

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on

Friday, the 9th October, 2009

@13. ***Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 01-08-2009 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons being facilitated under the Benazir Income Support Programme in Lahore and Bahawalpur Divisions; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to give special package to the people of Bahawalpur Division under the said programme?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Following numbers of beneficiaries have been enrolled in the two Divisions.

Lahore: 141,449

Bahawalpur: 110,627

(b) No.

@@123. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 07-09-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) *the percentage of price-hike registered in the country during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the government to control the price-hike?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Price hike commonly known as inflation which is usually measured by the changes in consumer price index (CPI) has been registered at 12.0 percent in 2007-08, 20.8 percent in 2008-09. CPI declined to 10.7 percent in August 2009.

(b) 1. On a regular basis, the government reviews the price situation in the country in every Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) meeting and discusses the movement of price of these essential items and takes necessary steps of maintaining stability in prices.

2. To ensure competition and fair play in the market, the Monopoly Control Authority (MCA) has been converted into Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) by granting it powers to prevent non-competitive behaviour in the market.

Food items carry heavy weight in the consumer basket and has direct impact on the well being of common man. The government has taken following measures to control price hike of edible items in the country:

- (a) In view of a possible delay in cane crushing, the ECC allowed the import of 100,000 tons of sugar to build TCP stocks.
 - (b) In order to stabilize the prices of essential items in the country, the government is providing various essential items at Utility Stores Corporation at cheaper rate than the open market. The government also provides sugar at subsidized rate of Rs. 38/Kg to the consumer through Utility Stores Corporation.
 - (c) All Provincial Governments are responsible for price check/ control and take appropriate measures to check overcharging.
131. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-07-2009 at 13:42 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the foreign exchange earned by exporting tobacco during the financial year 2008-09?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: US\$ 14-2 million foreign exchange was earned by exporting 6022 MT of tobacco during the year 2008-09.

132. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Perveen:** (Notice received on 30-07-2009 at 13:44 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state that whether it is fact that Modern Collectorate of Customs (PaCCS) is being rolled back, if so, its reasons?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: Pakistan Customs Computerized System (PaCCS) operational in Model Custom Collectorate (PaCCS), Custom House, Karachi in not being rolled back.

135. ***Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of funds issued by the Ministry of Finance on the directives of the Prime Minister and the President for various projects in the Punjab province during the last two years;*
- (b) *the name, location and estimated cost of each of said projects; and*
- (c) *the details of those projects launched in Bhawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar districts?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The detail of funds released in the last two years by Finance Division for various projects in the Punjab Province is as under:—

(Rs. in Million)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Fund Released</i>
2007-08	866.483
2008-09	1701.241

(b) The name, location and estimated cost of each project is at **Annex-I**.

(c) The detail of projects for which the funds were released in each of Bhawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar districts is at **Annex-II**.

136. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation, date and duration of appointment of the persons presently re-employed in Establishment Division and its attached departments indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them; and*
- (b) *the authority which approved the appointments of the said persons?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) Following officers are presently re-employed in the Establishment Division and its attached departments:—

(i) Gp. Capt.(R) Awal Nawaz Khattak, Director (BS-19). Five years or till the age of 60 years whichever is earlier *w.e.f.*, 24-11-2005.

(i) Basic Pay	Rs. 35,200.00
(ii) Allowances	Rs. 8,450.00
Gross Pay and allowances	Rs. 43,650.00

(ii) Mr. Ashiq Hussain Abbasi, Director General (BS-20), One year *w.e.f.* 01-01-2009.

(i) Basic Pay	Rs. 44,485.00
(ii) Allowances	Rs. 18,908.00
Gross Pay and allowances	Rs. 63,393.00

(iii) Mr. Muhammad Ismail Qureshi, Secretary (BS-22). Two years *w.e.f.* 04-03-2009.

(i) Basic Pay	Rs. 55,470.00
(ii) Allowances	Rs. 30,077.00
Gross Pay and allowances	Rs. 85,547.00

(b) Prime Minister of Pakistan.

137. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 01-08-2009 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a ban on the import of reconditioned vehicles, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to lift the said ban, if so, when?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) Yes, import of reconditioned vehicles is banned to protect the local automobile industry.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

138. ***Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:**(Notice received on 01-08-2009 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state..

- (a) *the funds received from international donors for development schemes /projects in the country during last three years;*
- (b) *the details of funds utilized in Punjab; and*
- (c) *the names of said schemes/projects launched in Bhawalpur, Rehim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar district indicating also the amount spent on each scheme/project?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) An amount of US \$ 2,979.64 million was received from international donors for development schemes/projects during the last three years.

(b) Funds utilized for development scheme /projects exclusively meant for Punjab amounted to \$ 320.57 million. Details are at Annex-I.

(c) No specific scheme/project was launched exclusively for Bhawalpur, Rehim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar districts during the last three years.

139. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 03-08-2009 at 09:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) *the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to the President, National Bank of Pakistan; and*
- (b) *the amount paid to the incumbent as honorarium / bonus with year-wise break up?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Detail of salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to Mr. S. Ali Raza, President, is annexed.

The amount paid to the President, NBP as honorarium/bonus with year-wise break-up is as under:—

Year	Annual Bonus (in Rs.)
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2001	1,050,000/-
2002	2,500,000/-
2003	4,000,000/-
2004	8,000,000/-
2005	15,000,000/-
	*30,000,000/-
2006	22,500,000/-
2007	24,500,000/-
2008	24,500,000/-
Total Rs:	132,050,000/-

*One Time Award for 5 years Performance

140. ***Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo:** (Notice received on 03-08-2009 at 14:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation and date of birth of the officers in BPS-16 and above in the FBR indicating also their date of appointment and promotion against their present posts; and*
- (b) *the number of vacant posts in BPS-16 and above in the Board with grade-wise break up and the number of the same reserved for promotion quota and the time by which eligible persons will be promoted against those vacancies?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Requisite information in respect of officers from BPS-16 and above is at Annex-A.

(b) Requisite information in respect of officers from BPS-16 and above is at Annex-B.

(Annexures have been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library)

141. ***Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo:** (Notice received on 03-08-2009 at 14:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to the Government to introduce two groups of services, viz "Pakistan Revenue Service" and "Inland Revenue Service" in FBR, if so, the time by which these new groups will become functional;*
- (b) *the names of existing service groups in FBR which will be made part of each of the said groups;*
- (c) *whether any option will be given to the officers/officials of the said department to join either of those groups;*

- (d) *the procedure to be adopted for maintaining the seniority lists of the officers of the said groups; and*
- (e) *the name of authority which will give promotion to the officers/ officials of each of those groups?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Yes. Federal Government has created a new Occupational Service namely “Inland Revenue Service” with immediate effect as per detailed outlined in the Establishment Division’s O.M. dated 12-09-2009 (**Annex-I**). The new scheme also contains a provision that in case all the officers of Customs & Excise Group and Income Tax Group opt for new service, the Service will be renamed as “Pakistan Revenue Service”. The new Service shall become functional as soon as required formalities are completed and necessary modalities are worked out.

- (b) Officers of (i) Customs & Excise Group and (ii) Income Tax Group.
- (c) Yes. The Inland Revenue Service shall comprise only those officers who voluntarily opt to join this new Group.
- (d) The seniority will be fixed in accordance with Civil Servants (Seniority) Rules, 1993, as amended from time to time. In case of anomaly, a committee comprising Additional Secretary —II, Establishment Division, Chairman. FBR and Additional Secretary, Law & Justice Division had been constituted to overcome the difficulty and interpretation of the methodology. The interpretation made by the Committee shall be final subject to approval of Establishment Division.
- (e) The authority prescribed for appointment and promotion of officers/officials in respective Groups will continue to be as at present *i.e.* for BS-20 and above, the Prime Minister of Pakistan and for BS-17 to 19 Secretary, Revenue Division after due process of law.

