

**Report of the  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTS**

**of the Punjab Legislative Assembly  
on the Appropriation Accounts and Finance  
Accounts of the Punjab Government  
1947-48 (post-partition period)**



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## Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the Punjab Legislative Assembly on the Appropriation Accounts and Finance Accounts of the Punjab Government for the Year 1947-48 (Post-Partition Period).

The Committee was constituted by notification No. 7, dated the 17th December 1951, under rule 139 of the Punjab Legislative Assembly Rules of Procedure for one year. It consisted of the following members:—

Composition of the Committee.

- (1) Honourable Minister of Finance (*Ex-officio*).
- (2) Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, M.L.A., 15, Cooper Road, Lahore.
- (3) Captain Saiyad Abid Hussain Shah, M.L.A., Shah Jewana House, Civil Lines, Jhang.
- (4) Chaudhri Ali Akbar Khan, M.L.A., Advocate, Lyallpur.
- (5) Chaudhri Fazal Elahi, M.A., LL.B. (Alig), M.L.A., Advocate, Katchery Road, Gujrat.
- (6) Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M.L.A., Advocate, Civil Lines, Sargodha.
- (7) Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M.L.A., Village Shamasabad *via* Hazro, District Attock.
- (8) Alhaj Makhdumzada Pir Saiyad Muhammad Alamdar Hussain Shah Gilani, M.L.A., Darbar Hazrat Pir Piran, Multan City.
- (9) Mr. Muhammad Amin, M.L.A., 30, Davis Road, Lahore.
- (10) Chaudhri Muhammad Iqbal Cheema, M.L.A., Advocate, Abbot Road, Sialkot City.
- (11) Chaudhri Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, M.L.A., "Women's Home", Female Jail, Lahore.

On the expiry of the term a new Committee was constituted for another year with notification No. 23, dated the 11th December 1952. It consists of the same members, who were on the previous Committee, with the only exception that Rana Gul Muhammad Noon *alias* Abdul Aziz Noon, M.L.A. (Basti Dad, Tehsil Shujabad, District Multan) has been appointed in place of Ch. Fazal Elahi, M.L.A.

2. In all 9 meetings were held by the previous Committee on the 31st March, 19th, 20th and 21st May, 10th and 11th July, 29th and 30th August and 30th October 1952. This Report was considered and finalised in the first meeting of the present Committee held on the 16th May 1953. The 5th and 6th meetings were held at Murree while all other meetings were held at Lahore. The detailed proceedings of these meetings are contained in Annexure I of this Report. In the first meeting, the Honourable

Meetings of the committee.

Mian Mumtaz Muhammad Khan Daultana, Finance Minister, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee. It was also decided in that meeting that the limits below which the discrepancies between the final figures of the grant or appropriation for a sub-head and the actual expenditure incurred may be regarded as trivial and therefore not requiring explanation should be as mentioned at page 17 of the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1947-48 (post-partition period), viz.—

- (1) In the case of divergencies between the grant or appropriation for the sub-head as originally voted or sanctioned and its final figures as modified by supplementary provisions, surrenders and reappropriations—

No explanation should be given—

- (a) if the modification is less than Rs. 5,000, and  
 (b) if it is for Rs. 5,000 or more but is less than 30 per cent of the original provision.

- (2) In the case of divergencies between the figures of final grant or appropriation and the actual expenditure—

- (a) no explanation should be given where the saving is less than Rs. 2,000, and

- (b) no explanation should be furnished—

If the saving is less than	and is also less than.....
	per cent of the final appropriation.
Rs. 10,000	.. 5 per cent.
Other cases	.. 2 per cent.
If the excess less than—	and is also less than .....
	per cent of the final appropriation.
Rs. 1,000	.. 10 per cent.
Rs. 5,000	.. 5 per cent.
Other cases	.. 2 per cent.

A preliminary examination of the Appropriation Accounts was carried out in the subsequent meetings of the Committee. In regard to matters, which required further elucidation, it was decided to call for explanatory notes and examine Heads of Departments concerned where necessary. Meetings, which followed later, were devoted to the examination of the Heads of Departments.

3. The actual expenditure during the year under review with the original and final grants or appropriations under the main sections of the Budget is compared in the following table:—

	Original Grant or Appropriations	Final Grant or Appropriations	Actual Expenditure	Saving (—) or (excess (+) over the final grant
[ In lakhs of rupees ]				
1. Expenditure charged to Revenue (Voted).	14,89	15,37	12,20	—3,17
2. Expenditure charged to capital (Voted).	4,08	4,04	53	—3,51
3. Disbursement of loans and advances	1,76	1,94	77	—1,17
Total (Voted) ..	20,73	21,35	13,50	—7,85
1. Expenditure charged to Revenue (Charged).	1,11	1,12	25	—87
2. Expenditure charged to capital (Charged).	1	..	..	..
Total (Charged) ..	1,12	1,12	25	—87
Total expenditure charged to Revenue	16,00	16,49	12,45	—4,04
Total expenditure charged to capital ..	4,08	4,04	53	—3,51
Total disbursement of loans and advances.	1,76	1,94	77	—1,17
GRAND TOTAL ..	21,85	22,47	13,75	—8,72

The total saving amounted to Rs. 872 lakhs or 38·8 per cent of the final grant. This percentage of saving is distributed over the 3 main sections of the Budget in the following table:—

Savings (—) Excess (+)

Expenditure charged to Revenue .. ..	—24·5
Expenditure charged to Capital .. ..	—86·8
Disbursement of loans and advances .. ..	—60·3
Combined percentage .. ..	—38·8

Taking the voted and charged expenditure separately the result of budgeting during the year under review is shown in the table below:—

Year		Final appropriations and grants	Excess (+) or Savings (-)	Percentage of Savings (-) or Excess (+)
		Rs.	Rs.	
19 <sup>47-48</sup>	{ (Charged) ..	1,12,05,300	-86,47,200	77.17
	{ (Voted) ..	21,34,54,470	-7,84,79,223	36.77
	Total ..	22,46,59,770	-8,71,26,423	-38.78

The percentage of savings is higher under the charged sections than under the voted section.

4. The Accountant-General has reported in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Appropriation Accounts the following excesses under voted grants and charged appropriations:—

No.	Name of grant	Final grant	Expenditure	Excess
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>VOTED GRANT</b>				
24	Charges on Public Works Department—Buildings and Roads Establishment.	10,45,050	12,12,564	1,67,514
32	Miscellaneous ..	3,66,86,510	3,76,45,278	9,58,766
36	Deposits and Advances—Advances not bearing interest.	20,57,800	29,15,354	8,57,554
	Total (Voted) ..	3,97,89,360	4,17,73,194	19,83,834
<b>Charged APPROPRIATION</b>				
	Commuted Value of Pensions—Capital Expenditure.	-23,700	..	23,700
	Total (Charged) ..	-23,700	..	23,700

We have examined these excesses and called for further explanations from the Heads of Departments concerned where

**EXCESS DEMAND FOR THE YEAR 1947-48**  
**(POST-PARTITION PERIOD)**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee in paragraph 4 of their report on the Appropriation Accounts of the year 1947-48 (post-partition period), excess demands are made in respect of excesses over the net grants mentioned below which are explained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government and the report of the Accountant-General thereon for the year 1947-48 (post-partition period):—

Item No.	Number and name of grant	Excess
		Rs.
1.	24—Charges on Public Works Department—Buildings and Roads Establishment.	1,67,514 (Voted)
2.	Commuted value of pensions—Capital Expenditure.	23,700 (Charged)
3.	32—Miscellaneous.	9,58,766 (Voted)
4.	36—Deposits and Advances—Advances not bearing Interest.	8,57,554 (Voted)
	Total	<hr/> 19,83,834 (Voted) 23,700 (Charged)

necessary. We have noted that there were very wide variations in the actual expenditure as compared with the final grant or appropriation and the main reason which was given by almost all Heads of Departments was that the circumstances during which the Budget was prepared and the actual expenditure was incurred were abnormal in consequence of the unsettled conditions which followed on the wake of Partition. It was also pointed out that officials, who generally dealt with such matters, migrated from this Province with the result that after the formation of Pakistan the staff left to take over this work was inexperienced and could not adequately deal with budget and account matters. We agree that in almost all cases this is the correct explanation, but hope that in future things will improve and the Heads of Departments will exercise more care and devote close attention so that these abnormal variations should not recur. In this connection, we recommended that Government should issue instructions to all departments impressing upon them the necessity of accurate budgeting in future. We understand that necessary instructions to this effect have in fact already been issued by Government. We further recommend that necessary grants to regularise the excesses over the voted grants be voted by the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the only excess over the charged appropriation be sanctioned by His Excellency the Governor.

5. We have examined important instances of defective Control over expenditure. control over expenditure detailed in paragraph 12 of the Appropriation Accounts. After giving due allowance of the abnormal conditions obtaining during the period, we are generally satisfied with the explanations of the Heads of Departments concerned. We have, however, made suggestions in certain cases and they are contained in the proceedings of the meetings (Annexure I).

