicated efforts to provide more Elementary Schools and High Schools through various programmes.
- ✓ Government has proposed ‘88’ more schools for Up-gradation through ADP 2021-22 and ‘600’ under World Bank Assisted Project SELECT, ‘160’ Secondary Schools through ADB and ‘100’ Schools under ASPIERE through GPE Grant.
- ✓ Aims to energize high enrolled schools through provision of Solar Power System in those areas where Electricity load shedding is very high.
- ✓ Due to world-wide Pandemic of COVID-19 the education system has been derailed Hence, continuous support for online / offline classes in order to provide education at home
- ✓ With assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB) “160” schools will be up-graded from Primary to Secondary Schools in 10 districts of the province

- ✓ Under the World Bank program, Sindh Early Learning Enhancement and Class Room Transformation (SELECT), aims to upgrade around 600 schools to elementary level in 12 districts of the province.
- ✓ Census of Private Schools and Madaris will be completed in NFY
- ✓ One time grant of Rs.93.57 million has been proposed for taken over assets of Proscribed Organization in various districts for teachers training.

ii. **COLLEGE EDUCATION**

Mr. Speaker,

For the next financial year 2021-22, the budget of College Education has been increased 11.8% to Rs.22.8 billion, compared with Rs.20.446 billion for financial year 2020-21.

For College Education Department, an allocation of Rs. 4 billion has been proposed in ADP 2021-22 for 43 on-going and 64 new schemes.

Mr. Speaker,

- ✓ Improvements to female education will provide a country with more knowledgeable workforce, healthier families and ultimately prosperous societies. Rs.100 million has been allocated for Bakhtawar Cadet College for Girls Shaheed Benazirabad, being the first institution of its kind in Pakistan, aims at providing quality education to female cadets and empowering them to see that they have the ability to be a great generation.
- ✓ Besides that, Rs.292.55 million has been earmarked for Seven Cadet Colleges in Sindh.
- ✓ Five new public colleges have been approved for NFY.
- ✓ We have kept Rs.1 billion of endowment fund in NFY. The fund is aims to provide financial assistance to students.
- ✓ An amount of Rs.120 million has been allocated for Sindhi Adabi Board, Jamshoro for NFY against Rs.100 million provided in FY2020-21.
- ✓ In next financial year Grant to IBA Community Colleges is increased by 50% from Rs.80 million to Rs.120 million (increase from Rs.20 million to Rs.30 million each).
- ✓ An amount of Rs.100 million has been allocated in NFY for Co-curricular Activities of Sports, Purchase of Lab Equipment / Material.
- ✓ Financial Assistance of Rs.46.20 million have been provided to the heirs of Civil Servants died during service in CFY
- ✓ Issue of Librarians / Director Physical Education has been resolved by creating 68 new posts of BPS-18 & 19 to providing them career progression.
- ✓ 17 New Degree Colleges will be established in districts of Hyderabad, Jamshoro, Sukkur, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Sanghar, Umerkot and 3 districts of Karachi Division, Korangi, Malir and West.

iii. **SINDH EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Mr. Speaker,

The Sindh Education Foundation, a major arm of the Government of Sindh for Public Private Partnerships in the education sector, currently holds a portfolio of around 475,000 students in 1800 schools & Centers across the province.

Following are the achievement of the Sindh Education Foundation in the current financial year

- ✓ 100 schools have been upgraded this year to provide post-primary education (elementary & secondary) to the most disadvantaged communities across Sindh. It is estimated that more than 10,000 students especially girl students will benefit from this vertical expansion.
- ✓ 240,000 students will be added to its current portfolio at the start of new academic year by adding another 1200 schools under the Foundation Assisted Schools Program.
- ✓ Foundation has visited around 1200 proposed sites as well as around 12000 government schools in the vicinity of the proposed schools' sites across Sindh for gauging the educational requirements and feasibility in numerous communities across the province. This will bring down the number of Out-of-Schools Children (OOSC) in Sindh.
- ✓ Foundation is supporting around 2,500 meritorious students including more than 400 meritorious students who have been awarded Scholarships in 2021
- ✓ Operationalizing around 28 English Medium & Comprehensive High Schools from the new academic year (2021-22) with an estimated enrollment of around 16,000 – 18,000 students.
- ✓ Collaborated with Microsoft Pakistan through which 15,000 teachers of the Foundation are given free of cost access to Microsoft learning platforms for online teaching and learning activities for their respective classrooms along with access to numerous online resources.
- ✓ Implemented Teachers Training on Early Childhood Education & Development across Sindh for the Foundation Assisted Schools focusing pandemic and ensured that learning gaps are minimized. Foundation has also performed physical 'Classroom Observations' across Sindh, specifically in the most vulnerable schools to help the school stakeholders improve their academic standing.

Following are the plans for next financial year 2021-22

- ✓ Foundation will be functionalizing around 500-800 viable government schools' buildings under the Foundation's Public-Private Partnership Model
- ✓ Upgrade as many schools as viable in order to provide post-primary education (elementary & secondary) to the most deserving communities especially girl students across Sindh. It is estimated that around 15,000 students will benefit from this intervention in the Academic Year 2022-23.
- ✓ Expanding its Non-formal Education portfolio through present as well as new partners. It is expected that another 20,000 learners will benefit from the expansion of NFE portfolio of the Foundation.
- ✓ The Youth Education Employment Empowerment Project has been launched with a dedicated focus on educating, training, and empowering 15,000 youth in Sindh as joint initiative with the UNDP on 50/50 cost sharing basis. Till now, the Project Management Unit (PMU) has been established which is engaged in a scoping exercise. The Project is also mobilizing private sector including textile, automotive, construction, agriculture, and services sectors. The Project has taken all the relevant government departments and bodies on board including Sports and Youth Affairs, Govt. of Sindh and STEVTA. The Project is going to give an impetus to the implementation of the Sindh Youth Policy in the province.

Mr. Speaker,

In order to implement the plans, Government of Sindh has been providing monetary support to the foundation. For next year we intend to provide Sindh Education Foundation Rs.10.75 billion, an increase of 13% over allocation of current financial year.

iv. UNIVERSITIES AND BOARDS

Mr. Speaker,

In the Current Financial Year, the grant for public sector Universities was Rs.11.07 billion. For the next financial year, the volume of grant has been increased by 20% to Rs.13.314 billion.

- ✓ An amount of Rs.2 billion has been allocated for Registration, Enrollment & Annual Examination Fees of Classes IX-XII.
- ✓ An amount of Rs.1.2 billion has been allocated for Scholarship to Students securing A1 Grade in SSC & HSSC in Educational Boards of Sindh.
- ✓ An amount of Rs.416.516 million has been allocated for Sindh Higher Education Commission for FY2021-22 against Rs.285.733 million in FY2020-21.
- ✓ Grant of Rs.200 million is provided to Begum Nusrat Bhutto University for Women at Sukkur.
- ✓ Sukkur IBA University has been allocated grant of Rs.1329.239 million.
- ✓ Dawood University of Engineering, Science & Technology Karachi has been allocated grant of Rs. 1,000 million.
- ✓ Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur has been allocated grant of Rs.300 million.
- ✓ NED University of Engineering, Science & Technology Thar Campus has been allocated grant of Rs.200 million.
- ✓ NED University of Engineering, Science & Technology, Karachi has been allocated Endowment Fund of Rs.300.00 million.
- ✓ Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi has been allocated grant of Rs.100 million.
- ✓ International Center for Chemical & Biological Sciences (ICCBS) Karachi has been allocated grant of Rs. 100.00 million.
- ✓ Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Science & Technology (SZABIST) Karachi has been allocated grant of Rs. 6.853 million.
- ✓ Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi has been allocated grant of Rs. 20 million.

Mr. Speaker,

Grant of Rs.200 million has been allocated for Thar Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology (TIEST), NED Campus of Tharparkar. Initially, the College had launched BS (Computer Science) programme in 2019. From this year, Civil Engineering Programme will be offered with an initial intake of 50 students. This will enable locals to acquire education and research excellence in engineering and allied disciplines.

Under the current portfolio following major initiatives have been incorporated:

- ✓ Establishment of Center of Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and Block-chain at Sukkur IBA
- ✓ Strengthening of Dawood University of Engineering and Technology Karachi.
- ✓ Construction of Central/Digital Library at CMC of SMBBMU Larkana.
- ✓ Establishment of Sindh University Campuses at Badin and Mirpurkhas.
- ✓ In-Patient General and Neuro Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Services at Karachi.

SOCIAL PROTECTION

i- PRO-POOR & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEASURES

Mr. Speaker,

Sir William Beveridge, a British economist described the five economic giants— Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness. With all humility, I would like to say that this budget in specific and the policies of the Government of Sindh are essentially focused on combating these five issues

A strategy to encourage community driven economic activities, focusing on supporting home-based businesses, small and medium enterprises, a social protection and economic sustainability package of Rs.30.9 billion is proposed for the next financial year 2021-22:

- ✓ Rs.10.0 billion is proposed for cash transfers to individuals affected by COVID-19 under Sindh Peoples Support Program through Social Protection Strategic Unit, Social Welfare department.
- ✓ Rs.3.0 billion is allocated for a Soft Loan Program for Small & Medium Enterprises. Loan size will range from Rs.0.5 million to a maximum of Rs.2.0 million.
- ✓ An allocation of Rs.3.0 billion is proposed under Poverty Alleviation Program for small farmers/community based loans in rural areas. Loan size of Rs.25,000 using poverty reduction score cards of ongoing poverty reduction program by utilizing services of SRS.O, NRSP, Thar Deep etc through Social Protection Strategist Unit, Social Welfare department.
- ✓ Rs.2 billion is earmarked for Low Cost Housing through Benazir Housing Cell catering needs of the poor who either do not have their own houses or their houses are in dilapidated condition posing risk to their life and property.
- ✓ Rs.2.0 billion is earmarked for a Small Business Support Fund in urban areas through Social Protection Strategist Unit, Social Welfare department. Loan size will be a maximum of Rs.0.20 million.
- ✓ Rs.1.0 billion is kept for Supporting Technology-based startups, incubators and accelerators through Investment Department.
- ✓ Rs.2 billion is allocated for Registration, Enrolment and Annual Examination Fee of Classes (IX to XII) in next financial year.
- ✓ Rs.1.2 billion is earmarked for Scholarship to Position Holders for Grades in SSC & HSSC in Educational Boards of Sindh.
- ✓ Rs.1 billion subsidy will be provided for purchase of Quality Rice Seeds to the farmers with land holding of 25 acres or less.
- ✓ Rs.1.0 billion will be provided on account of Fertilizer subsidy to the farmers with landholding of 25 acres or less.
- ✓ Rs. 1.0 billion will be provided as subsidy for Pesticides to small farmers with landholding of 25 acres or less.
- ✓ Rs.500 million is proposed for Livestock breeding. Concerned department will be Livestock & Fisheries Department.
- ✓ Rs.500 million is allocated for Financing Livestock & Fisheries Enterprise Development.
- ✓ Rs.500 million is earmarked Benazir Women Agriculture Workers Program through Labor Department.
- ✓ Rs.700.0 million is kept for Support of I.T interventions & Innovations Solutions in Goods and Accelerators through Investment department in consultation with I.T Department.