Annex-I

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
**CABINET SECRETARIAT
ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION**

No. F. 6/2/2009-CP-II,

Islamabad dated the 12th September, 2009.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject.—TAX ADMINISTRATION REFORMS: REORGANIZATION OF
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE - CREATION OF NEW
OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE NAMEDLY INLAND REVENUE
SERVICE.**

In terms of S.No.10.2.(i) of Schedule-II of Rules of Business,1973 and in continuation of this Division’s O.M. No.5/2/75-ARC dated 9-5- 1 975 and O.M.No. 4/2/75-ARC dated 9-5-1975. the undersigned is directed to say that in view of the ongoing Tax Administration Reforms that

include reorganization of Federal Board of Revenue, it has been decided to create a new Occupational Service namely Inland Revenue Service with immediate effect.

2. All the business concerning Income Tax, Sales Tax and Federal Excise currently being done by the officers and staff of Income Tax and Customs and Excise Groups is transferred to the new Inland Revenue Service. Existing Customs and Excise Group will be renamed as Pakistan Customs Service.

3. Federal Board of Revenue shall seek from each officer and staff of the existing Customs & Excise Group and Income Tax Group an irrevocable option for inclusion or otherwise into the new Inland Revenue Service. Such option once exercised shall be final. In order to facilitate the officers in this process, FBR shall apprise each officer (1) the number of posts which would form part of the new occupational service (2) upon option, the seniority in the new service shall count from the date of regular appointment in the present post in the existing Customs & Excise Group and Income Tax Group in accordance with Civil Servants (Seniority) Rules, 1993, as amended from time to time.

4. Upon receipt of requisite options. Federal Board of Revenue shall proceed as under:—

(a) **Scenario-I**

In case, some officers from the Customs and Excise Group and some officers from the Income Tax Group opt for Inland Revenue Service, the shortage of the Inland Revenue Service shall be met by posting of officers of Customs Group and defunct Income Tax Group under Section 10 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973.

Depending upon number of options to be exercised by the officers of Customs and Excise Group and Income Tax Group, the tentative cadre strength of new Inland Revenue Service and Pakistan Customs Service may be as under (*i.e.* equivalent to existing combined strength of the Income Tax and Customs and Excise Groups):—

New Inland Revenue Service

<i>Functions</i>	<i>Officers</i>
● Federal Excise	218
● Sales Tax	
● Income Tax	978
● Total	1196
● Pakistan Customs Service	
<i>Functions</i>	<i>Officers</i>
Customs	218

Upon completion of exercise of options, the exact cadre strength shall be finalized by the Establishment Division in consultation with Revenue Division.

(b) **Scenario-II**

In case all the officers of the Customs and Excise Group and Income Tax Group opt for new Service, the Service be renamed as “Pakistan Revenue Service” with common seniority and doing all the revenue and tax business. All officers would be part of one cadre.

The tentative cadre strength of new service may be as under (*i.e.* equivalent to existing combined strength of the Income Tax and Customs and Excise Groups):—

<i>Functions</i>	<i>Officers</i>
* Fed. Excise	218
* Sales Tax	
* Income Tax	978
* Customs	218
* Total	1414

Upon completion of exercise of options, the exact cadre strength shall be finalized by the Establishment Division in consultation with Revenue Division.

In both the scenarios mentioned in para-4 above, the Income Tax Group officers not opting for the new service, will remain in the existing Income Tax Group which will be a defunct and lying cadre without any future intake.

The inter se seniority of the officers of existing Income Tax and Customs and Excise groups exercising option for inclusion in the new Pakistan Revenue Service or Inland Service, as the case may be, shall count from the date of regular appointment in the present post in the existing Customs and Excise Group and Income Tax Group in accordance with Civil Servants (Seniority) Rules, 1993, as amended from time to time.