6. The Accountant-General has reported, in paragraph 14 Financial irregularities and losses, etc. of the Appropriation Accounts, the following cases of financial irregularities and losses, etc.:—

- (1) Loss in an office looted during communal disturbances.
- (2) Non-observance of the prescribed rules for the purchase and acquisition of stores.
- (3) Loss due to contravention of instructions regarding admission of unauthorised persons into the Treasurer's room.

We have gone into all these cases and are satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Heads of Departments concerned and consider that no further action is called for in cases at (1) and (3) above. In regard to (2) above, the Committee secured a detailed explanation from the Irrigation Branch of the Public Works

Department and also orally examined its representative about the financial irregularity mentioned above. The Committee accepted the explanation as elucidated in the oral examination. The Committee, however, noted that the Executive Engineer concerned should have brought the necessity of the course adopted by him to the notice of his superior officers and obtained their requisite approval. The Committee observes that this irregularity should be brought to the notice of the department in the hope that such irregularities would not be repeated in future.

7. The recommendations made by us are contained in the proceedings of the meetings (Annexure I). We should like, however, to mention the following recommendations here :—

Important recommendations, III.

- (i) It was observed that the Appropriation and Finance Accounts for the period under report were issued very late by the Accountant-General, Punjab, who, however, explained that the delay in the submission of these Accounts was mainly due to the fact that the departments concerned do not send in time their explanations for variations in the final grants and appropriations and the actual expenditure incurred by them. He further explained that another factor which entails delay is the fact that before paragraphs of audit notes are included in the Appropriation Accounts the agreements or comments of the department concerned are obtained. On Accountant-General's proposal, the Committee recommended that a general directive should be issued to all departments emphasizing the need and importance of quick disposal of references from the Accountant-General relating to the compilation and preparation of Appropriation and Finance Accounts. We learn that the instructions in this respect have already been issued by the Finance Department. We trust that these instructions will be followed in practice by all concerned and the Accountant-General, where necessary with the assistance of the Finance Department will endeavour to get out these publications as expeditiously as used to be the case in normal times before Partition.
- (ii) We have observed, with special reference to paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Audit Report 1949, that the budgeting was generally inaccurate but this could perhaps be condoned owing to the extraordinary circumstances prevailing at the time. In our opinion, there can be no justification for such de-



fects in future and in fact we have already recommended that necessary instructions in the matter should be issued to all departments. As mentioned in para. 4, these instructions have already been issued by Government.

8. We have examined the various sections of the Finance Accounts particularly the Revenue Account. The revenue position of the Government during the year under Report was not satisfactory. The actual Revenue Receipts amounted to Rs. 6,44 lakhs against the original Budget of Rs. 9,31 lakhs. The actual revenue expenditure was Rs. 10,97 lakhs, against the original Budget of Rs. 14,41 lakhs. These figures reveal a drop in revenue of Rs. 2,87 lakhs and also in expenditure of Rs. 3,44 lakhs, resulting in a net deficit of Rs. 4,53 lakhs.

No debt was raised during the year and the position regarding the debt of the undivided Punjab on the date of partition was as follows :—

	Rs.
(1) Debt due to the Government of India ..	12,39,25,000
(2) Loans raised in the Market ..	19,09,08,000
(3) Interest due up to the date of Partition ..	33,24,000
	_____
Total ..	31,81,57,000
	_____

It has been decided that these liabilities should be partitioned between the two provinces according to the agreed ratio—60 per cent Punjab (Pakistan) and 40 per cent Punjab (India). The financial settlement has not been finalised so far.

9. The Committee had the advantage of the advice of Mr. M. B. Ahmed, Accountant-General at all its meetings. The Accountant-General's report on the Appropriation Accounts has been of great value and we place on record our sense of appreciation for the valuable assistance given by Mr. M. B. Ahmed. We also express our appreciation

of the assistance given to us by the various Heads of Departments during their oral examination.

MUHAMMAD FEROZE KHAN NOON  
ABDUL WAHEED KHAN  
ABID HUSSAIN SHAH  
ALI AKBAR KHAN  
FAIZ AHMAD  
MUHAMMAD AKRAM KHAN  
MUHAMMAD ALAMDAR HUSSAIN SHAH  
MUHAMMAD AMIN  
MUHAMMAD IQBAL CHEEMA  
MUSHTAQ AHMAD KHAN  
RANA GUL MUHAMMAD NOON

## ANNEXURE I

**Proceedings of the first meeting of the Public Accounts Committee held in the Hon'ble Chief Minister's room, at 11-45 a. m. on Monday, the 31st March 1952**

*Present—*

- (1) The Hon'ble Mian Muhammad Mumtaz Khan Daultana, Finance Minister.
- (2) Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M. L. A.
- (3) Chaudhri Muhammad Iqbal Cheema, M. L. A.
- (4) Chaudhri Fazal Elahi, M. L. A.
- (5) Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M. L. A.
- (6) Mr. Muhammad Amin, M. L. A.
- (7) Chaudhri Ali Akbar Khan, M. L. A.
- (8) Captain Saiyad Abid Hussain Shah, M. L. A.
- (9) Chaudhri Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, M. L. A.
- (10) Alhaj Makhdumzada Pir Saiyad Muhammad Alamdar Hussain Shah Gilani, M. L. A.
- (11) A. K. Malik, Esquire, C. S. P., Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*)
- (12) M. B. Ahmad, Esquire, Accountant-General, Punjab—(*By invitation*).
- (13) S. Fazli Hossain, Esquire, Assistant Secretary (I) to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).

### PROCEEDINGS

At the outset, the Finance Secretary read out Rules 183 and 184 of the Punjab Constitutional Manual, 1950, Volume II, relating to the constitution and functions of the Public Accounts Committee.

2. It was proposed by Mr. Muhammad Amin, M. L. A. and seconded by Captain Saiyad Abid Hussain Shah, M. L. A., that the Hon'ble Mian Muhammad Mumtaz Khan Daultana, Minister for Finance, be elected Chairman of the Committee. There was no other proposal and the Hon'ble Mian Muhammad Mumtaz Khan Daultana was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

3. The Committee noted that the Appropriation and Finance Accounts for the year 1947-48 (post-partition period) have been issued very late by the Accountant-General, Punjab, with the result that they have thus become belated. It was unanimously decided that the Accountant-General should be requested to expedite the submission of the Appropriation Accounts for the later

years. The Accountant-General, who was present in the meeting, indicated that the next Appropriation Accounts for the year 1948-49 is now under final print and would be out within a month. The Accounts relating to the year 1949-50 were being finalised and are likely to be ready in about 3 months after scrutiny by the Auditor-General, while those relating to the year 1950-51 are expected to be completed in about 6 months' time. He explained that the delay in the submission of these Accounts was mainly due to the fact that the departments concerned do not send in time their explanations for variations in the final grants and appropriations and the actual expenditure incurred by them. He further stated that another factor which entails delay is the fact that before paragraphs of audit notes are included in the Appropriation Accounts the agreements or comments of the department concerned are obtained. On Accountant-General's proposal, it was decided that a general directive should be issued to all departments emphasizing the need and importance of quick disposal of references from the Accountant-General relating to the compilation and preparation of Appropriation and Finance Accounts.

4. It was explained by the Finance Secretary that explanations are not called for trivial discrepancies between the final figures of the grant or appropriation for a sub-head and the actual expenditure incurred, as laid down on page 17 of the Appropriation Accounts. It was decided that the formula mentioned therein should also be followed even in respect of the Appropriation Accounts of later years, i.e., upto and including those relating to the year 1949-50. The Accountant-General raised the point that a formula is devised for every Appropriation Accounts in consultation with the Auditor-General. The Chairman explained that we can ask the Centre what they propose to do but in the meantime the Committee can proceed on the basis of its decision.

5. It was decided that on the basis of the formula referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Heads of the Departments should be asked to submit notes giving explanations of variations between the final grant or appropriation and the actual expenditure. The Accountant-General informed the Committee that he was preparing a note in regard to the financial irregularities, etc., in the Accounts which he would be sending to the Finance Department very shortly. He desired that explanations in respect of those irregularities should also be called for from the departments. This was agreed to by the Committee. It was also decided that the Heads of Departments should be called for examination, if and where it is considered necessary.

6. It was decided that the next meetings of the Committee should be held on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 16th, 17th and 19th May 1952—the first meeting to be held at 9-00 a.m. in

Hon'ble Chief Minister's room. The time of the subsequent meetings would be decided later in the meeting to be held on the 16th May 1952.