- ✓ A Special Children Fund of Rs.500 million is earmarked for providing every family with Special Children up-to Rs.0.100 million through Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- ✓ Rs.500 million is proposed for Revamping and Establishment of Orphanage through Social Welfare Department.
- ✓ Rs.500 million is also kept for Old age home at Districts level through Social Welfare Department.

Mr. Speaker,

Government initiated poverty reduction program from two districts and expanded to 12 districts. Through this program government has reached out to 1 million women households. Success of Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program attracted European Union to join provincial government's initiative through "Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Program" (SUCCESS) in additional 8 districts.

Under next generation reforms, poverty reduction strategy has been developed which focuses on Community Driven Local Development (CDLD), rural and urban services hub through cluster approach and enterprise development. This approach is being implemented in district Sujawal as pilot.

ii- WOMEN DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Speaker,

Government of Sindh has taken a number of steps towards economic, social, political and legal empowerment of women to realize the dream of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto who wished to see the women of this country actively and equally participating in all walks of life. For next financial year, an allocation for Women Development Department has been increased from Rs.348.581 million to Rs.571.975 million an increase of 64% whereas, Rs.320million have been earmarked under Provincial ADP 2021-22, out of which Rs. 296 million are for ongoing and Rs.24 million are for new schemes. Some of the important schemes are Establishment of Women Development Complex, Sales & Display Centres Working Women Hostel Karachi and Women Complaint Cells across Sindh.

iii- MINORITY AFFAIR

Mr. Speaker,

The Sindh Government is fully committed to safeguard the Rights of Minorities as enshrined in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, under Article 25. We believe in equality. Our policies are not specific for any class, creed or gender. Despite the fact that benefits of our development program are all inclusive, we have provided Rs.750 million as grant-in-aid, in CFY 2020-21. About 24000 beneficiaries of minority communities have been facilitated. These funds were utilized under following heads of account:

- ✓ Financial Assistance
- ✓ Medical Treatment
- ✓ Scholarship
- ✓ Marriage/Jahez funds
- ✓ Natural Calamity
- ✓ Repair/Renovation of Religious places of Minorities

Besides this, Rs.638.5 million were allocated in the current financial year 2020-21 for 94 Non-ADP schemes regarding Renovation / Repair & Maintenance of Buildings & Structure of minority communities.

The Department intends to complete 05 individual ADP schemes and expand welfare funds to 30,000 beneficiaries of minority communities during next F.Y 2021-22. Moreover, the department intends to start about 97 ADPs scheme worth Rs.1154 million in the financial year 2021-22.

Mr. Speaker,

- ✓ Achievements during the last five years are as under:
- ✓ About 94000 persons of Minority Communities have benefited and provided relief during last five years from funds Grant-in-Aid.
- ✓ Sindh government has enacted “The Sindh Hindus Marriage (Amendment) Act, Bill 2018” and Rules of this act have been framed.
- ✓ “The Sindh Provincial commission for Minorities rules, 2020” have been drafted.
- ✓ Five Facilitation Desks have been established at Divisional level to resolve minorities issues at the spot.
- ✓ Moreover, following two bills are in process.
- ✓ The Sindh Minorities Right Commission Bill No.08 of 2019.
- ✓ The Criminal Law (Protection of Minorities) Bill No.09 of 2019.

iv- SOCIAL WELFARE

Mr. Speaker,

Welfare of the marginalized sections of the society, being the top Government priority, reflects in the budget of the Current Revenue Expenditure in which Social Welfare Department allocation has been allocated Rs.18.57 billion in the next financial year as compared to Rs.1.8 billion in 2019-20. The ADP for the next financial year is projected at Rs. 290 million (increase of 45% over ADP of Rs. 200 million of CFY).

We are planning to give an entirely new outlook to the facilities in Social Welfare Department. Important features are highlighted as under, such as:-

- ✓ Through Sindh Charities Registration & Regulation Commission all NGOs / NPOs are being registered online by Social Welfare Department.
- ✓ Grant-in-Aid to Darul Sukun has been increased from Rs.100 million to Rs.150 million.
- ✓ A large number of women were provided skill training in different field and earned pocket money through Order Work for socio-economic poverty alleviation programme. More than 700 women have benefited by the services of Darul Aman.
- ✓ Child Protection Units & Children Help Lines have been established in Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur and Grant amounting to Rs.150 million has been allocated for the Child Protection Authority Sindh.
- ✓ Establishment of SOS Homes (Shelter Homes) at Divisional level with Rs.100.0 million.
- ✓ Funds amounting to Rs.5 Million have been allocated for Dar UL- Khushnud.
- ✓ Rs.5 million has been earmarked for Sindh Charity Registration Commission.
- ✓ Lost and Found Children Centres have been established at two different locations at the cost of Rs.50.0 million in District East, Shanti Nagar, and Malir Karachi.
- ✓ Allocated Rs.30.0 million as Grant-in-Aid to Sindh Senior Citizen Welfare Funds.

- ✓ An amount of Rs.22.4 million has been allocated as the financial Assistance to the families of deceased employees in CFY.

Mr. Speaker,

Government of Sindh has initiated various development schemes which are under completion. This includes:

- ✓ Establishment & Strengthening of Darul Atfal & Rehabilitation of Street Children through Civil Society Organization Korangi # 5, Karachi.
- ✓ Establishment of Darul Aman at Mirpurkhas & Jacobabad.
- ✓ Establishment of Rehabilitation Center for Senior Citizen at Karachi.
- ✓ Establishment of Strengthening & Upgradation of Social Welfare Training Institute Karachi (1-Unit) in Sindh at Karachi.
- ✓ Establishment of Rehabilitation Center for Drug Addicts at Karachi.
- ✓ Repair & Renovation of Building and Improvement of Services of Drul Aman Sukkur.
- ✓ Establishment of Old Age Center in each district.

v- EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITES

Mr. Speaker,

As a social responsibility, people's government has taken extra measures for the welfare of differently abled peRs.on. In this regard, the Government has made some achievements during the last year and also plans to further improve the facilities in the coming year.

- ✓ Repair and Renovation of 21 Special Education Centers in the Province Of Sindh Excluding Centers Of Excellence shall be completed till June, 2021.
- ✓ Audio Visual Library at Special Education Complex, Gulistan-e-Johr, Karachi shall be completed till June, 2021
- ✓ Centre for Attention Deficit Hyper / Active Disorder (ADHD) and Dyslexia Childern, Korangi Karachi shall be completed till June, 2021 and remaining Revenue Component will be completed during next financial year, 2021-22
- ✓ Sindh Persons with Disabilities Protection Authority has been established for protection of the rights of the Persons with Disabilities of Sindh province during the current financial year, 2020-21.
- ✓ Driving license to hearing impaired Persons are going to be issued.
- ✓ The Department had employed more than 4000 Persons with Disabilities in various Departments of Government of Sindh under 05% reserved quota for persons with Disabilities.
- ✓ Food/ Diet/ Nutrition as per need of each and every enrolled Special Children had been served in whole of the Province during the financial year, 2020-21.
- ✓ Stipend @ Rs.2000/- each to 3500 enrolled children with disabilities have been provided.
- ✓ Pick & drop facility also provided to 3500 enrolled children with Disabilities through throughout the Province.
- ✓ Braille Printing press had been established at Govt. Special Education & Rehabilitation Complex at Gulistan-e-Johar Karachi.

Following initiatives will be taken during the next financial year, 2021-22:

- ✓ Establishment of Special Education & Rehabilitation Complex at Tando Muhammad Khan

- ✓ To strengthen the Special Education Teachers Training Academy Sindh at Hyderabad.
- ✓ Project “Sindh Persons with Disabilities Data Base Management Project (SDDMP)” to maintain the data of the Persons with Disabilities
- ✓ Survey and Data collection of Persons including Children with Disabilities in the Province is under way which will be completed in NFY
- ✓ To strengthen sports activities among the students with disabilities in entire province

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES

Mr. Speaker,

We have witnessed that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted Infrastructure Finance and Public Private Partnerships (PPP) across the globe during 2020-2021. As the world comes out of lockdowns, infrastructure investment remains a major lever for economic stimulus, while fiscal pressures mean governments have fewer resources to invest directly using traditional approaches. Government “demand” for PPPs as a way to bridge this financing gap is therefore increasing.

Keeping in view the demand gap, persistent efforts have been made by the Sindh Government to ensure that its Public Private Partnership Program should not only remain on track but in fact it should outperform in these days of crises to ensure that the infrastructure requirements are not compromised.

➤ **ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE:**

1) Malir Expressway Project (MEW):

As informed in the last year budget speech, the Malir Expressway Project i.e., a 38.75 KMs controlled access six-lane project under Public Private Partnership was awarded at a bid price of PKR 27.58 billion resulting in savings of billions of rupees to the GoS.

During the last year, the Concessionaire has mobilized its team on the site and work on access roads is in full swing. The detailed design, Financial Close is expected to be achieved in next 2-3 months.

The project shall not just decongest Karachi city but provide a safer means of communication, save infrastructure wear and tear and usher an era of speedy development in the outskirts of Karachi.

2) M9-N5 Link Road Project (LRP):

The M9-N5 Link Road Project was launched for Investor Solicitation in August 2020. The Project serves as the Commercial Corridor providing upcountry access to the traffic emanating from Port Qasim, Industrial areas of Landhi, Korangi, & Steel Mill and is located at the heart of Karachi’s three major developments of Bahria Town, DHA City and Education City. It may be noted that considering its significance, the project has been part of PSDP+, Government of Pakistan. Thus LRP serves as the backbone for the national trade and economy.

I am pleased to state that Sindh PPP succeeded in gaining the trust of the private sector on the strength of its approach and performance in handling the technical, financial and legal challenges associated with the project which resulted in getting highly competitive bids (4 bids received) making LRP the prime example of a true Public Private Partnership. The procurement process was concluded in Jan 2021. The project cost was estimated at PKR 5.5 billion whereas the

bid award was under PKR 2 billion. The Concession agreement has been signed on April 1, 2021 and the construction is expected to start within next 2 months. The project has several distinguishing features which are:

- ✓ The only project in Sindh which will be 100% financed by the Private Partner with its own equity with no Bank & VGF Financing.
- ✓ Traffic risk has been 100% endured by the Private Partner.

