

Chief of the Air Staff,
Pakistan Air Force.

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Dear Air Chief Marshal
Warm greetings and respects.

Thank you for inviting me and my wife for a dinner on 28 Sept. 2018. We are deeply honoured. Please allow me to take this opportunity to make a few suggestions.

My first suggestion is to exercise extreme simplicity and austerity when it comes to utilising tax payers' money for non-operational tasks. Take for example this dinner invite. Each invitation package consists of 9 different cards, stamps, tokens, maps, leather name tags, metal clips, plastic covers, car parking stickers et al. (Picture attached.) The cost of printing, manufacturing, assembly, typing and couriering just one such package would exceed Rs 600. This costly and labour-intensive task of sending invites to some 2000 individuals could be replaced by a free-of-cost, single e mail.

The dinner itself, with all its arrangements, music and lights thrown in could cost another Rs.1000 per person. This could be replaced by an annual get-together over a plain cup of tea, that would perhaps give just as much joy, respect and feeling of camaraderie to the invitees.

As Pakistan passes through a period of severe financial difficulties, living almost on the fringes of bankruptcy, may I humbly suggest that the cause of Pakistan could be served better if all expenses that were to be made on this dinner are donated towards the construction of Basha dam or repayment of foreign loans. Perhaps even those who would otherwise be eating a free a dinner at the tax payers' expense would feel far more proud and purposeful.

Sincerely,
Naeem Sadiq