**MUMTAZ MUHAMMAD KHAN DAULTANA**

**FINANCE MINISTER**

**Chairman, Public Accounts Committee-**

**Proceedings of the second meeting of the Public Accounts Committee held in Hon'ble Chief Minister's room in the Punjab Civil Secretariat at 9-00 a.m. on Monday, the 19th May 1952.**

*Present—*

- (1) Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M. L. A.
- (2) Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M. L. A.
- (3) Sheikh Muhammad Amin, M. L. A.
- (4) M. M. Ahmad, Esquire, C. S. P., Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).
- (5) M. B. Ahmad, Esquire, P. A. & A. S., Accountant-General, Punjab—(*By invitation*).
- (6) S. Fazli Hossain, Esquire, Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).

(The Heads of Departments, viz., Financial Commissioner-Revenue, Financial Commissioner, Resettlement and Colonies and Chief Conservator of Forests were also present by invitation.)

**PROCEEDINGS**

As the number of members present did not exceed 3, the Committee did not transact any business in respect of the items included in the agenda, but decided to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, the 20th May 1952 at 8-00 a.m., *provided* the total number of members attending the meeting is not less than five.

**Proceedings of the third meeting of the Public Accounts Committee held in Hon'ble Chief Minister's room in the Punjab Civil Secretariat at 8-00 a. m. on Tuesday, the 20th May 1952.**

*Present—*

- (1) Chaudhri Fazal Elahi, M. L. A.—(*Acting Chairman*).
- (2) Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M. L. A.
- (3) Sheikh Muhammad Amin, M. L. A.
- (4) Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, M. L. A.
- (5) Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M. L. A.
- (6) M. M. Ahmad, Esquire, C. S. P., Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).
- (7) M. B. Ahmad, Esquire, P. A. and A. S., Accountant-General, Punjab—(*By invitation*).
- (8) S. Fazli Hossain, Esquire, Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).

**PROCEEDINGS**

In the absence from Lahore of the Hon'ble Mian Mumtaz Muhammad Khan Daultana, Minister for Finance, Ch. Fazal Elahi, M. L. A., was unanimously elected as Acting Chairman on the proposal of Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M. L. A., which was seconded by Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M. L. A., for the meetings of the Committee to be held on the 20th and 21st May 1952.

2. The committee confirmed the proceedings of its 1st meeting held on the 31st March 1952.

3. The Committee then proceeded to examine the notes submitted by the Heads of Departments explaining divergencies between the figures of (i) original and final grant or appropriation, and (ii) final grant and actual expenditure as disclosed by the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1947-48 (post-partition period) and decided to call the Heads of Departments for oral examination in respect of the items mentioned below :—

**GRANT No. 1—LAND REVENUE**

*Page 22 of Appropriation Accounts—*

D-2 (c)—Consolidation of Holdings.

**GRANT No. 4—FORESTS**

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- (i) B-1—Timber and other produce removed from the forests by Government Agency.
- (ii) B-3—Organization, Improvement and Extension of Forests.

- (iii) B-4—Other Charges.
- (iv) B-6 (5)—Other Charges.
- (v) B-8—Fuel Circle.

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- (vi) D—Interest on Capital (*Charged*).

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- (vii) Stores Account of the Transactions of the Forest Department for the year 1947-48.

(The Committee wanted to know the losses on account of wear and tear of the previous years in order to ascertain whether the losses in this year have been excessive or not.)

#### GRANT No. 7—IRRIGATION (WORKS)

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- (i) A-(3)—Lower Chenab Canal, East.
- (ii) A-(8)—Upper Jhelum Canal.
- (iii) A-(10)—Nili Bar Circle.
- (iv) A-(11)—Mailsi Canal.

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- (v) B-(3)—Lower Chenab Canal, East.
- (vi) B-(4)—Lower Chenab Canal, West.

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- (vii) B-(17)—Mechanical Circle (Other than Moghalpura Irrigation Workshops and Excavator Division).

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- (viii) F-(1)—Derajat Circle (Muzaffargarh and Dera Ghazi Khan Divisions).

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- (ix) X—Works.

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- (x) FF-(2)—Other Suspense Accounts.

#### GRANT No. 8—CHARGES ON IRRIGATION

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- (i) A-2 (iv)—Director, Land Reclamation.

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- (ii) A-4 (ii)—Moghalpura Irrigation Workshops.
- (iii) A-7—Special Revenues.



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- (iv) A—Establishment—*Deduct*—Cost of leave salary, etc., of the Ex.-I. S. E./P. S. E. Officers debitable to the East Punjab.

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- (v) Haveli Project.

(The Committee wanted to know why the percentage of establishment charges as compared with works expenditure is higher than in previous years.)

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- (vi) Thal Project.

(The Committee wanted to know why the percentage of establishment charges as compared with works expenditure was much lower in comparison with that of the Haveli Project).

4. The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Heads of Departments in respect of the items noted below :—

#### GRANT No. 1—LAND REVENUE.

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- A-1—Charges of Administration other than Spiti and Lahaul Backward Tracts Charges.  
 B—Management of Government Estates.  
 C-1 (3)—Other Charges.  
 C-2 (2)—Pay of Establishment.

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- C-2 (3)—Other Charges.  
 D-2 (a)—District Charges except Spiti and Lahaul Backward Tracts Charges.  
 D-2 (a) (2)—Allowances, Honoraria, etc.  
 D-2 (a) (3)—Contingencies.  
 F—Assignments and Compensations.  
 I—Charges in England.

#### GRANT No. 2—PROVINCIAL EXCISE.

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- D—Cost of opium supplied to Provincial Excise Department.  
 E—Compensation.

## GRANT No. 3—STAMP

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- A—Superintendence.
- B-1—Non-Judicial.
- C-1—Non-Judicial.
- C-2—Judicial.

## GRANT No. 4—FORESTS.

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- B-11—Timber Supply Circle.
- B-12—*Deduct*—Amount recoverable from the Government of Pakistan, Department of Supply.
- C-1—Pay of Officers.
- C-2—Pay of Establishment.
- C-3—Allowances and Honoraria.
- C-4—Other Charges.
- C-8—Fuel Circle.

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- C-11—*Deduct*—Amount recoverable from the Government of Pakistan, Department of Supply.
- E—Peasants' Welfare Programme.
- F—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan.
- H—*Deduct*—Amount recoverable from the East Punjab Government on account of leave salary.
- J—*Deduct*—Amount chargeable to the head "63-B—Post-War Reconstructions and Development Schemes."

## GRANT No. 6—CHARGES ON ACCOUNT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ACTS AND OTHER TAXES AND DUTIES

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- 13—Other Taxes and Duties.
- G—Collection charges of the Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax Act, 1940 and the General Sales Tax Act, 1941.
- J—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

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- Note—3.
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A-(2)—Derajat Circle (Rangpur Division).

A-(4)—Lower Chenab Canal, West.

A-(5)—Upper Chenab Canal.

A-(6)—Lower Bari Doab Canal.

A-(7)—Lower Jhelum Canal.

A-(8)—Upper Jhelum Canal.

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C-(3)—*Deduct*—Debitable to the head 68—Capital—Productive.GRANT No. 8—CHARGES ON IRRIGATION  
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A-1—Chief Engineer (Voted).

A-3 (i)—Other than Project Circle (Voted).

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A-4 (i)—Other than Moghalpura Workshops and Project Circle.

A-5 (i)—Other than Moghalpura Irrigation Workshops and Project Circle.

A-9—*Deduct*—Deposits from States (Establishment).

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A-10 (i)—Gross Charges (Voted).

A-10 (ii)—*Deduct*—Deposits from States.

A-11—Establishment Suspense.

B—Charges in England (Voted).

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D-1—Chief Engineer (Voted).

D-3—Superintending Engineer (Voted).

D-7—Special Revenue.

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E—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan (Voted).

G-1—Chief Engineer (Voted).

G-3—Superintending Engineer (Voted).

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H—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan (Voted).

J-(1)—Executive.

6. The Committee decided to meet again at 2-00 p.m. on the 21st May 1952.

FAZAL ELAHI  
Acting Chairman  
Public Accounts Committee

**Proceedings of the 4th meeting of the Public Accounts Committee held in Hon'ble Chief Minister's room in the Punjab Civil Secretariat at 2-00 p. m. on Wednesday, the 21st May 1952**

*Present—*

- (1) Chaudhri Fazal Elahi, M.L.A.—(*Acting Chairman*).
- (2) Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M.L.A.
- (3) Sheikh Muhammad Amin, M. L. A.
- (4) Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, M. L. A.
- (5) Chaudhri Muhammad Iqbal Cheema, M. L. A.
- (6) Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M. L. A.
- (7) M. M. Ahmad, Esquire, C.S.P., Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).
- (8) M. B. Ahmad, Esquire, P. A. and A. S., Accountant-General, Punjab—(*By invitation*).
- (9) S. Fazli Hossain, Esquire, Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).

(Heads of Departments concerned were also present by invitation.)

**PROCEEDINGS**

In its first meeting held on the 31st March 1952, the Committee decided that the formula laid down on page 17 of the Appropriation Accounts for 1947-48 (post-partition period) relating to limits for explaining divergencies between the figures of—

- (i) original and final grant or appropriation, and
- (ii) final grant and actual expenditure,

for each sub-head should be followed even in respect of the Appropriation Accounts for the years 1948-49 and 1949-50. In that meeting, the Committee had also decided that an inquiry should, however, be made from the Centre in order to ascertain what they propose to do in the matter. The inquiry was made and in reply the Accountant-General, Punjab, intimated that the said formula as laid down on page 17 of the Appropriation Accounts for the post-partition period of the year 1947-48 was also applicable in respect of the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1948-49 only. He further stated that for the year 1949-50 explanations had been called from the Heads of Departments with reference to limits prevailing in the pre-partition period as laid on page 17 of the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1945-46. This is in consonance with the provision contained in paragraph 15.4 of the Punjab Budget Manual. These facts were noted by the Committee.

2. The Committee then took up the oral examination of the Heads of Departments.

### GRANT No. 1—LAND REVENUE

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*D-2 (c) Consolidation of Holdings*—The Committee was satisfied with the explanation for the saving (—Rs. 36,411) under the sub-head as a whole. The Director, Land Revenue also explained that the saving would have been greater but for an excess (+Rs. 2,228) under "Pay of Officers". In regard to this excess, he explained that on account of the abnormal conditions then prevailing in almost all departments, the office inadvertently omitted to make any provision for a special pay then allowed to Tehsildar employed on consolidation work. The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

### GRANT No. 4—FOREST

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*B—Conservancy and Works—*

*B-1—Timber and other produce removed from the Forest by Government Agency—*

The Committee was not satisfied with the explanation and observed that an addition of funds by reappropriation was unnecessary and in view of the ultimate savings some amount could subsequently have been surrendered.

*B-3—Organisation, Improvement and Extension of Forest—*  
The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

*B-4—Other Charges—*The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

*B-6 (5)—Other Charges—*The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

*B-8—Fuel Circle—*The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

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*D—Interest on Capital—*The Committee was not satisfied with the explanation and observed that it was an instance of defective budgeting, since no provision for the expenditure was made at all.

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*Stores Account of the Transactions of the Forest Department for the year 1947-48—*Khan Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, Conservator of Forests, Multan Circle (who appeared on behalf of the Chief Conservator of Forests) expressed his inability to furnish details required by the Committee. He promised to submit them later

after inquiry from his subordinate offices. The Committee agreed and desired to know the following in particular :—

- (1) the reasons for making provision for wear and tear when depreciation is duly provided in the Stores Account;
- (2) the reasons for the steep rise and fall in the depreciation in buildings when it should normally be gradual ; and
- (3) the reasons why the expenditure on wear and tear and on depreciation of instruments, plant and machinery is greater in the year 1947-48 as compared with pre-partition figures.

The Committee also desired that a comparison in respect of (2) and (3) above should be made between the figures of the year 1947-48 and the last three years of the pre-partition period together with details and explanations for differences.

#### GRANT No. 7—IRRIGATION (WORKS)

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A-(3)—*Lower Chenab Canal, East*—The Committee was satisfied with explanation.

A-(8)—*Upper Jhelum Canal*—The Chief Engineer stated that the circumstances for the addition of Rs. 560 by reappropriation in the original grant were not known to the Head Office. The Committee observed that this reappropriation was quite unnecessary in view of the ultimate saving of Rs. 16,043. The Committee felt that instead of asking additional funds the department should have made a surrender from the funds already placed at its disposal.

The Committee further observed that there were in fact a number of other items (appearing on pages 36,37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 of the Appropriation Accounts) in which the Department could make surrenders in view of the ultimate savings but this was not done.

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B-(17)—*Mechanical Circle (other than Moghalpura Irrigation Workshops, Excavator Division)*—The Accountant-General pointed out that the Department had given two different explanations at different times in respect of this item. In the first instance, the Department stated that the ultimate excess was due to large number of labour employed for loading and unloading and carriage of steel from Badami Bagh to Moghalpura. The work, the Department stated, was of an emergent nature and had to be completed within a short time. On a subsequent occasion, when the Public Accounts Committee asked for the explanation,

the Department has stated that the excess was due to the payment of arrears of electric consumption charges which cropped up unexpectedly. When the Chief Engineer was confronted with this position, he admitted that there was divergence in explanation but said that the first explanation was correct. The Committee, however, was not satisfied with this exposition and desired that the Chief Engineer should send a note subsequently giving the correct explanation after further inquiry.

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*F—Maintenance—Repairs—*

*F (1) Derajat Circle (Muzaffargarh and Dera Ghazi Khan Divisions)—*

The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

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*X—Works—*The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

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*FF—Suspense—*

*FF-(2)—Other Suspense Account—*

The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

GRANT No. 8—CHARGES ON IRRIGATION ESTABLISHMENT

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*A-2 (iv)—Director, Land Reclamation—*The Committee was not satisfied with the explanation and observed that in view of ultimate huge savings more amount could be surrendered.

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*A-4 (āi)—Moghalpura Irrigation Workshops—*The Committee was not satisfied with the explanation given by the Chief Engineer in respect of the huge savings (—Rs. 97,007) which eventually occurred when in fact the Department expected less savings (—Rs. 9,600) than even those originally estimated (—Rs. 16,300). The Committee observed that this was a case of under estimation and asked the Chief Engineer to give a further note explaining in details the exact position after making a comparison with the statistics of the last 3 years immediately preceding the partition.

*A-7—Special Revenues—*The Committee was not satisfied with the explanation as, in its opinion, some further amount could have been surrendered by the Department.

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*A—Establishment—*

*Deduct—Cost of Leave Salary, etc., of the Ex. I. S. E./P. S. E. Officers debitable to East Punjab—*

The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

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*Haveli Project*—The Committee observed that the percentage of establishment charges as compared with works expenditure was higher than those of the preceding years. The Chief Engineer explained that this was due to the fact that fewer works were executed due to the disturbed conditions. The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

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*Thal Project*—The Committee inquired from the Chief Engineer why the percentage of establishment charges to works expenditure on this Project was much lower than in the case of the Haveli Project. He explained that the Haveli Canals are running canals now and consequently the works on them are of the nature of maintenance and repairs and are not very many. On the other hand, the Thal Project is a construction Project where the works are very heavy. The percentage of establishment charges to works expenditure is, therefore, naturally much low in the case of the Thal Canals in comparison with those in the Haveli Project. The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

3. The Committee then adjourned to meet again on dates to be fixed by the Honourable Minister for Finance.

FAZAL ELAHI  
Acting Chairman  
Public Accounts Committee



**Proceedings of the 5th meeting of the Public Accounts Committee held in the Town Hall, Murree, at 10-30 a. m. on Thursday, the 10th July 1952.**

*Present—*

- (1) The Hon'ble Mian Mumtaz Muhammad Khan Daultana, Finance Minister.
- (2) Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, M. L. A.
- (3) Chaudhri Ali Akbar Khan, M. L. A.
- (4) Chaudhri Fazal Elahi, M. L. A.
- (5) Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M. L. A.
- (6) Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M. L. A.
- (7) Chaudhri Muhammad Iqbal Cheema, M. L. A.
- (8) Chaudhri Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, M. L. A.
- (9) M. M. Ahmad, Esquire, C. S. P., Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).
- (10) M. B. Ahmad, Esquire, P. A. & A. S., Accountant-General, Punjab—(*By invitation*).
- (11) S. Fazli Hossain, Esquire, Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).

**PROCEEDINGS**

The Committee confirmed the proceedings of its second, third and fourth meetings held on the 19th, 20th and 21st May 1952.

2. The Committee then proceeded to examine the notes submitted by the Heads of Departments explaining divergencies between the figures of (i) original and final grant or appropriation and (ii) final grant and actual expenditure as disclosed by the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1947-48 and came to the following conclusions :—

**GRANT No. 9—IRRIGATION—CAPITAL**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Chief Engineer, Irrigation, in respect of the following sub-heads :—

*Page 55—*

B-3—Lower Chenab Canal, East

to

B-8—Upper Jhelum Canal.

B-10—Nili Bar Circle.

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B-13—Haveli Canal Circle

to

B-16—Mechanical Circle (other than Moghalpura Irrigation Workshops and Excavator Division).

C-1—*Gross Charges*—There was original appropriation of Rs. 4,46,960 which was reduced by reappropriation by a sum of Rs. 64, 340. In spite of this reduction, there was a final saving of Rs. 2,40,201. The Committee was satisfied with the explanation but felt that a large 2 amount could have been surrendered in the first instance.

The Committee made a general observation that there were such instances under other sub-heads also. There were also cases where, in view of the final savings, the reappropriations made were unnecessary. The Committee observed that although such irregularities are being condoned in view of the abnormal circumstances prevailing during the year 1947-48 (post-partition period) but for the future the Heads of Departments should be asked to exercise more care and devote close attention to prevent these irregularities.