3) Karachi Urban Road Initiative:

Mr. Speaker,

As per commitment in the budget speech last year, the Government of Sindh (GoS) through Local Government Department engaged external consultants and has completed feasibility study as well as transaction structuring of Urban Road Initiative comprised of following projects:

Mauripur Expressway and ICI interchange: Construction of an expressway 8 km 2x2 lane, linking Mauripur Road and Lyari Expressway to the beach areas by an alternate route through the back waters. The construction of this corridor will resolve the traffic pressure in the city as the proposed expressway will also have its connectivity with Lyari Expressway.

Furthermore, another segment of this project involves construction of interchange (1 km 2 lane one way) at ICI Bridge. This segment will relieve severe traffic congestion that arises at peak hours on Jinnah Bridge. The construction period for this segment shall be one year.

Investor Solicitation for both of the above mentioned projects is currently in process and the Concession Agreements will be executed during the FY 2021-22 along with commencement of construction works.

➤ WATER & SEWAGE:

1. Supply of Industrial Water from Nabisar to Vajhair:

Mr. Speaker,

As mentioned last year, the project has been developed on fast-track basis, even though the last year marred the overall country's progress on economic front. GoS should be credited for developing the project in the shortest possible time. The project cost is estimated at PKR 30.5 billion and it is ready for financial close. The construction is expected to start within a month's time. It may be noted that the project shall also be constructed in the shortest possible time.

The developer is the biggest sovereign fund in the world who has been invited by the GoS to invest in the infrastructure of Sindh. The project is fiRst PPP in the country wherein Banks are putting equity, this shows the confidence that investors are getting from GoS projects.

2. Karachi Hub Water Canal Project:

Mr. Speaker,

GoS believes the provision of clean potable water to the residents of Karachi is its utmost responsibility. The provincial government, through KWSB, aims to competitively procure a private

party to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Karachi Hub Water Canal Project. It is imperative to highlight that the canal is currently in a dilapidated state as about 26% of water flow is lost during transportation owing to leakages, evaporation and seepages within the canal. The project scope involves the rehabilitation of Karachi Hub Water Canal infrastructure including a 22.4km canal, pumping stations, water filtration plant and rising mains. It also includes installation of a solar plant to serve as an alternative source of power to the national grid.

The Karachi Water & Sewerage Board has appointed International Finance Corporation (IFC) PPP Transaction Advisory as Lead Transaction Advisor to design the project. This project is expected to have a major development impact, as being the first PPP in the water infrastructure sector within the country, it will allow for replication and pave the way for more transactions in the water sector in the country, thereby helping with the water scarcity it is currently facing. The project cost is estimated at PKR 14.3 billion. The feasibility study for the project is currently in its final stages and the project is expected to be launched for investor solicitation in the first quarter of FY22 followed by signing of concession agreement by second quarter.

3. Waste Water Treatment Plant at TP-1:

Karachi Water and Sewerage Board with the assistance of Public Private Partnership Unit and Office of the Public Private Partnership (OPPP) of Asian Development Bank is developing a 50 MGD Municipal Waste Water Recycling Project in Karachi. The project will be first of its kind in Pakistan whereby a concessionaire will convert the sewerage water into industrial use and take over the responsibility of the water supply to industries in SITE Area, carry out the operations & maintenance, up-gradation, replacement and establishment of required water supply infrastructure of KWSB's water treatment plant at TP-1. The project cost is estimated at PKR 35 billion

➤ INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE:

1. Dhabeji Special Economic Zone (DSEZ):

Based on rigorously developed bidding package, GoS managed to obtain highly competitive response of the bidders (4 bids received) and the project is about to be awarded to the successful bidder with revenue share for GoS of about 5.0 times of the originally estimated GoS revenue share.

DSEZ is expected to bring in stimulus with manifold benefits not only to the province of Sindh but also national economy. These benefits will include job creation, industrial development, investment flows in the country, increase in exports and notable impact on national GDP. Initial investment flow of Rs.18-20 billion is expected in the form of project cost which will be totally financed by private firm. In addition to influx of private finance and investment flow, the project is expected to generate notable income flows for Government of Sindh in the form of share in the revenues.

The project has several distinguishing features which are:

- ✓ The only project in Sindh approved under CPEC financing
- ✓ Largest infrastructure PPP in the country in terms of expected investment inflows
- ✓ First PPP project with complete demand risk transfer, no VGF financing and no debt due obligation / SBLC

2. Marble City Project:

The project is under feasibility stage whereby GoS is working on development of Marble city on 300 acres of land near Northern Bypass which is industry-specific SEZ. The project is expected to flourish industry of stone, granite and marble in Sindh. The project cost is estimated at PKR 6 billion.

➤ HEALTH SECTOR:

1. Health Facilities under PPP Mode:

Mr. Speaker,

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the capacity of health systems all over the world and it has been a challenge to continue the delivery of essential health services. The health facilities & regional blood centres (RBCs) outsourced to private partners on PPP Mode throughout Sindh have successfully managed operations during the pandemic serving patients on continuous basis to achieve the optimal balance between fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and maintenance of essential health services. Furthermore the agreement term for a number of health facilities is about to complete and outsourcing of such facilities will be re-tendered during 2021-2022.

➤ EDUCATION SECTOR:

1. Education Management Organizations (EMOs):

During 2021-22, it is expected that 80 more public sector schools (in a cluster model) with more than 35,000 students will be outsourced to reputable EMOs through competitive bidding process. Adding this to the previous outsourced school will sum up to total 219 schools (in a cluster model) with approx. 150,000 students. This reform supports the Government's compliance with Article 25-A of the Constitution of Pakistan, and the "Sindh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2013" passed by the Government of Sindh.

2. Non-Formal Education (NFE):

This is a very significant project that will cater approx. 4 million out-of-school children and will bring them into the formal education system through the accelerated education program. The School Education & Literacy Department has initiated procurement process to hire consultants for feasibility study. The consultants shall conduct feasibility in following five priority districts:

- i. Larkana
- ii. Khairpur Mirs
- iii. Shaheed Benazirabad
- iv. Sanghar
- v. Hyderabad

Upon completion of feasibility, the project shall be structured under PPP modality to engage private sector for implementation of this project. This project will have a far reaching positive impact on school education sector.

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

1. Technology Park at NED University:

Mr. Speaker,

GoS aims to develop a Technology Park at NED University of Karachi, to promote technical education, research and development. We have all witnessed that during this pandemic, information technology had a crucial role in maintaining a sense of normality. Considering the significance, the feasibility study of the project was expedited and completed during 2020-21. The project cost is estimated at PKR 8 billion. The project is expected to be tendered in 3 months' time.

➤ CULTURE & TOURISMS:

1. Tharparker Tourism Project:

The district Tharparker, one of Pakistan's most beautiful natural environments has a tremendous potential as a magnet for tourism activities and revenue. The tourism spots at Thar such as Nagarparker (Karoanjhar Mountains), Mithi, and Naukot Fort offer great potential to develop tourism activities. The project aims to establish world class tourism spots and activities to attract further greater number of tourists round the year.

The Culture & Tourism Department has initiated procurement process to hire consultants for feasibility study and transaction advisory services. After completion of feasibility study the project will be launched for Investor Solicitation.

Mr. Speaker,

The province of Sindh leads the entire country in Public Private Partnership and our project portfolio has grown up to PKR 400 billion. It must be noted that this portfolio consists of projects worth around PKR 288.9 billion for Karachi, which includes mega projects like Malir Expressway, Karachi Hub Water Canal, Urban Road Initiatives in Karachi, Waste Water Treatment Plant at TP1 and Technology Park at NED University which shows the practical manifestation of the provincial government's commitment for the people of Karachi.

Mr. Speaker,

I am confident looking at what Sindh have to offer under the PPP umbrella. There is indeed a wealth of opportunity and we hope to forge new partnerships where all parties involved will benefit, and will contribute to the infrastructure facilities essential for the long-term development of Sindh Province.

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Speaker,

The Government of Sindh initiated a mega skill development program namely Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program in 2008-09. In its thirteen years of existence, the Board has trained approximately 434,260 Youth which includes 246,426 males and 187,834 females in various employable trades through public and private sectors.

- ✓ Trainings covers employable sectors ,i-e Information Technology, Robotics, Internet of things, Paramedics, Culinary Arts, Machinist & Metal Worker, Farming, Construction, Technicians, Beautician, Fashion Designing, Aviation etc.
- ✓ The data of trainees represents 43% female ratio; while, 13% of them have been employed and the great number is self-employed.
- ✓ Almost 107,178 trainees (encompassing training phases I-XII) that makes 33% have received decent employment in various sectors including health, education, hospitality, banking and aviation.
- ✓ BBSHRADB imparting training in collaboration with some of the leading training institutes such as IBA, ICMA, Sindh Madarsah, Skill Development University Khairpur and National Logistics Cell (NLC) which currently supports our trainees in placement in CPEC projects.
- ✓ Board is planning to include soft skills courses (cognitive, socio-emotional and digital skills) in technical skills curriculum in NFY.
- ✓ The Board is formulating strategies for employment facilitation by collaborating with Overseas Employment Corporation's (OEC) Job Portal is in the pipeline.
- ✓ The training is being imparted free of cost and the Govt. of Sindh bears all expenses. Every trainee is paid Rs.2,500 as stipend per month.

➤ **STEVTA**

Mr. Speaker,

Sindh Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA) has enrolled 50,773 trainees and trained 20,457 across Sindh in the current financial year 2020-21. According to a Tracer Study conducted through Third Party Grantt Throtton, Lahore & Aman Foundation, Karachi, approximately 57% of passed-out trainees got employment through job placement or self-employment.

Major milestones that have been achieved by the Authority during CFY are:

- ✓ 220 Competency-based-training and assessment Assessors (CBTA) were trained & certified.
- ✓ 80 Principals/Heads of Institutes were trained.
- ✓ Training offered to 21 Chief Master Trainers.
- ✓ Skill upgraded of 750 Teachers
- ✓ Four Computer laboratories were established at E-Learning centres.
- ✓ 18 institutes of STEVTA were upgraded in collaboration with NAVTTC.
- ✓ Curricula developed for 122 National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs)
- ✓ Centre of Excellence was established in collaboration with NAVTTC at Kotri.
- ✓ 100 Institute Management Committees were established
- ✓ Ten Career Counseling & Job Placement Centres were established.
- ✓ Memorandum of Collaborations signed with 50 Industries.
- ✓ Memorandum of Understanding signed with ENGRO (Thar Foundation & SECMC), Employers Federation of Pakistan (EFP), Karachi Chamber of Commerce & FCCI.
- ✓ Authority also took other initiatives which include Women Financial Empowerment training, entrepreneurship training in collaboration with IBA, Karachi and introduction of Competency Based Training in 50 institutes.

For the next financial year 2021-22, various targets have been set to be achieved by STEVTA. Some are highlighted here which include

SHORT TERM

- ✓ Strengthening Institute-Industry linkages to improve quality and relevance of training and access of Trainees/Pass-outs for Internship, On-the-Job Training and Employment respectively within the collaborative Industries.
- ✓ Implementation of Competency based Curricula and Assessment with the participation of Industry.
- ✓ Introduction of customized and need based short term training program for industry and youths.
- ✓ Strengthening training and certification program for informal sector to recognize skill acquired through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) /Ustad-Shagird System.
- ✓ Evolving effective monitoring and evaluation system to improve governance and delivery of training.
- ✓ Establishing quality assurance system including ISO certification for institutions.
- ✓ Accreditation of Institutes for improving their Governance, training delivery and Overall performance.
- ✓ National & International Accreditation of STEVTA Institutes;
- ✓ Establishment of E-Libraries/Digital Libraries in the Collegiate of Technology (GCTs)

MEDIUM TERM

- ✓ Replication of National Vocational Qualification Framework (NVQF) Implementation in the Province;
- ✓ Capacity Building of Institutes in CBT&A Trades;
- ✓ Replacement of Traditional Qualification with NVQF/CBT&A Trades;
- ✓ Development of Teaching Learning Material 3-Year DAE Programs

LONG TERM

- ✓ Roll-out Research & Development & Productivity in the Institutes;
- ✓ Establishing Sector specific Centre(s) of excellence.
- ✓ Development Demand Driven Innovative CBT&A Curricula/NVQF Qualifications;

For next year we intend to provide STEVTA Rs.1.88 billion, an increase of 54% over allocation of current financial year.

AGRICULTURE & IRRIGATION

Mr. Speaker,

Socrates once said that “Nobody is qualified to become a statesman who is entirely ignorant of the problem of wheat.” He rightly understood the pivotal role of agriculture in the prosperity of a nation. Today, agriculture is the mainstay of our economy with over 60 per cent of our population deriving their sustenance from it. The Government of Sindh fully appreciates the importance of agriculture and is cognizant of our duties towards this sector.

Government of Sindh is determined to improve the conditions in Agriculture Sector. It contributes 15 to 17 % of wheat, 33 to 45 % of rice and 25 % of sugarcane of national production. For the next financial year we propose to increase allocation for agricultural sector from Rs.14.8 billion to Rs.15.26 billion. In ADP, Rs.2.28 billion was allocated in CFY, whereas, in FY 2021-22, an amount of Rs.5 billion is kept.

Mr. Speaker,

Sindh Government undertook a holistic plan to improve water availability for competing uses in light of increasing population and increasing needs for climatic adaptation. The holistic plan includes investment in barrages for extending their lives, investment in major canal infrastructure for reducing conveyance losses, investment in on-farm management and improved water productivity. Sindh government is fully aware that water and agriculture have to be integrated therefore further investments are considered for this integration and incentivizing farmers to progressively revert to agro-climatic zones for improved water productivity and crop yield. Regions of Tharparkar, Kacho and Nara region are devoid of surface water irrigation. Government envisions Reni canal to improve water availability in Nara region and build storage and recharging dams for improving water availability in Tharparkar and Kacho areas.

Following are the achievements of agriculture sector in CFY.

- ✓ 6757 Hectares Land has been leveled through Bulldozers operations upto 31st March, 2021.
- ✓ 184 watercourses improved under additional lining of already improved watercourses in Sindh.

A. World Bank Assisted Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project (SIAPEP):-

Under this project 709 Watercourses have been improved during 2020-21 and 778 Watercourses are under improvement. Around 38 Natural Enemies Farm Reservoirs (NEFRs.), 3,868 Kitchen Gardens and 06 KIOSKs have been established. Moreover, High Efficiency Irrigated System (Drip System) has been installed covering 1,845 acres till 30th April, 2021 whereas 1054 acres are under installation.

B. Agriculture Extension:

Mr. Speaker,

Agriculture Technologies are being demonstrated to the farmers through Demonstration Plots and Farmers Field Days. Awareness to farmers is being provided through electronic media by scroll messages. Agriculture Extension staff and farmers are being trained to update their knowledge for better delivery of extension services. Introduced Farmers Field School (FFS) approach and have established crop clinics at various places.

- ✓ Around 1,447 and 355 Pesticide samples were drawn during 2020 and 2021 (upto 17th May, 2021) respectively. Action has been taken on the substandard samples as per law.
- ✓ Successful locust surveillance and control operation was carried out during 2019 to 2020 and crops were saved from the locust attack.
- ✓ ICT Agricultural Extension Center has been established at Hyderabad and sub centers at Mirpurkhas, Larkana and Sukkur for advisory service to farming community.
- ✓ Call Center were established for farmers
- ✓ Mobile Phone applications are developed for farmer advisory service & field staff online field activities reporting. Applications are available in Google Playstore.
- ✓ WhatsApp Group “AgriExtSindh” has been established by which more than 40000 farmers are being benefited.
- ✓ 105,000 farmers enlisted on Digitization.

C. World Bank Assisted “Sindh Agricultural Growth Project (SAGP)

Mr. Speaker,

This project has provided various equipment/ implements on 30%-70% and 50%-50% co-sharing to more than 10,000 Farmers for promoting mechanized farming. It has reached more than 105,000 Farmers through Farmers Field Schools and Subsidized Equipment throughout 18 districts of Sindh. Moreover, quality of dates has been maintained and market access has been enhanced.

Mr. Speaker,

Our intended targets for agricultural sector for next financial year are:

- ✓ 125 watercourses for Additional Lining of Already Improved Watercourses in Sindh
- ✓ 125 watercourses Non-Command Areas for Lift pump/Tube wells already working in Sindh.
- ✓ High Efficiency Irrigation System (Drip Irrigation) will be installed on 175 Farms (2,450 acres)
- ✓ 2,082 Kitchen Gardens will be established
- ✓ 600 Nos. Agricultural Implements will be provided to growers on 50% subsidy.
- ✓ 150 Nos. Solar Power Tube wells will be installed on subsidized cost.
- ✓ 300 Bores will be conducted through Power Drilling Rig Machines to irrigate 6,073 ha. Land.
- ✓ Production of Compost/Bio-Fertilizers for assistance of small growers.
- ✓ Establishment of GIS and Remote Sensing Center for Monitoring of Natural Resources.
- ✓ Establishment of Centre of Excellence in Seed Science and Technology at Sindh Agriculture University Tandojam.

Mr. Speaker,

Being a predominantly agricultural country, water is the lifeline of our country, and the Sindh Government is mindful of this reality. Efforts are therefore underway to improve irrigation supplies and harness / conserve maximum quantity of water. Irrigation Department has envisaged short term & long term development plans, which include Rehabilitation of Barrages; Rehabilitation, Protection & Capacity Enhancement of Irrigation and Drainage Networks and Conservation of Water through Lining of Channels & building Small Dams.

During CFY, 52 schemes are in progress and targeted to be completed by June 2021. Among them 7 schemes pertain to lining of channels, smooth supply of irrigation water to tail-enders and improve the irrigation & drainage system in the Province. Moreover, 36 schemes of lining of canals will line 680 miles of canals funded by ADB. Government planned for conservation of irrigation water through lining of canals and distributaries. 2261 km of canal lining have been constructed and 4000 watercourses in irrigation and agriculture departments respectively.

Budget Estimates for Current Revenue Expenditure of Irrigation Department are estimated at 21.23 billion for 2021-22. The Current Annual Development Program consists of 182 Schemes, with current allocation of Rs. 11.960 billion. Out of these 164 were on going and 18 have been initiated during current financial year. Moreover, Rs.17 billion has been earmarked for 2021-22 in irrigation sector.

LAW AND ORDER

Mr. Speaker,

In keeping with the principles of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah who said that “the scrupulous maintenance and enforcement of law and order are the prerequisites of all progress,” the Sindh Government has kept law and order as one of its topmost priorities.

Mr. Speaker,

Our commitment to establish and maintain law and order is also evident from the fact that Home Department (including police, jails, rangers. and other security agencies) is the third largest department in terms of resource allocation with a share of 13% in total current revenue expenditure in FY 2020-21. Home Department has been allocated Rs. 119.97 billion in next FY 2021-22 as against CFY budget estimates of Rs.113.87 billion; which is an increase of 5.4%.

In the current financial year, numerous milestone were achieved, I would mention few of them:

- ✓ Rs.661(M) has been spent for training of newly recruited Police Constables at Pakistan Army Training Centers
- ✓ Crime rate on account of Terrorism and other heinous crimes has been reduced significantly from 2019-20.
- ✓ Around 32,371 hardened criminals have been nabbed.
- ✓ All driving license branches throughout Sindh have been connected centrally and driving licenses are being delivered to the applicant at their doorsteps through TCS service.
- ✓ IT Lab, Control and Reporting centres and reporting rooms at office/Police Stations throughout Sindh have been established.
- ✓ 5 Facilitation centers are going to be established at Divisional level in second stage.
- ✓ Benevolent Fund has been distributed through digital online system to the legal heirs of deceased Police personnel.
- ✓ 3690 Police Personnel have been recruited through NTS.
- ✓ 800 cases pertaining to Financial Assistance to deceased Police Personnel have been cleared.
- ✓ Certificates and cash awards were distributed to outstanding performing officers.
- ✓ Training staff of Sindh Police have been sent to HQ 5 Corp for specialized training course.
- ✓ Bomb Disposal Squad equipments have been enhanced with the latest and modern technology.
- ✓ 11 Police Stations Buildings have been completed and handed over to Police while 15 new buildings are in process of construction.
- ✓ School of Finance is made functional at CPO for training of DDOs/ Accountant.
- ✓ Marriage Grant of upto Rs.50,000/- has been granted to all employees of Sindh Police.
- ✓ Sindh Police has made partnership with The Educators, allied Schools, Maryum School crescent group at public school, TCF School for admission of children of Shaheed /on serving official/ officers @50% fees.
- ✓ Fuel limits of Police Stations/Police Posts have been enhanced in entire Sindh.
- ✓ Number of measures have been planned to further improve the law & order situation:-
- ✓ Sindh police intends to establish 259 reporting rooms at Police Station level
- ✓ Women Police Stations are to be established in the 21 remaining Districts of Sindh
- ✓ More vehicles are going to be procured in NFY for security and patrolling purposes.

