# PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH FOREST DEPARTMENT LIST OF STARRED ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR FRIDAY, THE 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

# 3099. \*Dr. Muhammad Rafique Banbhan: Will the Minister for Forest be pleased to state:-

- (a) Is it a fact that residential houses constructed for employees appointed in Bohrki Safari Park Badin:
- **(b)** If answer to (a) above is affirmative, Grade-wise detail thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

# MR. MUHAMMAD TAIMUR TALPUR, MINISTER FOR FOREST:

Residential houses were not constructed for the employees appointed in Boharki forest under the development scheme titled "Habitat Restoration & Promotion of Ecotourism through Development of Wildlife Safari in Boharki Forest, District Badin".

## 3134. \*Syed Abdul Rasheed: Will the Minister for Forest be pleased to state:-

- (a) Is it a fact that jobs provided in Forest department during 01-07-2018 to 31-12-2018;
- **(b)** If answer to (a) above is in affirmative, District/Grade-wise details thereof including procedure followed?

## **ANSWER**

## MR. MUHAMMAD TAIMUR TALPUR, MINISTER FOR FOREST:

No appointment was made in any grade for the period from 01.07.2018 to 31.12.2018 on regular basis. Five persons were appointed against "*Deceased Quota*" for the year 2018 after completing the procedure and codal formalities as per government policy). The details of deceased quota appointees is at *Annexure* placed on the Table of the House

The persons were appointed against "Deceased Quota" after adopting the procedure as laid down by the Government of Sindh. The application of deceased son / daughter after verification of all the documents is forwarded to the Administrative Department and then summary is floated to the Chief Secretary Sindh. After receiving back the Summary duly approved by the Chief Secretary Sindh the same is sent to the concerned District Recruitment Committee (DRC) for verification of credentials and further processing. The concerned DRC after verification and conducting interview of the applicant make the recommendation to the department for appointment against deceased quota. Finally, offer order followed by appointment order is issued by the department.

## 3605. \*Ms. Rana Ansar: Will the Minister for Forest be pleased to state:-

- (a) Is it a fact that lease of 16800 acres of Forest land has been suspended in four districts including district Thatta;
- **(b)** If answer to (a) above is affirmative, the details & reasons thereof?

#### ANSWER

## MR. MUHAMMAD TAIMUR TALPUR, MINISTER FOR FOREST:

Yes, it is a fact that the lease of forest land has been cancelled in four districts including district Thatta.

However, in compliance of Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan's order passed in C.P No.52/2018, the Sindh Cabinet has cancelled Agro-forestry Lease Policy, 2004. Consequently, 52,921.63 acres lease of entire Sindh state forest land have been cancelled including Thatta district, where 1143.0 acres lease has been cancelled in Afforestation Division, Thatta.

# 4529. \*Mr. Muhammad Ali Aziz: Will the Minister for Forest be pleased to state:-

Location-wise land given out on tender or lease to the timber traders during 28-09-2015 to 28-09-2018?

## **ANSWER**

## MR. MUHAMMAD TAIMUR TALPUR, MINISTER FOR FOREST:

It is evident from relevant record that no state Forest land in Sindh Forest Department has been given out on tender or lease to the timber traders during the period from 28.09.2015 to 28.09.2018.

## 5817. \*Mr. Muhammad Shabbir Qureshi: Will the Minister for Forest be pleased to state:-

- (a) Is it a fact that Miyani, Nawab Muhammad Khan and Khatri Forest located in union council Hatri and Masoo Bhurghain, taluka Hyderabad are under illegal occupation of influential Zamindar and they are growing crops there;
- **(b)** If answer to (a) above is affirmative, name of Zamindars, period of occupation and steps taken to vacate the same?

#### ANSWER

## MR. MUHAMMAD TAIMUR TALPUR, MINISTER FOR FOREST:

Conservator of Forests, Afforestation Circle, Hyderabad vide his letter No. G.II(b)/-795, dated 12.01.2021 has reported that Kathri and Nawab Muhammad Khan I.P Forests are free from illegal occupation. However, an area of 269.0 acres in Miani Riverine Forests was under encroachment of different persons. In compliance of orders passed by the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan in C.P No.52/2018 and Honourable High Court of Sindh Bench at Sukkur in C.P No.1115/2009 encroachment retrieval operation in Miani Riverine Forest is under way since 18.01.2021.

So far 110.0 acres of encroached land is retrieved. The balance area will also be retrieved as a result of ongoing operation.

Name of Forest	Total Area	Area Under Encroachment	Area Retrieved	Balance Area to be Retrieved
Nawab	178.0			
Muhammad				
Khan I.P				
Kathri I.P	936.9			
Miani	2,533.5	269.0	110.0	159.0
Riverine				
Total	3,648,4	269.0	110.0	159.0

KARACHI: DATED THE 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021 G.M UMAR FAROOQ SECRETARY PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH