**Question regarding the portfolios in my Ministerial role**

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When you were the Federal minister in the Pakistan caretaker government, which portfolios did you hold?

During my caretaker ministerial role in 2013, I was given three portfolios when I was sworn in as minister—i) Science and Technology, ii) Information Technology and Telecom, and iii) Higher Education and trainings. At that time, there was no Ministry of Health in Pakistan; it had been abolished earlier in 2010. Therefore, I was assigned as the “Federal Government’s Focal Person for Health” and was given the portfolio of “Health” as the fourth portfolio. I then spearheded the establishment of Pakistan’s Ministry of Health, as outlined in my Ministerial Handover Papers, which can be accessed here <http://www.sanianishtar.info/pdfs/HOP-Compendium_Final.pdf> (Page 49). For this reason, on my CV and website, when mentioning my ministerial tenure, I refer to the four “portfolios” I held (Health, Science and Technology, Information Technology and Higher Education and Trainings)