ENERGY

Mr. Speaker,

For industrial and economic development, it is imperative that the country is able to meet its energy demands. The absence of efficient Energy supply will have disastrous consequences for any economy, agrarian, trade and technological alike. Therefore, energy remains on top of development agenda for the dynamic leadership of Pakistan Peoples Party.

Budget Estimates for Current Revenue Expenditure of Energy Department are estimated at 23.26 billion, which includes Rs.21 billion for clearance of outstanding liabilities of electricity dues of various government departments pertaining to DISCOs such as KE, HESCO and SEPCO. The ADP for energy department is pitched at Rs. 2.5 billion for FY 2021-22.

Mr. Speaker,

The major achievements in energy sector during the Current Financial Year are:

➤ **THAR COAL**

In order to tap the real potential of the Thar Coal, the development of the Coal Field was the top priority of the government. Many initiatives were taken some are achieved and others are in progress. To count a few, Mai Bakhtawar Airport, at Tharparkar has been completed. This would secure mobilization and boost foreign investment confidence. 08 blocks out of 12 have been allocated to different companies to facilitate mining operations. Road Network is developed connecting all major towns with Thar. A heavy road of 318 km with 70 tones load carrying capacity is linking Thar coalfield with Karachi sea port via Badin.

Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for affectees of Thar Coalfield Blocks were put in place. More than 118 R.O plants are established for provisions of portable water. Construction of 50 Cusecs drainage & waste water and effluent channel from mining area Thar coalfield unit No. 2 will be completed in current FY 2020-21. Bankable Feasibility Study completed by PRFTC in CFY, for railway connectivity of Thar coalfield (Islamkot to Chorr-105 km). Sindh Coal Mining Concession Rules – 2021 have been enacted which helps in increasing the investment opportunities for local and international coal companies.

Mr. Speaker,

➤ **SINDH ENGRO COAL MINING COMPANY (SECMC) (THAR COAL BLOCK-2)**

The Company has produced round 7 Million tons of coal from which 6.4 GWh of electricity has been produced and sent to National Grid. 2,640 MW of power plants are being set-up at Thar Coal Block-I and Block-II. A 660 MW power plant by Lucky Electric is established at Port Qasim. This Plant will be provided Coal from Phase-III by Sept 2022 which makes it 100% Thar Coal based plant beyond Thar. All these projects will be functional in 2021 which will save more than USD 6 billion over the life of these projects by substituting imported energy resources.

Notably, two plants of 330 MW each at mine mouth of Engro Powergen Thar Ltd produced round 3.5 GWh of electricity in CFY. Two additional IPPs namely 330 MW Thar Energy Ltd (TEL) and 330 MW Thal Nova Power Thar Ltd (TNPTL) achieved their financial close in Sept 2020. These two IPPs will start their power production from March and June 2022 taking total power output from

Block-II at 1,330 MW. The SECMC plans to achieve financial close of its Phase-III by end of 2021 and Inshallah by September 2022, additional 3.8 MTPA will take the mining capacity to 12.2 MTPA.

Pakistan Railways has completed Bankable Feasibility Study of Thar Rail Link to connect Thar Coalfields to the National Rail Network through the Khokhrapar-Munabao in CFY. The GoS Energy Dept. and SECMC are working with Pakistan Railways and the Planning Dept. of Federal Govt to get the Thar Rail Link project completed under PPP mode by 2023.

Mr. Speaker,

The government believes that the primary right of the Thar Coal proceeds and development is of the local Thari people. To this end the Thar Foundation has been established to reach out the local population. The Foundation has provided quality education to 3500 students of Thar through 24 school units in Islamkot, Mithi and Block-2 and Gorano area. Thar Foundation Hospital in Islamkot provided COVID-19 testing and Quarantine facility to locals along with more than 5000 patients mostly mother & child at the OPD facility in 2020-21. Thar Foundation continued to operate 18 RO plants out of which 09 are GOS-owned plants providing WHO quality standard water to almost 35,000 people. 09 of these RO Plants are operated by Thari females.

➤ **SINO SINDH RESOURCES LIMITED (SSRL) (THAR COAL BLOCK-1)**

This project is just a beginning, there will be more and more to follow Block-1 for further commercial exploitation of Thar Coal and SSRL specifically has contributed directly to Economy of Sindh and locals. It has created 7000 jobs (3000 in Mining and 4000 at Power Plants) and large-scale Plantation of indigenous species.

Despite Global Pandemic, SSRL and Power Generation IPP have achieved more than 50% of project completion. The SSRL has installed 20 MW Solar Power System to meet its own in-house requirements. We are confident for both project companies of Thar Coal Block-1 to achieve their COD by mid of next year and contribute to national grid in the form of cheaper energy for the people of Pakistan.

➤ **SINDH TRANSMISSION & DISPATCH COMPANY (STDC).**

Mr. Speaker,

STDC is currently supplying 100 MW power from Sindh Nooriabad Power Company to KE. Since achieving COD in January 2018, Company has continuously been supplying power for the people of Karachi without line tripping, outages and with negligible line losses - a fact duly recognized by NEPRA.

The STDC has become a self-sustained organization ensuring economic activities and earned revenue of Rs. 1,009 million and earned net profit after tax of Rs. 100 million and made due repayment of Rs 207 million against principal amount and Rs 61 million against mark-up. Similarly, in this month of June 2021 it will make further total payments of Rs 246 million against principal and interest.

STDC is our success model and exploring new avenues of growth and expansion of the transmission network in the Province. Currently, it is finalizing terms for additional 80 km long transmission line and construction of a grid station for evacuation of 275 MW wind power by 5 IPPs from Jhimpir wind corridor to KE network

Mr. Speaker,

Sindh is blessed with not only Thar Coal but also with huge potential of Alternate Energy resources. The People's Party government has the credit to tap these natural gifts.

➤ **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES (WIND & SOLAR)**

For installation of 3 Solar Power Projects each of 50 MW in Sukkur, a Tripartite Letter of Support with Government of Sindh and Government of Pakistan have been signed. The World Bank funded, Sindh Solar Energy Project, signing ceremony has been completed with 6 SHS supplies. Besides, eligibility list of SHS suppliers (round 2) has been finalized. 12 Wind Power Projects have achieved Financial Close during December, 2020. This will inject power of 610 MW in national grid in 2021, providing them tariff of around 4.5 cents/ kwh—cheaper than hydel IPPs (8-10 cents/kwh).

Mr. Speaker,

Efforts have been taken to ease off the agony of the people who have been suffering from long-hour of load-shading and without electricity.

➤ **VILLAGE ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM**

About 1789 villages have been electrified and energized till 2021 and remaining work of 429 villages are under progress in VEP. As per settlement agreement in 2020, the payment to the HESCO & SEPCO is being paid as per AMR meters. During financial year 2020-21, the Energy Department, Govt. of Sindh has paid Rs. 3,735.171 Million to the SEPCO and Rs. 5,112.466 Million to the HESCO. Subsidy of 100 units is provided to 4,514 domestic consumers of Taluka Islamkot. Govt. of Sindh has paid to HESCO amounting to RS. 39.039 Million as subsidy.

Mr. Speaker,

➤ **OIL & GAS SECTOR**

In Oil and Gas Sector, the Government has provided gas supplies to 855 villages through SSGCL upto 31-12-2020.

Mr. Speaker,

In the alternate energy various milestones have been achieved: 225 Primary Health Facilities are electrified through 352 Solar PV Systems in 13 Districts of Sindh. 25 Wind power projects equal to 1235.7 MWs are injecting energy into the National Grid. 20 MW Solar power project are installed on the rooftops and other available spaces on and around Public Sector Buildings in Sindh.

Mr. Speaker,

I would like to bring to the notice of this house about Sindh Nooriabad Power Company which in recent days has become a victim of a negative propaganda.

Sindh government took an initiative and set up Sindh Nooriabad Power Company, in the Public-Private-Partnership mode to generate 100 MW power. This natural gas based power plant achieved COD in January 2018, and is, Alhamdulillah, supplying uninterrupted power to KE since then. The city of Karachi is the sole beneficiary of this uninterrupted power supply from SNPCL.

I can proudly say that this power plant is a self-sustaining company and has met all power demands of KE. SNPCL is very high on the Merit Order of KE, because it is cheapest power, which KE is purchasing. As per KE merit order sheet for the month of June 2021, power purchase from SNPCL is well ahead of KE's own RLNG based BQPS-II power plant which is ranked at merit order No. 6 as compared to merit order No. 2 for SNPCL.

Till end of May 2021, the power plant has dispatched 2604 GWh to KE and generated a revenue of Rs 28.4 billion. The company has paid Rs 4 billion in taxes. SNPCL has so far successfully repaid its due loans and made payment of Rs 1.7 billion against principal amount and Rs 3.24 billion under mark-up. In addition the profits accrued by the company upto June 2020 were Rs 1.32 billion

The House may recall recent total black out in the country, which affected Karachi too, SNPCL was among the first power company which came back on line in 30 minutes and also provided necessary support to KE for restoration of power in the city.

In next financial year, following are our targets:

- ✓ Establishment of Geological & hydrogeological Database management system of coal field of Sindh.
- ✓ Pre-Investment Study from Coal to Gas, Coal to Liquid & Urea.
- ✓ Initiation of Sindh Domestic Biogas Program throughout Sindh for provision of domestic type biogas plants
- ✓ Procurement and installation of Solar PV Systems at 377 Primary Health Facilities located in Karachi, Hyderabad, T.M Khan, Thatta, Sujawal, Umerkot, Tharparkar, Sukkur, Kashmor @ kandkot, Kambar @ shahdadkot & Jacobabad.
- ✓ Electrification of Schools through Solar PV Technology in districts Dadu, Shikarpur, Shaheed Benezirabad, Larkana, Tharparkar, Umerkot, Sanghar, Badin & Sujawal.
- ✓ Feasibility study for installation of Solar PV powered submersible Water Pumps and Desalination Plants in all Talukas of district Tharparkar.
- ✓ Identify new wind corridors for the development of new Wind Power Projects so that to achieve ARE targets of 2025 and 2030.
- ✓ Development of new infrastructure including the roads network and welfare facilities centers at the Lakhra Coal Field.
- ✓ Up gradation of the rescue stations at Lakhra Coal Field & Thar Coal Field, providing the rescue facilities & rescue training facilities for the coal mining workers.
- ✓ Establishing the poly trade training institute at Lakhra Coal Field to provide skilled workers for the mining trade.
- ✓ The infrastructure of the scheme i.e. Transmission Line network and Grid Station will be constructed by STDC and tariff will be awarded by NEPRA. The project is in advanced stage and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) has already been signed between K-Electric, STDC and 05 Wind Power Plant (WPPs).
- ✓ Construction of 220 KV Double Circuit Transmission Line of 24 Kilometers length.
- ✓ MoU signed with Kuwait Investment Agency in July 2020 for 250 MW (wind / solar / gas hybrid) power plant for supply to Dhabeji.
- ✓ An amount of Rs.200 Million is placed for Establishment of Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority.
- ✓ Completion of Phase-II of Mine expansion by June 2022 which will increase mine capacity to 7.6 MTPA and 1,320 MW power from Block-II
- ✓ Completion of Phase-III of Mine expansion by Sept 2022 increasing mine capacity to 12.3 MTPA. After achieving Phase-III (12.2 MTPA mine capacity) Thar Coal Tariff will reduce to USD 30 / ton (electricity tariff of around US cents 6.5 per kWh) which will make it the cheapest base load energy source in the Country
- ✓ The UN SDG baseline survey for entire Islamkot Taluka (50,000 households) is underway and shall be completed by Sept 2021.