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations in respect of the following sub-heads :—

D-2—Other Suspense Accounts

to

E-1—Gross Receipts and Recoveries.

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F-1—Derajat Circle (Muzaffargarh and Dera Ghazi Khan Divisions)

to

F-4—*Deduct*—Deposits from States.

G-2—*Deduct*—Deposits from States.

H-2—*Other Suspense Accounts*—H-3—*Deduct—Deposits from States*—The explanations furnished by the Department were not clear. The Committee desired that full and comprehensive explanations should be asked for from the Head of Department. If the explanations to be furnished by the Department are again not found to be satisfactory, he should be called for oral examination.

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations in respect of the following sub-heads :—

I-*Deduct*—Receipts and Recoveries on Capital Account

to

Page 58—

R-*Deduct*—Receipts and Recoveries on Capital Account.

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The Committee considered the Stores Accounts of the Thal Project, Irrigation Branch, and was satisfied with the explanation furnished by the Department.

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The Committee considered the results of stock verifications and of revaluation of the following two stores accounts and was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department :—

- (1) Stores Account of the Irrigation Sutlej Valley Project Division.
- (2) Stores Account of Irrigation Branch, Haveli Project Division.

### DEBT SERVICES

#### 22—INTEREST ON DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Department in respect of the following sub-heads :—

Page 62—

A—Interest on Ordinary Debt—

A-1—Interest on Permanent Loans—

A-1 (2)—Interest on Punjab Bonds, 1948 (4 per cent)

to

A-4 (1)—Management of Debt.

A-5 (1)—Interest on Unconsolidated Debt

to

A-6—*Deduct*—Share of the East Punjab Government.

Page 63—

D-1—*Deduct*—Interest transferred to Commercial Departments

to

D-3—*Deduct*—Interest portion of equated payments on account of commuted value of pensions.

#### 23—APPROPRIATION FOR REDUCTION OR AVOIDANCE OF DEBT

E—Sinking Funds

to

*Deduct*—Amount recoverable from the East Punjab Government.

#### GRANT No. 10—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Heads of Departments in respect of the following sub-heads :—

Page 64—

- C—Staff and Household of the Governor.
- E—Expenditure from Contract Allowance.
- H—Ministers (*Charged*).
- H—Ministers (*Voted*).

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K-2—Legal Remembrancer and Secretary, Legislative Department.

*K-3—Director, Food Purchases*—The original grant was Rs. 3,53,770 which was reduced by reappropriation by Rs. 1,95,460. In spite of this surrender, the final saving was Rs. 27,778. The Department explained that this was due to the posting of certain officers in the Central Office on a lower pay at such time when it was not possible to surrender this amount to the Finance Department. In order to ascertain the precise position, the Committee desired to know the actual dates when the posting of those officers took place.

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Heads of Departments in respect of the following sub-heads :—

K-4—Provincial Fuel Controller  
to

L-2—*Deduct*—Charges recoverable from other Governments Departments, etc.

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*FF—Director, Islamic Reconstruction*—In its note, the Department explained that the saving was apparently due to the omission to surrender the amount in time but regretted that it was not possible to say definitely as the relevant papers on the subject were not forthcoming. It was further stated that some of the records of the then Islamic Reconstruction Department were transferred to the Public Relations Department but they also were not traceable. The Committee observed that the papers should not have been lost and desired that the Department should make strenuous efforts to trace them and let the Committee know the real facts.

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Departments in respect of the following sub-heads :—

- O-1—Pay of Officers.
- P-1 (1)—Pay of Officers.

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P-1 (2)—Pay of Establishment.

P-1 (6)—Contingencies  
to

Page 69—

R—Other Establishment—R-1—Copying Agency Establishment.

R-1 (1)—Pay of Establishment.

R-1 (3)—Contingencies.

R-2 (1) (a)—Pay of Establishment.

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R-2 (3) (b)—*Deduct*—Charges recoverable from Governments Departments, etc.

R-4—Other Miscellaneous Establishment.

Page 71—

Y—Share of the cost of the High Commissioners' Establishment debitable to Provincial Government  
to

Z-4—Other Charges.

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*Losses and Irregularities*—The Committee considered the loss in the sub-treasury at Bhakkar in the Mianwali district due to the contravention of instructions regarding admission of unauthorised persons into the Treasurer's room and was satisfied with the explanation furnished by the Department.

#### GRANT No. 11—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following items :—

Page 73—

A-5—Other Charges.

C—Administrator-General and Official Trustee.

Page 74—

E-1 (4)—Contingencies.

E-2 (1)—Pay of Officers.

E-4 (1)—Pay of Establishment

to

Page 75—

E-5—Circuit and Sessions Houses.

G-2—Other Charges

to

H—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

#### GRANT No. 12—JAILS AND CONVICT SETTLEMENTS

The Committee was satisfied with the explanation furnished by the Head of the Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 76—

A-1—Superintendence (*Charged*).

A-1—Superintendence (*Voted*).

A-2 (2)—Pay of Establishment.

A-2 (5)—*Deduct*—Realization in the Maintenance Department on account of the supplies made to Maintenance of Factory Departments

to

A-3 (1)—Pay of Officers.

A-3 (3)—Allowances, Honoraria, etc.

A-3 (6)—*Deduct*—Charges recoverable from other Government Departments, etc.

to

Page 77—

C—Charges on account of persons confined or detained in jails outside the Province.

GRANT No. 13—POLICE

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B-4—*Contingencies*—The original grant was Rs. 14,81,740 but was supplemented by reappropriation by a sum of Rs. 7,25,490, making a final grant of Rs. 22,70,230. The actual expenditure, however, came up to Rs. 7,79,810 thereby resulting in the ultimate saving of Rs. 14,27,420. The Committee was satisfied with the explanation but observed that in view of the final saving, the reappropriation was unnecessary.

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

B-20—*Deduct*—Charges recoverable from Central Government, etc.

Page 86—

D-2—*Baluch Levy*—(*Voted*).

E-3—Allowances, Honoraria, etc.

Page 87—

F-3—Allowances, Honoraria (*Voted*).

G—Miscellaneous.

Page 88—

*Deduct*—Amount recoverable from the East Punjab Government on account of leave salary.

**GRANT No. 14—SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS**

36—*Miscellaneous Departments*—The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 89—

A—Grants-in-aid and Donations to Scientific Societies and Institutes.

B—Museums.

47—*Miscellaneous Departments*—N—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

**GRANT No. 15—EDUCATION (EUROPEAN AND ANGLO-PAK. EDUCATION)**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 90—

A—Government Arts Colleges

to

J—High Commissioner (Voted).

**GRANT No. 16—EDUCATION (EXCLUDING EUROPEAN AND ANGLO-PAK. EDUCATION)**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 91—

A—Grants to University.

B-2—Pay of Establishment

to

D-1—Gross Charges

F-1 (1)—Pay of Officers

to

Page 92—

H—Grants to local bodies for Secondary Education (C—Primary).

K—Grants to local bodies for Primary Education.

L-3—Post-war Development Schemes

to

O-3—Other Charges

P-2—Pay of Establishment

to

Page 93—

X—*Deduct*—Amount chargeable to the head "63-B—Post-war Reconstruction and Development Schemes".

GRANT No. 17—MEDICAL

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—  
Page 94—

A-1—Superintendence (*Charged*)

A-2 (1)—Pay of Officers

to

A-2 (4)—Other Charges.

B-1—Mayo Hospital, Lahore (Voted).

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B-4—Purchase of Quinine.

B-8 (3)—Grants to Hospitals and Dispensaries.

B-8—Other Charges.

D-1 (1)—Pay of Officers

to

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D-3 (1)—Pay of Officers.

E—Mental Hospital (*Charged*).

E—Mental Hospital (Voted)

to

1—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan (Voted).

GRANT No. 18—PUBLIC HEALTH

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—  
Page 98—

A-1 (2)—*Deduct*—Recoveries

to

Page 99—

D—Bacteriological laboratories.

G—Special Development Programme.

I—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan (Voted).

L—*Deduct*—Amount chargeable to the head “63-B—Post-war Reconstruction and Development Schemes”.



**GRANT No. 19—AGRICULTURE**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

*Page 101—*

B-3—Allowances, Honoraria, etc.

D-1—Gross Charges.

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F-3—Other Charges.

H—Boring Operations.

O—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

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The Committee considered the profit and loss account of Wheat Seed and Seed Depots and was satisfied with the explanation furnished by the Department.

**GRANT No. 20—VETERINARY**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

*Page 109—*

B-(3)—Other Charges.

C-(1)—Pay of Officers.

C-1 (3)—Other Charges—

to

*Page 110—*

F-2—Other Breeding Operations.

**GRANT No. 21—CO-OPERATION**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

*Page 111—*

A-1 (1)—Gross Charges.

A-2—Rural Reconstruction Work.

B-1 (2)—Pay of Establishment

to

C—Special Development Programme.

E—Peasants Welfare Programme.

I—*Deduct*—Amount chargeable to the head “63-B—Post-war Reconstruction and Development Schemes”.

## GRANT No. 22—INDUSTRIES

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 113—

A-1—Direction (Voted).

A-4 (2) (2)—Other Charges.

A-4 (3)—Government Zenana Industrial Schools, Punjab.

A-4 (7)—Craik Technical Institute, Lahore.

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A-4 (9)—Government Institute of Dyeing and Calico Printing, Shahdara.

A-4 (10)—Government Demonstration Weaving Factory, Shahdara.

A-4 (12)—Schemes for the technical training of Demobilised Services Personnel

to

A-5—Industrial Development.

A-6 (2) (1)—Gross Charges

to

Page 115—

B—Special Development Programme.

E—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

## GRANT No. 23—CIVIL WORKS

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 118—

K. (2)—Other Education

to

Page 119—

O—Veterinary.

Q—Industries.

to

Page 120—

V—Miscellaneous.

W-1 (1)—General Administration

to

Page 121—

W-1 (6)—Agriculture.

W-1 (9) (i)—*Civil Works*—In its note, the Department explained that the excess of Rs. 22,954 was due to the undermentioned reasons—

- (1) Maintenance of official residences to the standard of high officers.
- (2) Increase in the cost of dearness allowances.
- (3) Payment of house-tax for various Government buildings.

The Committee desired that the total amount of excess should be broken up and indicated separately for each of the above items. The Committee observed that the provision for house-tax should have been provided for in the revised estimates.

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

W-1 (9) (ii)—Buildings requisitioned under the "Punjab Requisitioning of Immovable Property (Temporary Powers) Act, 1947"  
to

Page 122—

X-2 (iii)—*Deduct*—Charges debitable to the head 81—Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account.

Y—Grants-in-aid.

Y-1—Provincial.

Z-2—Other Suspense Accounts.

BB—*Deduct*—Amount chargeable to the head "63-B—Post-war Reconstruction and Development Schemes".

**GRANT No. 24—CHARGES ON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS AND ROADS ESTABLISHMENT**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 125—

A.(1)—Chief Engineer (Voted).

A.(3)—Electrical Engineer and his Establishment  
to

A.(6)—Executive Engineers.

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A.(8) (i)—Gross Charges.

A.(11)—Establishment Suspense.

Page 127—

A.(12) (ii)—Percentage recoveries in respect of Deposit Works and Works of other Governments executed by the Buildings and Roads Branch, except Central Government.

B—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan—(Voted)..

*Deduct*—Amount chargeable to head “63-B—Post-War Reconstruction and Development Schemes”.

**GRANT No. 25—ELECTRICITY SCHEMES—WORKING EXPENSES**

**52—INTEREST ON CAPITAL OUTLAY ON ELECTRICITY SCHEMES**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

*Page 129—*

A-(1)—Uhl River Scheme

to

B-(3)—Sialkot Electric Supply Scheme.

**XLI—RECEIPTS FROM ELECTRICITY SCHEMES**

*Page 130—*

A-(1) (i) (2)—Maintenance Proper

to

A-(1) (i) (4)—*Less*—Amount to be spent, from the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

A-I (i) (6)—Renewals and replacements from the Depreciation Reserve Fund

to

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A-(1) (i) (10) (i)—Distribution and adjustment of expenditure on Works of common interests between East Punjab and Punjab (Pakistan) of Public Works Department, Electricity Branch.

A-(1) (ii) (3)—Provision for depreciation as calculated for transfer to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

A-(1) (ii) (5)—Net amount transferred to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

A-(1) (iii) (2)—Maintenance Proper

to

A-(1) (iii) (5)—Net amount transferred to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

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A-(2) (2)—Maintenance Proper

to

A-(2) (7) (i)—Gross Charges.

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B-(1) (2)—Maintenance Proper

to

B-(3) (2)—Maintenance Proper.

**GRANT No. 26—OTHER REVENUE EXPENDITURE CONNECTED WITH ELECTRICITY SCHEMES**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

*Page 136—*

A-(1) (a) (i)—Direction.

A-(1) (a) (ii)—Executive Establishment.

(2)—Construction Division and Sub-Division.

(3)—Capital Works done by the Revenue Divisions.

B-(1) Pay of Establishment

to

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C-(ii)—Executive.

D—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

F—*Deduct*—Cost of Leave salary, etc., of the *Ex. I.S.E./P.S.E.*, Officers, debitable to the East Punjab Government.

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C-(i)—Direction (Voted).

C-(ii)—Executive Establishment.

C-(iv)—Pensionery Charges.

A-(ii)—Executive.

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GG—*Deduct*—Amount chargeable to the head “63-B-Post-war Reconstruction and Development Schemes—Establishment Suspense”.

**GRANT No. 27—CIVIL WORKS—CAPITAL**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

*Page 141—*

H—Administration of Justice.

L-(2)—Other education

to

Y-(2)—Other Suspense Accounts.

**GRANT No. 28—ELECTRICITY SCHEMES—CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 143—

A-(1) (i) (3)—Tools and Plant.

A-(1) (i) (4)—Suspense.

A-(1) (iii) (1)—Works.

A-(2) (4)—Suspense.

A-(3) (i) (1)—Works—The Committee considered the explanation furnished by the Department and decided that the Head of Department should be called for oral examination.

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 144—

A-3 (i) (3)—Tools and Plant

to

A-(3) (i) (5)—*Deduct*—Receipts and Recoveries on Capital Account.

B-(1) (1)—Works.

B-(1) (4)—Suspense.

B-(1) (5)—*Deduct*—Receipts and Recoveries on Capital Account.

#### GRANT No. 29—FAMINE

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 147—

A-(1)—Salaries and Establishment.

A-(3) (i)—Gross Charges.

#### GRANT No. 30—SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES AND PENSIONS

##### 55—SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES AND PENSIONS

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 148—

A—Superannuation and Retired Allowances

to

Page 149—

K—*Deduct*—Pensionary charges transferred to Commercial Departments (Voted).

83—PAYMENTS OF COMMUTED VALUE OF PENSIONS (OUTSIDE THE REVENUE ACCOUNTS)

Page 150—

B-1—Payments in Pakistan (Voted)

to

E—*Deduct*—Capital portion of equated payments out of Revenue (Voted).

## GRANT No. 31—STATIONERY AND PRINTING

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 151—

- A—Stationery Offices and Stores.
- B—Purchase of Stationery Stores.
- E—Purchase of plain paper used with stamps.
- F—*Deduct*—Value of stationery supplied to other Governments and Paying Departments.
- G-1 (3)—Provision for depreciation.
- G-1 (4)—Renewals, etc.
- G-2—Central Jail and Borstal Institution Presses.

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- K—*Deduct*—Cost of printing works done for other Governments and Paying Departments.
- L—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

## GRANT No. 32—MISCELLANEOUS

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Heads of Departments in respect of the following sub-heads:—

Page 159—

- B-2 (1)—Gross Charges.
- E—Irrecoverable temporary loans and advances written off  
to
- F-3—Consolidated and Development grants to District Boards.
- J-4—Panchayat Officers.

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- J-7—Municipal Election.
- J-10 (5)—Other Charges (i) Gross Charges  
to
- J-20—Expenditure in connection with camps for and movement of Refugees and Evacuees (Voted).

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- L-2—Rawalpindi-Kashmir Bus Service  
to
- L-7—Lahore Auxiliary Goods Transport Service (Post-war).
- L-11—Transfer to the Motor Transport Reserve Fund.
- L-14—Provision for depreciation as calculated for transfer to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

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P—Charges in England—Expenditure through the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

R—*Deduct*—Amount chargeable to the head 63-B—Post-war Reconstruction and Development Schemes (Voted).

**GRANT No. 33—EXTRAORDINARY CHARGES AND EXPENDITURE ON POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads :—

Page 165—

A-1 (1)—Motor Spirit and Type Rationing Scheme  
to

A-2—*Deduct*—Recoveries from the Central Government.

C—Forests—

to

Page 166—

P—Charges on Electricity Establishment and Miscellaneous expenditure, etc.

**GRANT No. 34—CAPITAL ACCOUNT OF OTHER PROVINCIAL WORKS OUTSIDE THE REVENUE ACCOUNT**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads :—

Page 167—

A-1 (2)—Cost of Lands and Buildings  
to

C-1 (2)—Cost of Lands and Buildings.

C-2—Tools and Plant.

Page 168—

H—General Suspense.

**GRANT No. 35—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON PROVINCIAL SCHEMES OF STATE TRADING**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads :—

Page 169—

II-A-1—Advances  
to

II-A-2 (*iv*)—Other Charges.