Mr. Speaker,

In order to exploit on Thar coal potential, Sindh has requested federal Government to consider progressing on Ketu Bandar Project and laying a railway line from Islamkot to Mirpurkhas for coal logistics. The two approaches are essential as industrial expansion in Thar is challenged by extreme weather conditions and water availability.

Beside coal power, South of Sindh is also endowed with Jhampir Wind Corridor which has potential to produce 50,000 MW each year. Several power projects have been realized but real potential of wind power is still untapped. It is in wider national interest that investment in wind energy is undertaken. It is a concern that Federal Government has not included wind power in 12th five-year priorities despite the promises wind energy offers. Wind energy may be reconsidered as significant part of Nation's energy portfolio.

ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT

Mr. Speaker,

Government of Sindh has assigned top priority to Roads sector funding so as to achieve enhanced level of connectivity with particular emphasis on Strategic Access Roads that will improve the socio-economic condition of the people and facilitate poverty alleviation. The government is also injecting more money to improve existing infrastructure.

During the current financial year, we had planned to add 798 km to our road network. I am pleased to inform this august house that, despite this pandemic, 95% targets for current financial year will be achieved till June 2021. For the next financial year we have increased ADP allocation for road sector to Rs.38.2 billion from Rs.19.1 billion. An allocation of Rs.3.86 billion is kept for maintenance of road infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker,

In CFY, 429 schemes are under execution with an allocation of Rs.19.1 billion.

Major road sector schemes that have been completed during CFY are:

- ✓ Construction of Road Network for better rural access by Provincial Government in Lower Sindh 250.00 Kms
- ✓ Rehabilitation/Improvement of road from Qayas Bhayo Tori Bunglow to Manjhi Pull via RD219 Mujahidabad All Bux Bahalkni and Rais Inayatullah Bhayo mile (19.31Kms), Kashmore
- ✓ Rehabilitation of dual Carriage way from steel mill to Ghaghar Phatak (13.00 Kms), Karachi
- ✓ Widening/Reconditioning of Jacobabad Thull Road (37.00 Kms)
- ✓ Improvement of Road from Nawabshah to Kazi Ahmed i/c Link off taking mile 17/4 to connect national highway @ mile 195/2 road (28.00 Kms) i/c flyover bridge @ point mehran highway
- ✓ Construction of Bypass/Ring Road (Asphalt) at Hyderabad Tando Muhammad Khan road to Tando Muhammad Khan Sujawal & Badin road-Phase-I, Tando Mohammad Khan
- ✓ Widening/Reconditioning of Jacobabad Dodapur Garhi Khairo road upto Sheranpur (24.00 kms)
- ✓ Improvement of road from Matli Tando Ghulam Ali Dumbalo road i/c Improvement of Bypass (37.40 Kms), Badin
- ✓ Construction of Mirpur Bathoro Bypass road mile 0/0-7/4 (12.00 Kms), Sujawal

- ✓ Widening/Reconditioning of road from Khatar to Wasi Malook Shah via Mukbara Sharif Road (15.30Kms), Tando Mohammad Khan.
- ✓ Construction of road Lakha Kandiyari to Village Zanwar Khair Mohammad Lashari via Haji Allah Wadhayo Bhanbhan mile 0/0-8/6 (41.07Kms, Khairpur
- ✓ Construction of road from Chachro to Khinsar (32.40 kms), Tharparkar

Mr. Speaker,

Our government believes in engaging private sector to assist Government undertake projects of national importance. Our initiatives have been successful and have yielded favorable results. Through Public-Private Partnerships we have initiated 07 PPP Projects out of which 3 projects namely Hyderabad Mirpurkhas Dual Carriageway Project (60km), Sir Agha Khan Jhirk Mullah Bridge (17.2km) and Karachi Thatta Dual Carriageway Project(49) have been successfully completed.

Mr. Speaker,

Government of Sindh with the assistance of Asian Development Bank has conceived ‘Sindh Provincial Road Improvement Project’ for construction/improvement of 328 km of following inter-district roads connecting with National/Provincial Highways. The work on all 6 roads has been completed. The details of these 6 roads are as follows:

- ✓ 67km road from Tando M. Khan to Badin
- ✓ 64 km road from Khyber to Sanghar
- ✓ 63 km road from Sanghar to Mirpurkhas
- ✓ 54 km road from Digri-Naukot
- ✓ 44 km road from Thull to Kandhkot
- ✓ 36 km road from Sheranpur to RatoDero

Mr. Speaker,

After saving of Rs.4.09 billion on these six roads, additional three roads were included in the project during 2018-19 and these roads have also been completed. The scheme details are as under:

- ✓ Improvement of 32 kilometers road from Sehwan Railway Crossing (N-55) to Dadu via Talti up to Dadu-Moro road with cost of Rs.831.0 million.
- ✓ Improvement of 19 kilometers road from Tando Allahyar to Chamber with the cost of Rs.1.7 billion.
- ✓ 29 kilometers road from Jehan Khan (N-65) to Faizo Laro (N-55) via Chak Town with cost of Rs.1.4 billion.

Mr. Speaker,

Road Master Plan is being prepared for the next 20 years for the road network of Sindh province this also includes survey of exiting 53000 Km road network. GPS coordinates of all roads will be included in the road database. On the basis of these features, Master Planning will be carried out for the next 20 years

The future programs also include construction of Hyderabad Southern Bypass, having cost of about US\$ 1.0 (M). This project is also being initiated with the assistance of Asian Development Bank and most feasible alignment of 54 kms has been finalized.

Mr. Speaker,

A modern city requires a modern transportation system. Unfortunately, Karachi has still to call home a planned mass-transport system. We can engage in never ending blame game. But, we will not waste our time. Previously, we had unrolled multiple mass-transit programs for Karachi and now we will intensify these programs. For next year, we have allocated Rs.6.5 billion for procurement of Electric Buses. Also, Rs.304 million has been provided as 1st tranche for completing common corridor (BRT Green Line & BRT Red Line) in CFY. In CFY ADP, an allocation in the sector was Rs. 6.5 billion, whereas, in year 2021-22 the allocation has been increased to Rs. 8.2 billion.

Mr. Speaker,

We are also thankful to the Federal Government for extending its support for construction of Green Line BRTS but we expect that Government of Pakistan may revisit its commitment for development of Karachi City. Following are our plans for the next financial year:

- ✓ The Government of Sindh has allocated Rs.3.0 billion in CFY for construction of underpasses and overhead bridges over railway crossing along KCR route. Similarly, funds amounting to Rs.2.0 billion are also allocated for FY 2021-22.
- ✓ The Government of Sindh has reached an agreement with SIDCL for the installation of Integrated Intelligent Ticketing System (IITS), Bus Operation fare collection system for the BRT Orange Line project.
- ✓ For NFY, Rs.6.476 billion has been earmarked as Grant in Aid for procurement of 250-Diesel Hybrid Electric Buses under Sindh Intra District Peoples Bus Services Project.
- ✓ BRTS Orange line, 3.88 km corridor, connecting BRTS Green line, is expected to be completed by June, 2021.
- ✓ Red line BRT has been initiated in year 2021 at the cost of Rs. 75 billion and its ground breaking is expected in 3rd quarter of 2021. It will improve arterial connectivity of Malir and East districts with Central Business District.
- ✓ The financial opening for Procurement of detailed design, Procurement support and construction supervision consultant has already been completed. Furthermore, the award of contract for 26 km Yellow Line is planned to be finalized in CFY.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING

Mr. Speaker,

The founding father of Pakistan Peoples Party is credited with presenting Pakistan the Constitution of 1973. Our leaders have remained cognizant of the fact that societies can only progress if they are provided with a robust local government system. The idea was clearly spelled out in the Constitution and it is our responsibility to ensure service delivery through local councils. During the current financial year Rs.78 billion are earmarked for local councils in Sindh. For the next financial year we propose an allocation of Rs.82 billion.

Mr. Speaker,

Our Government has worked tirelessly for improvement of municipal infrastructure in cities of Sindh. Many achievements have been made but there is a long road ahead. Our people deserve to live in the best of the cities. We are nothing but servants of desires of our people. It is a fact that we are still in phase of perfecting our municipal laws and channelizing resources to

improve public service delivery. Also, it is a vision of our leadership that service delivery can only improve by robust municipal bodies.

Unfortunately, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation and District Municipal Corporations of Karachi have long been plagued with maladministration and poor resource generation. Their elected representatives had failed to steer them in the right direction. With appointment of administrators things have started to improve. Our Government believes in elected representation of people at all tiers of government and Local Councils are no exception. We understand appointment of administrators is no solution, therefore, we are striving for introducing a system with adequate checks and balances that ensures public service delivery.

Mr. Speaker,

In view of immense significance of Karachi as a financial / economic hub of the country, the highest chunk of the foreign loan/PPP mode projects has been reserved for Karachi. Currently there are 1072 projects in ADP (Annual Development Program), Foreign Project Assistance and PPP (Public private partnership) mode in Karachi district for the total cost of Rs. 991.7 billion and an allocation for the next FY 2021-22 is Rs. 109.36 billion

- ✓ There are 16 PPP mode projects in Karachi for the estimated cost of Rs. 288.96 billion initiated in Road Infrastructure, Water, Information Technology and Health sectors.
- ✓ Currently there are 06 projects in Karachi collectively funded by the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Asia Infrastructure and Investment Bank signed in last 02 years for the total approved cost of Rs. 436.68 billion. The allocation kept for the next FY 2021-22 is Rs. 39.619 billion
- ✓ Moreover, there are projects of Karachi Division in provincial ADP (Annual Development Program) and District ADP for the total cost of Rs. 266.15 billion which are in different implementation phases. The total allocation for the next FY 2021-22 for schemes is Rs. 61.94 billion.

Government of Sindh in collaboration with World Bank has initiated Karachi Competitive and Livable City of Karachi(CLICK) Project.

This project not only aims to improve the governance but would also provide financial support to local bodies to invest on improvement of municipal infrastructure. Over Rs.20 billion would be spent by the local bodies on infrastructure of Karachi. Under the project work on important schemes such as construction of 6.5 Km road from Machli Chowk to KANNUP at a cost of 800 million would be completed during 2021-22. Also, through the project an amount of 5.2 billion would be disbursed amongst local councils of Karachi during next financial year for improvement of municipal infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker,

CLICK Project also aims to improve revenues of Local Councils of Karachi. With improved revenue generation, Local Councils would have more to invest on improvement of the city. Our generation on account of Property Tax does not commensurate with the potential of Karachi City. At present, we only collect around 2 billion from Karachi. Much smaller cities in our neighboring countries generate a much higher amount. Under the CLICK Project we have planned to undertake the property tax survey of Karachi City. It is expected that property tax potential of Karachi City is around 20 billion.

Moreover, we have allocated Rs.8 billion for Sindh Solid Waste Management Board which is in addition to Rs.82 billion earmarked for Local Councils.

Mr. Speaker,

To improve urban spaces the project of Karachi Neighborhood Improvement Project (KNIP) has been underway at cost of Rs.10.26 Bn. Under this project several sub-projects have been completed in parking, connectivity, improved infrastructure in targeted neighborhoods.

Karachi Water and Sanitation Services Improvement Plan (KWSSIP) has been initiated. It is a Series of Projects (SOP) with overall investment of around US\$ 1.6 billion over a period of ten years. The first SOP aiming at institutional strengthening and capacity of is underway at Cost of Rs.14.73 Bn. KWSSIP is a reform led plan to transform Karachi Water & Sewerage Board into a professional and viable utility organization. KWSSIP includes augmentation plan for increased water supply, greater Sewerage disposal program of S-III, five treatment plants for treating 450 MGD of sewer water before disposing it in ocean, treatment of industrial waste through combined effluent treatment plants. The infrastructure investment in municipal system and institutional investment in Karachi Water & Sewerage Board will transform KW&SB in a professional and viable utility company and improve Karachi's livability.

For efficient and sustainable solid waste management of city, project of Solid Waste Emergency and Efficiency Project (SWEEP) has been initiated at cost of Rs.16.8 billion with the help of World Bank finances. It comprises of garbage collection mechanism, Garbage Transfer Station, and two Mechanized Land fill sites to manage solid waste of city.

Mr. Speaker,

Due to the catastrophic rains during monsoon 2020 and the resultant inundation of Karachi city, it was decided to improve the storm water drains (Nullahs) of Karachi to ensure timely disposal of rainwater. The three major Nullahs of Karachi namely Mahmoodabad, Gujjar and Orangi Nullahs were selected in the first phase to provide immediate relief. These Nullahs are being restored to their original hydraulic design so that the storm water drain, sewerage disposal, and solid waste system may function smoothly.

Government undertook mega projects in Karachi since last three years for infrastructure development and rehabilitation. 40 such projects at total cost of Rs.28.0 billion were initiated, 20 projects were completed till last year and 20 are being completed during CFY.

Besides above stated initiatives, GoS undertook investment in following major infrastructure projects for Karachi through PPP:

- ✓ **Link Road for Korangi:** 12 kms dual carriageway starting from Korangi Creek / Causeway to PAF Airmen Golf Club, it will be an alternate route to resolve the heavy traffic jams and diversion issues
- ✓ **Expressway from Mauripur to Y- Junction:** 8 kms dual carriageway starting from Lyari Expressway ramp at Mauripur road towards Y-Junction of Kakapir road, it will resolve the traffic pressure in the city as this will also have its connectivity with Lyari Expressway.
- ✓ **Interchange at ICI Bridge:** 3.06 kms road starting from 0.3 km north of ICI Bridge intersection at Mauripur road towards elevated right turn merges at ICI Bridge to facilitate heavy traffic pressure from Karachi city and Karachi Port using Lyari Expressway and Mauripur Road.

Mr. Speaker,

Government of Sindh is sharing the financial burden of KMC. The funds are released on monthly basis on account of regular OZT share, regular pension amount and regular grant-in-aid amounting to Rs.161.035 million, Rs.215.489 million and Rs.600 million respectively. The total amount is Rs.976.524 million. The annual total amount stood at 10.528 billion. This figure includes Rs.48 million, one-time special grant in aid.

The Regular Grant-in-Aid amounting to Rs.204.0 million is being released to KDA on monthly basis to meet out salary/Pension and other Non-Development expenditure. Funds released to KDA during current financial year 2020-21 are Rs.2.4 billion, Rs.594.96 million on account of regular grant in aid and one-time special grant in aid respectively. Government of Sindh is also paying monthly electricity charges of KW&SB since 2016. Approximately Rs.7.98 billion has been provided in CFY till 31st March. In addition to that, financial support of Rs.489.6 million has been provided to KW&SB to clear the pension dues during CFY 2020-21.

Mr. Speaker,

The Development Portfolio of Local Government Department for current financial year was Rs.14.11 billion for 345 development schemes. This includes Rs.1.94 billion for 19 Mega Schemes. Out of the total allocation, Rs.14.11 Billion was the allocation against 345 (333 On-going + 12 New) Schemes of Local Government wing. Rs.2.0 Billion for New Scheme for Improvement of Major Cities and Towns, Rs.1.096 billion for 12 Schemes of Solid Waste Management. For next financial year, we have earmarked Rs.25.5 billion for 264 ongoing and 291 new development schemes of Local Government Department. Moreover, Rs.8 billion is also proposed for Karachi mega projects. We will give more focus on the on-going schemes for their early completion and try to further minimize its portfolio for new schemes.

Mr. Speaker,

Sindh is densely populated and most urbanized province of the country having 23 percent of country's population. The trend of urbanization and growing population put consistent pressure on water supply, sewage effluent disposal and solid waste management services. Water and sanitation have been and are the priority of the Government of Sindh particularly because of the arid and hot climate and brackish ground water spread over 83% of the total area of Sindh.

To improve the quality of natural water bodies and elimination of sewerage being disposed-off in the fresh water bodies, the Government has initiated the on-going scheme namely "Elimination of Sewerage Discharging in Irrigation Canals and lakes in Sindh Phase-I" costing Rs.3.764 billion was initiated in 2018 and its Phase-II, "Elimination of Sewerage Discharging in Irrigation Canals and Lakes in Sindh" costing Rs.3.573 billion has been taken up in the current financial year 2020-21. In current financial year about 12% of development budget was spent on water supply and sanitation schemes.

For next financial year an ADP allocation for PHE department has been increased from Rs.11.36 billion to Rs.15.5 billion

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & WILD LIFE

Mr. Speaker,

It is said that "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." In our quest for development and advanced technologies, we have harmed the planet in unimaginable ways. The droughts and sudden floods destroying our towns and villages are the direct result of overexploitation of resources and a failure to safeguard our forests, lakes and waterways. It is our solemn duty to preserve and protect our environment for future generations.

Keeping this in minds, our policies always have a component measuring the impact of development on the environment.

In Current Financial Year, Rs.0.84 billion was kept for the sector, whereas, in next financial year 2021-22 an amount of allocation is more than three times than that of last year, it is Rs.2.7 billion.

Tree plantation and enhancing green cover will be the major focus of Forest Department in next financial year.

- ✓ Regeneration and forest development in Riverine Forests will be done on 25,000 acres;
- ✓ Irrigated plantations will be developed on 6,500 acres.
- ✓ Roadside and Canal side plantations will be raised on 1,000 avenue kilometers.
- ✓ Mangrove forests will be planted and protected over 35,000 acres.
- ✓ A huge target of 35.0 million container plants will be developed in the network of departmental and youth nurseries for supply of plants to interested stakeholders at subsidized rates.
- ✓ Urban and block forestry will be done over 2,000 acres in and around cities and towns of the province.
- ✓ Scrub hill forests will also be developed over 1000 acres in Kohistan and Thar areas.

All above targets will be achieved through following on-going development schemes.

- ✓ Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Program (TBTTP/GPP) with 50% funding by GoP and 50% by Government of Sindh over a period of four years
- ✓ Sarsabz Sindh Program focusing on Larkana Civil Division
- ✓ Possible Role of Mangroves in curbing Sea Intrusion
- ✓ Enhancing Tree cover on state Forestlands

RELIEF AND WELFARE MEASURES

➤ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMPENSATION**

Mr. Speaker,

Government of Sindh has provided Rs.4.02 billion as relief grant and for distribution of compensation to the affectees of Monsoon during CFY. For 2021-22, an allocation of Rs.500 million has been kept for various relief measures.

➤ **PROCUREMENT OF RELIEF ITEMS**

Mr. Speaker,

Government of Sindh has released Rs.1.19 billion for relief operation and procurement of relief items during the heavy rain of Monsoon to PDMA Sindh during CFY 2020-21. For NFY, Rs.1 billion has been kept for Relief activities.

➤ **MOBILE DIAGNOSTIC & EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

Mr. Speaker,

Government of Sindh has released additional funds amounting to Rs.489.281 million to Rehabilitation Department for operation and maintenance of Mobile Diagnostic and Emergency Health Care Services in CFY. For 2021-22, funds amounting to Rs.556.863 million have been kept for that purpose.

➤ **UNIVERSAL ACCIDENTAL INSURANCE SCHEME:**

Mr. Speaker,

Life is precious and we realize that it is our responsibility to ensure its safety. We feel sorry for every loss and especially accidental deaths are a cause of concern for us all. We have been trying to take measures to make our province more secure and accident free. However, to compensate for precious loss of life in case of accidents, we have launched Universal Accidental Insurance Scheme. Under the scheme RS.100,000/- are provided to relatives in case of accidental death.

➤ **COMPENSATION & HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY:**

Mr. Speaker,

As an employer, Government of Sindh is tasked with the welfare of all its employees. In addition to other benefits admissible to the family of deceased civil servants, compensation of Rs.1 million is being provided to the families of Government Servant who had expired during their service due to Covid-19. Apart from that, we have earmarked Rs.550 million under Health Insurance Scheme for Government employees of Sindh Secretariat covering all epidemic diseases. Approximately, 6000 employees of Sindh Secretariat and their families will benefit from the comprehensive insurance scheme. Moreover, the Health Insurance Policies taken by individual shall remain exempt from Sindh Sales Tax on Services for next fiscal year 2021-22.