II-A-3 (*b*)—Debts  
to

II-B-1—Advances.



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II-B-(ii)—Pay of Establishment.

II-B-4 (b)—Other Receipts.

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The Committee considered the note about the Financial Review on the Foodgrains Supply Scheme and decided that the Head of Department should be called for oral examination.

**GRANT No. 36—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES—ADVANCES  
NOT BEARING INTEREST**

The Committee was satisfied with the explanations furnished by the Head of Department in respect of the following sub-heads :—

Page 176—

A-1—Objection Book Advances.

A-2—Advances by the Deputy Commissioner, Criminal Tribes.

B—Special Advances.

**GRANT No. 38—LOANS AND ADVANCES BEARING  
INTEREST**

Page 178—

D-1—Advances under Land Improvement Loans Act  
to

D-3—Advances under the Canal and Drainage Act.

F—House Building Advances

to

J—Other Advances

The Committee decided to meet again to-morrow at 10-00  
a.m.

**MUMTAZ MUHAMMAD KHAN DAULTANA**

**FINANCE MINISTER**

*Chairman, Public Accounts Committee.*

**Proceedings of the 6th Meeting of the Public Account Committees held in Town Hall, Murree at 10-15 a.m. on Friday, the 11th July 1952.**

**Present—**

- (1) The Hon'ble Mian Mumtaz Muhammad Khan Daultana, Finance Minister.
- (2) Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, M.L.A.
- (3) Chaudhri Ali Akbar Khan, M.L.A.
- (4) Chaudhri Fazal Elahi, M.L.A.
- (5) Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M.L.A.
- (6) Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M.L.A.
- (7) Chaudhri Muhammad Iqbal Cheema, M.L.A.
- (8) Chaudhri Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, M.L.A.
- (9) M. M. Ahmad, Esquire, C.S.P., Secretary to Government, Punjab Finance Department—*(By invitation)*.
- (10) M. B. Ahmad, Esquire, P.A. and A. S., Accountant-General, Punjab—*(By invitation)*.
- (11) S. Fazli Hossain, Esquire, Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—*(By invitation)*.

**PROCEEDINGS**

The Committee took up the consideration of the Audit Report 1949 on the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1947-48 (post-partition).

*Pages 9-10 (paras. 8 and 9)—*

The Committee examined the excess over voted grants and charged appropriations and was satisfied with the explanations given therein, and decided to recommend that necessary grants to regularize the excess over the voted grant be voted by the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the excess over charged appropriation be sanctioned by His Excellency the Governor.

*Pages 10-12 (Paras. 12 and 13)—*

The Committee observed that the budgeting was far from accurate but in view of the abnormal circumstances prevailing at the time there was, in its opinion, justification for bad or inaccurate budgeting. The Committee was, however, of the view that there can be no justification for such defects in future and decided to recommend that Government should issue instructions to all departments impressing upon them the necessity of accurate budgeting in future.

*Page 12 (para. 14)—*

The Committee desired to have a detailed explanation and oral examination of the Head of Department in regard to the financial irregularities mentioned in note 6 appearing on page 59

about the non-observance of the prescribed rules for the purchase and acquisition of stores. It particularly desired that the amounts involved in each purchase order should be specifically stated.

Page 13 (para. 17)—

(i) *Local Audit and Inspection*—The Committee noted that the irregularities noticed during the audit inspections of the Public Works Divisions mentioned at (a) and (b) were particularly serious and desired to have full explanations therefor and also decided to recommend that the question of taking disciplinary action in these cases should also be considered by Government.

Pages 13—15 (para. 17)—

(ii) *Refugees Camps and Movement of Refugees*—The Committee was not satisfied with the facts disclosed therein and desired to have detailed explanations in respect of each item mentioned therein together with the oral examination of the Head of Department thereon.

Page 15 (para. 17)—

(iii) *Audit of Grants-in-aid*—The Committee desired that the attention of the Head of Department (S. M. L. G.) should be drawn to the facts mentioned therein and he should be called upon to explain (i) why the grants were not spent in the time; and (ii) why the balances, which could not be spent in time, were not refunded.

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Pages 179-180—

The Committee examined the working results of the Commercial concerns and was satisfied with the position and explanations stated therein.

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It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee be held at Lahore on Friday and Saturday the 22nd and 23rd August 1952 at 8-00 a. m.

(At this stage the Hon'ble Finance Minister left the meeting and Ch. Fazal Elahi was unanimously elected as Acting Chairman in his absence.)

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**MUMTAZ MUHAMMAD KHAN DAULTANA**

FINANCE MINISTER

Chairman, Public Accounts Committee

**FAZAL ELAHI**

Acting Chairman, Public Accounts Committee

**Proceedings of the seventh meetings of the Public Accounts Committee held in Hon'ble Chief Minister's room in the Punjab Civil Secretariat at 8-00 a.m. on Friday, the 29th August 1952.**

*Present—*

- (1) Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, M. L. A. (Acting Chairman)
- (2) Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M.L.A.
- (3) Sheikh Muhammad Amin, M. L. A.
- (4) Chaudhri Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, M. L. A.
- (5) Alhaj Makhdumzada Pir Saiyad Muhammad Alamdar Hussain Shah Gilani, M.L.A.
- (6) Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M. L. A.
- (7) M. M. Ahmad, Esquire, C. S. P., Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).
- (8) M. B. Ahmad, Esquire, P. A. and A. S., Accountant-General, Punjab—(*By invitation*).

**PROCEEDINGS**

In the absence of the Hon'ble Mian Mumtaz Muhammad Khan Daultana, Minister for Finance, Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, M.L.A., was unanimously elected as Acting Chairman on the proposal of Chaudhri Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, M.L.A., which was seconded by Alhaj Makhdumzada Pir Saiyad Muhammad Alamdar Hussain Shah Gilani, M.L.A.

2. The Committee confirmed the proceedings of its fifth and sixth meetings held on the 10th and 11th July 1952.

3. The Committee then proceeded to examine the supplementary explanations on the outstanding items from the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1947-48 (post-partition), furnished by certain Heads of Departments in compliance with the conclusions reached in previous meetings of the Committee and decided as under :—

**APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1947-48  
(POST-PARTITION)**

**GRANTS No. 4—FORESTS**

*Page 31—*

*Stores Account of the Transactions of the Forests for the year 1947-48—*The Committee accepted the supplementary explanation furnished by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Punjab.

The Committee, however, regretted to note the confusion created by lack of any policy or specific instructions regarding preparation of stores accounts referred to in paragraph 3 of the supplementary explanation and hoped that, in future, it will be removed by issuing definite instructions to the subordinate offices.

## GRANTS No. 7—IRRIGATION WORKS

Page 38—

B-17—*Mechanical Circle (Other than Moghalpura Irrigation Workshops and Excavator Division)*—The Committee was satisfied with the explanation now furnished by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

## GRANT No. 8—CHARGES ON IRRIGATIONS ESTABLISHMENT

Page 46—

A-4 (ii)—*Moghalpura Irrigation Workshops*—The Committee was satisfied with the supplementary explanation furnished by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

## GRANTS No. 9—IRRIGATION CAPITAL

Page 57—

H-2—*Other Suspense Accounts and H-3—Deduct—Deposits from States*—The Committee was satisfied with the explanation now furnished by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

## GRANTS No. 23—CIVIL WORKS

Page 121—

W-1 (9) (i)—*Civil Works*—The Committee remarked that the Department should be in a position to give a break up and it was not understood why it was not possible for the Department to give a break up of Rs. 22,954 under the three separate items. The Department should be asked again to do so.

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## OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST

(i) *Local Audit and Inspection*

Page 13—Para. 17—

The Committee considered the explanations submitted by the Chief Engineers, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads Branch and Electricity Branch and observed that the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads Branch had no concern. With regard to the explanation furnished by the Chief Engineer, Electricity Branch it reiterated its observation that in the matter of irregularities suitable disciplinary action should be taken against delinquents.

4. The Committee observed that some of the Departments like Food and Rehabilitation Departments, which were required

to submit explanation on certain items had not so far complied with the directions. Their detailed explanations were still awaited and would be considered by the Committee on receipt. The Departments concerned should be reminded to expedite.

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6. The Committee then adjourned to meet again at 8-00 a.m. on the 30th August 1952.

**ABDUL WAHEED KHAN, M.L.A.**

**ACTING CHAIRMAN**

*Public Accounts Committee*

**Proceedings of the eighth meeting of the Public Accounts Committee, held in Hon'ble Chief Minister's room in the Punjab Civil Secretariat at 8-00 a.m. on Saturday, the 30th August 1952.**

*Present—*

- (1) The Hon'ble Mian Mumtaz Muhammad Khan Daultana, Finance Minister. (*Chairman*).
- (2) Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M.L.A.
- (3) Chaudhri Fazal Elahi, M.L.A.
- (4) Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, M.L.A.
- (5) Chaudhri Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, M.L.A.
- (6) Chaudhri Ali Akbar Khan, M.L.A.
- (7) Sheikh Muhammad Amin, M.L.A.
- (8) Alhaj Makhdumzada Pir Saiyad Muhammad Alamdar Hussain Shah Gilani, M.L.A.
- (9) Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M.L.A.
- (10) M. M. Ahmad, Esquire, C.S.P., Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).
- (11) M. B. Ahmad, Esquire, P.A. and A.S., Accountant-General, Punjab.—(*By invitation*).