➤ **STAMP DUTY AND SALES TAX ON SERVICES:**

Mr. Speaker,

The rate of stamp duty on conveyance and other instrument has been reduced from 2% to 1%, therefore, stamp duty on rental basis is being reduced from 1.5% to 1%.

The rate of stamp duty on conveyance/sale and other instruments on transfer of immovable property has been reduced from 2% to 1%, therefore, stamp duty regarding Power of Attorney is being reduced from 3% of the amount purchased to 1% of the valuation table or floating rate charged on the actual amount.

The existing rate for Standalone Recruiting Agents is being reduced from 8% to 5% for next FY 2021-22. This shall remove multiplicity of rate by abolishing existing rate of 8%.

➤ **PAYS AND ALLOWANCES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES:**

Mr. Speaker,

The output of Government is directly related to the performance of every individual employee. All the employees of Government of Sindh have my gratitude. For next financial year we are proposing an increase on 20% in the basic salary of all employees.

For the welfare of the labor class and in line with increase in pay of government employees, the minimum wage rate is also being increased from Rs.17,500 to Rs.25,000 per month

In order to remove discrepancy and bridge the gap between gross salary and minimum wages i.e Rs.25, 000, a Personal Allowance is proposed for employees of Government of Sindh in BPS-01 to BPS-05. The fixed rate of Personal Allowance will be as under

- ✓ BPS-01 Rs.1900/- per month
- ✓ BPS-02 Rs.1500/- per month

- ✓ BPS-03 Rs.900/- per month
- ✓ BPS-04 Rs.250/- per month
- ✓ BPS-05 Rs.250/- per month

Moreover, 10% increase in pension is also proposed for next financial year 2021-22 for employees of Government of Sindh

FISCAL MEASURES

Mr. Speaker,

Government of Sindh has taken a great step towards automation of tax collection systems. It has worked out a plan with State Bank of Pakistan under which tax collection will see increased automation as tax payers will be able to pay their taxes online through alternative delivery channel, a system under SBP, connecting with payers through a third party service provider for State Bank of Pakistan. Through this system we plan to integrate our revenue agencies directly with State Bank of Pakistan. We also expect to increase our Property Tax collections by many folds when it is automated. We are also in the process of introducing smart cards for vehicle verification and for eliminating fake registration of motor vehicles. Payment of motor vehicle tax has already been achieved.

We plan to automate stamp duty collections, a major component of our tax collection stream in the next financial year. The planned automated system will be deployed using ADC under State Bank of Pakistan and is expected to increase our stamp duty revenues by about 100%. Board of Revenue is diligently working towards its implementation.

SINDH BOARD OF REVENUE (SRB)

- a) Introduction of Negative list for Sales Tax on Services.
- b) Installation of Point of Sale devices in specific sectors.
- c) Strengthen Survey & Development wing of SRB.
- d) Expand risk based tax audit to increase tax collection from under-declaration and non-declaration of taxable service-based revenue.

BOARD OF REVENUE (BOR)

Computerization AIT returns records

Mr. Speaker,

Currently detailed return records are required to be created at Taluka level and maintained with the DC Office. This exercise is largely being done manually which leads to large information gap for policy making and effective administration of AIT.

It is proposed to add a proviso, or otherwise amend, Section 25 (1) of Sindh Land Tax & Agricultural Income Tax Rules, 2001 to make computerization of records mandatory.

LARMIS-1

Its scope was to scan, archive and digitize the land records. It is 100% completed for all the land records of Mukhtiarkar and Assistant Commissioner Offices in all districts of Sindh Province.

GIS Mapping

It is also 100% except few missing maps.

LARMIS-2

It is under approval phase of PC-1. Its scope includes integration of digitized land record, maps and registries. Moreover, automation of processes is also included in its scope.

E-Stamping

E-Stamping software has been developed while ancillary arrangements to launch the system are underway. Amendments in Stamp Act have been approved by the Provincial Assembly. The system will be operative in next financial year.

Web portal

Launch a web portal to facilitate title record verification, e-assessments and e-payment of taxes, etc. (70% work completed)

EXCISE AND TAXATION

Property & Professional Taxes

- a) Sukkur Survey – GIS based Database Management System completed. Issuance of challans as per new system will be issued by NFY.
- b) Karachi Survey – Similar survey for Karachi is planned under CLICK Project.
- c) Outsource Challan Delivery – ET&NCD has opted to outsource the delivery function to Pakistan Post. The process is underway.

Alternate Delivery Channels (ADC) & Online Tax Collection

The implementation has been approved and FD is ready to go into training and testing

Online Tax Collection of MVT

In the first stage Online Tax Collection of Motor Vehicle Tax has been started and in the second stage it will be extended to Property Tax, Professional Tax and other provincial revenues. The software for web-based online tax payment through ILink system is under development.

IT Directorate & Facilitation Centre

IT Directorate and IT Policy and SOPs have been developed. Facilitation Centre at DG's Complex. I.I. Chunderigar Road, Karachi will be established.

Security Smart Cards

Security Featured MVR Smart Cards replacing Motor Vehicle Registration Books have been introduced.

GOVERNANCE REFORMS

Mr. Speaker,

Government of Sindh is fully aware of the importance of administrative and fiscal institutions and focused on their development and strength through sustainable fiscal reforms which aim at improving service delivery to the people of Sindh.

1. The Finance Department is working on various Public Financial Management (PFM) and Public Sector Reforms with the assistance of donor partners' i-e World Bank and European Union. PFM is a cross-cutting theme that can positively impact the fiscal discipline, public service delivery and economic development. Reforming this critical area has a gross positive impact on governance on multiple accounts.

2. Presently, the major efforts of reforms are focused on:
 - Institutional development;
 - Improvement in legal and regulatory framework;
 - Capacity Building;
 - Transparency in budget formulation and execution;
 - Tax revenue mobilization;
 - Monitoring of the Annual Development Plan portfolio.
3. **Institutional development:** Institutional development is the key area and keeping in view that, the Finance Department has established professional units like Tax Reform, Debt Management, Internal Audit and Information Management Units that assist the Government in formulations of policies, introduction of fiscal reforms and their sustainability.
4. **Improvement in legal and regulatory framework:** The Government of Sindh has special focus on review of regulatory framework. In this regard, the Sindh Public Finance and Administration Bill has been passed by the Provincial Assembly in the month of April, 2021. This Act will be a guiding factor for the province and will bring more transparency, efficiency and accountability. Working on Sindh Financial and Sindh Treasury Rules has been completed and will be placed before the Provincial Cabinet for approval, once the Act is promulgated.
5. **Capacity Building:** Capacity Building of employees is a continuous process and government is committed to it.
6. **Transparency in budget formulation and execution:** Transparency in budget formulation and execution is the priority of the provincial government. Therefore, an initiative has been taken to prepare Citizens Budget for the next FY 2021-22 in consultation with different focused groups, stakeholders and citizens. The Government of Sindh prepares the Budget Strategy Paper every year and place it before the Provincial Cabinet for approval. Quarterly Budget Execution Reports are also prepared and submitted to Provincial Assembly of Sindh for discussion.
7. **Tax revenue mobilization:** The Sindh Tax Revenue Mobilization Plan 2014-2019 was approved to generate adequate tax revenues for the Government; while, at the same time, lowering the costs of compliance for taxpayers and enhancing equity and efficiency of taxation. STRMP is being revised for next five years and enhanced targets will be given to revenue collecting agencies.
8. The Finance Department has developed a state-of-the-art Data Center Facility w.e.f 29th January, 2021 for housing Information Technology equipment for data processing and storage and it can facilitate line departments in housing their data.
9. **Monitoring of the Annual Development Plan portfolio:** For improvement of monitoring and evaluation process for the portfolio of Annual Development Plan, ADP Progress Monitoring Dashboard has been developed, which provides a real-time holistic view of the ADP portfolio on profile of schemes, monitoring reports of Monitoring & Evaluation Cell, P&DD, geotagging of schemes and beneficiary/community feedback.
10. The Government of Sindh plans the following reforms in the next FY 2021-22:
 - ✓ Implementation of e-payment system (expenditure and revenue);

- ✓ Implementation of e-procurement in collaboration with Government of Pakistan;
- ✓ Integration of HR and FM Data of Health and School Education & Literacy departments in collaboration with FABS Directorate, CGA office Islamabad.
- ✓ Revenue maximization to improve service delivery;
- ✓ Fiscal policy drives the Annual Budget;
- ✓ Controlled, orderly and improved budget execution;
- ✓ Strengthen and reform development budgeting regime;
- ✓ Introduce and strengthen performance reporting including Sustainable Development Goals;
- ✓ Capacity improvement for better PFM;
- ✓ Strengthening of Legal and Regulatory Framework;
- ✓ Accountability for Results.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Mr. Speaker,

I would like to thank you for granting me the honour to present the Sindh Budget 2021-22. I would also like to thank the people of Sindh who have provided us with the opportunity to serve them. This budget is a reflection of their aspirations and a commitment on our part that we will make every effort to uphold the trust that people of Sindh have reposed in us.

Mr. Speaker,

Today we have managed to improve our overall service delivery mechanism. Our healthcare systems are stronger and serving a higher number of people. The system of education has improved and adapted to new mode of imparting knowledge with changing times. The networks of roads, canals and waterworks are a testament to our commitment to improved infrastructure. We have taken key steps for the most vulnerable and marginalized sections of the population so that they have a strong safety net to see them through the bad times.

Mr. Speaker,

The fundamentals of our character as people have not changed. Still determined; Still generous.

That's what got us through the last year; it's what will guide us through the next decade and beyond. This time last year we set out to deliver on the promises we made to the people of Sindh. But the most important promise was implicit and, in truth, is made by every government, irrespective of their politics. And that is to do what must be done, when the danger is imminent, and when no one else can.

Today we set out a plan to protect the jobs and livelihoods of the people, but the promises that underpin that plan, remain unchanged from those we pledged ourselves to twelve long months ago.

To unite and lead; To improve our education system; To keep our streets safe; To keep our Health services strong; To support the most vulnerable; To reform and improve public services; To spread prosperity through development; And, yes to be honest and fair in all that we do.

Mr. Speaker,

An important moment is upon us; A moment of Challenge and of Change. Of difficulties, yes, but of possibilities too;

This is a Budget that meets that moment. It takes into account our strengths and challenges. It doesn't attempt to whitewash our inadequacies. It sets us on the path to a future where opportunities are maximized through a thorough examination of the risks involved.

I pray that Almighty Allah Guides us and Gives us the strength to achieve our targets for the Prosperity of Sindh and the Progress of Pakistan.

Pakistan Paindabad!