**PROCEEDINGS**

The Committee examined explanation on one outstanding item from the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1947-48 (post-partition) furnished by the Finance Department and observed as follows:—

**GRANT No. 7—IRRIGATION WORKS—APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1947-48**

*Page 40—*

17—*Interest on works for which capital accounts are kept—*  
The Committee was satisfied with the explanation furnished by the Finance Department.

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3. The Committee then adjourned to meet again on dates to be fixed by the Hon'ble Minister for Finance.

**MUMTAZ MUHAMMAD KHAN DAULTANA**

**FINANCE MINISTER**

*Chairman, Public Accounts Committee*

**Proceedings of the ninth meeting of the Public Accounts Committee held in Hon'ble Chief Minister's room in the Punjab Civil Secretariat at 10-30 a.m. on Thursday, the 30th October 1952.**

*Present—*

- (1) The Hon'ble Mian Mumtaz Muhammad Khan Daultana, Finance Minister. (*Chairman*).
- (2) Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, M.L.A.
- (3) Chaudhri Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, M.L.A.
- (4) Alhaj Makhdumzada Pir Saiyad Muhammad Alamdar Hussain Shah Gilani, M.L.A.
- (5) Chaudhri Faiz Ahmad, M.L.A.
- (6) Sh. Muhammad Amin, M.L.A.
- (7) Chaudhri Ali Akbar Khan, M.L.A.
- (8) M. M. Ahmad, Esquire, C. S. P., Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*)
- (9) M. B. Ahmad, Esquire, P. A., and A. S. Accountant-General, Punjab—(*By invitation*).
- (10) S. Fazli Hossain, Esquire, Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—(*By invitation*).

(Heads of Departments concerned were also present by invitation).

**PROCEEDINGS**

The Committee confirmed the proceedings of its seventh and eighth meetings held at Lahore on the 29th and 30th August 1952.

2. The Committee then took up the oral examination of Heads of Departments concerned as under:—

**APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1947-48  
(POST-PARTITION PERIOD)**

**GRANT No. 9—IRRIGATION—CAPITAL**

*Page 12 (para. 14) and page 59 (Note 6)—*

(i) Mr. R. F. T. Farrant, Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, who represented his Department as all the three Chief Engineers were on tour, explained the position further to the Committee. The Committee accepted the explanation of the Department as then elucidated by Mr. Farrant. It, however, remarked that the Executive Engineer concerned should have brought the necessity of the course adopted by him to the notice of his superior officers and obtained their requisite approval. It also decided to bring this irregularity to the notice of the Department in the hope that such irregularities would not be repeated in future.



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(ii) *Para. 17 (i) of Audit Report—Local Audit Inspection—*The explanation now furnished by the Department was found satisfactory, but the Committee wished to make this observation that if preparation of estimates is expedited it would largely obviate tendency on the part of officers to execute urgent works in anticipation of sanction.

#### GRANT No. 10—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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(iii) *K-3—Director of Food Purchases—*The Head of Department (S. Alamgir) explained the back ground and the extraordinary handicaps with which the Food Department had had to face at the time of partition. The Committee accepted his explanation, and observed that the amount involved was not very large and the conditions then prevailing could easily prevent the Department from surrendering the amount.

It however, remarked that the explanation now furnished was not accurate as the department did furnish a statement of excesses and surrenders to Finance Department. In the light of instructions given in paragraph 2 of Finance Department's letter No. 9000-B-49/41070, dated 19th December 1947, the amount could be surrendered.

#### GRANT No. 35—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON PROVINCIAL SCHEMES OF STATE TRADING

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*Financial Review of Foodgrains Supply Schemes—*The Committee was satisfied with oral explanation given by the Director of Food Purchases.

#### GRANT No. 28—ELECTRICITY SCHEME—CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Page 143—

*A (3) (1) (I) Works—*The Committee was satisfied with the oral explanation given by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Electricity Branch.

*Pages 13—15 of Audit Report—*

*Other Topics of Interest—(ii) Refugee Camps—(a) (i) Excess Payments—Rs. 1,56,511—*The Committee was satisfied with the oral explanation given by the Additional Refugee Commissioner (Mr. S. S. Jafri) and remarked that the delay in the issue of audit instructions by the Refugee Department for the guidance of the Camp Staff is to be attributed to the Chaotic conditions then prevailing and the extreme urgency of the work connected with the feeding and rehabilitation of refugees.

(ii) The Committee observed that the Department should fix responsibility for the overpayment of Rs. 1,52,863, to the Lahore Grain Syndicate, so that suitable action should be taken against the official or officials responsible for this overpayment.

The Department should expedite the statement of accounts of the Lahore Grain Syndicate so that necessary adjustment of this overpayment can be made against the outstanding bills of the Syndicate.

(b) *Double Payment—Rs. 1,84,771*—The Committee noted with satisfaction that recovery of this amount has since been effected.

(c) *Accounts of Advances not produced (Rs. 25,68,745)*—The Committee observed that vigorous measures to secure adjustments of outstanding advances should be made by the Department.

(d) *Recoveries not effected (Rs. 15,354)*—The Committee examined the explanation now furnished by the Department but observed that effective steps should be taken by the Department to realise the balance of Rs. 2,700.

(e) *Petrol Account and Movement of Refugees*—The Committee observed that in view of the peculiar circumstances then prevailing and the problem of migration of lacs of refugees, it was apparently not possible for the Department to maintain proper and full accounts of the consumption of petrol.

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*FF—Director, Islamic Reconstruction*—The explanation was accepted to be satisfactory in the circumstances explained by the Department.

#### GRANT No. 23—CIVIL WORKS

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*W—1 (9) (i)—Civil Works*—The Committee was satisfied with the explanation.

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*Para. 17 (iii) of Audit Report—Other topics of interest (iii) Audit of Grants-in-aid*—On reconsideration the Committee dropped further action on this item.

3. The Committee examined the Finance Accounts for the year 1947-48 in detail and had no observations to make on the revenue and debt position of the Province as disclosed in the accounts.

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7. The Committee then adjourned to meet again on dates to be fixed by the Hon'ble Minister for Finance.

MUMTAZ MUHAMMAD KHAN DAULTANA

FINANCE MINISTER

*Chairman, Public Accounts Committee*

**Proceedings of the 1st meeting of the Public Accounts Committee held in the Hon'ble Chief Minister's room, at 9-30 a.m. on Saturday, the 16th May 1953.**

*Present—*

- (1) The Hon'ble Malik Muhammad Feroze Khan Noon, Finance Minister.
- (2) Ch. Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, M. L. A.
- (3) Makhdumzada Alhaj Pir Saiyed Muhammad Alamdar Hussain Shah Gilani, M. L. A.
- (4) Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M. L. A.
- (5) Ch. Faiz Ahmad, M. L. A.
- (6) Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, M. L. A.
- (7) Mr. Muhammad Amin, M. L. A.
- (8) Rana Gul Muhammad Noon, M.L.A.
- (9) M. M. Ahmad, Esquire, C.S.P., Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—*(By invitation)*.
- (10) M. B. Ahmad, Esquire, Accountant-General, Punjab—*(By invitation)*.
- (11) S. Fazli Hossain, Esquire, Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department—*(By invitation)*.

**PROCEEDINGS**

It was proposed by Chaudhri Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, M.L.A. and seconded by Malik Muhammad Akram Khan, M.L.A., that the Hon'ble Malik Muhammad Feroze Khan Noon, Minister for Finance, be elected Chairman of the Committee. The Hon'ble Malik Muhammad Feroze Khan Noon was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

2. The Committee confirmed the proceedings of its meeting held on the 30th October 1952.

3. The Accountant-General, Punjab, stated that the point raised and incorporated in paragraph 4 of the proceedings dated the 31st March 1952 that the formula (laying down limits of explanations of variations (a) between the grant or appropriation under a sub-head as originally sanctioned and its final figures as modified by supplementary appropriations and reappropriations and (b) between the final figures and actual expenditure under the (sub-head) is devised by the Accountant-General in consultation

with the Auditor-General for every year's Appropriation Accounts does not depict the correct position. He explained that in fact the revised limits were adopted by the Accountant-General with the prior concurrence of the Punjab Government in the Finance Department. This fact was noted by the Committee.

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4. The Committee considered the draft of its Report on the Appropriation Accounts and Finance Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1947-48 (Post-Partition Period) and the members present signed it.