7. Other measures shall be taken as under:—

- (a) All the existing posts currently forming part of Income Tax Group as well as those meant for federal excise business but currently forming part of Customs and Excise Group shall form part of the new Inland Revenue Service with immediate effect. The said posts will, however, be transferred to the new Service upon completion of exercise of option.
- (b) Further recruitment to the existing Income Tax Group is stopped.
- (c) Effective from 2009, fresh recruitment to the newly constituted Inland Revenue Service or Pakistan Revenue Service as the case may be, shall be initiated through Federal Public Service Commission.

8. Establishment Division’s O.M. No. 5/2/75-ARC dated 9-5-1975 and O.M.No. 4/2/75-ARC dated 9-5-1975 regarding constitution of existing Income Tax and Customs and Excise Groups shall be deemed to have been modified to the above extent. In case of inconsistency between the provisions of said O.M.s dated 09-05-1975 and this O.M., the provisions of this O.M. shall have the over riding effect.

9. To overcome the difficulties and interpretation of the methodology an Anomaly Committee is constituted comprising Additional Secretary-II, Establishment Division, Chairman, Federal Board of Revenue and Additional Secretary, Law and Justice Division whose interpretation shall be final subject to approval of Establishment Division.

10. The Anomaly Committee and all others concerned shall ensure that the decisions contained in this O.M. do not create any administrative complications.

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Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission. Islamabad.
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Secretary, National Accountability Bureau, Islamabad.
Director General, Intelligence Bureau, Islamabad.
All Chief Secretaries of the Government of Punjab/Sindh/NWFP/Baluchistan & Azad State of Jammu & Kashmir.

(MUNIR AHMED)
Joint Secretary (CP-II).

142. ***Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo:** (Notice received on 03-08-2009 at 14:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a monthly special allowance equal to one month's basic pay is being paid to the officers/officials of FBR, if so, the category of posts/employees who are entitled for this allowance; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to the Government to grant another special allowance equal to one month's basic pay to the employees of the Board, if so, its details?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The Special Allowance, equivalent to 100% of the basic salary, is allowable to the officers and officials of the Federal Board of Revenue subject to their acquiring necessary skills, qualifying of test/interview and integrity test it is part of reform process at the Federal Board of Revenue.

(b) The government is not considering any proposal to grant another special allowance equal to one month's basic pay to the employees of the board.

143. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 04-08-2009 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the number of persons posted abroad by the Ministry of Commerce during the last three years with province-wise break up?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: Total 118 persons have been posted abroad by the Ministry of Commerce during the last three years. Their details with province-wise break-up are at Annex-I.

144. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 05-08-2009 at 09:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that the tax/duty has been levied on the saving accounts of widows and students; and*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that tax has been levied on drawal of an amount of more than 25 thousand Rupees?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Saving Accounts are subject to withholding tax under section 151 of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001. The law does not specifically provide for exemption of saving accounts of widows and students, however clause (59) of Part-IV to the Second Schedule provides exemption for income / profit on Post Office Saving Accounts and National Saving Accounts, if deposit in such account does not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand rupees. If the total income is taxable, then the tax is payable at the time of filing of return.

(b) Yes, withholding tax @ 0.3% is levied on cash withdrawal from a bank account, under section 231A of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001, if the said withdrawal exceeds Rs.25,000/- in a day

145. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 05-08-2009 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of residential accommodation hired by FBR for its employees; and*

(b) *the amount of rent paid so during the last three years with year-wise breakup?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Requisite information is at Annex-A.

(b) Requisite information is at Annex-B.

146. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 05-08-2009 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that super basmati rice is being exported to India;*
- (b) *if so, the rate at which it is being exported to that country; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that India is selling the said rice to other countries by using its own trade mark, if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) No, it is not a fact. The data of Federal Bureau of Statistics (FBS) reveals that Pakistan did not export rice to India during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09.

(b) As explained above.

(c) As explained above.

147. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 08-08-2009 at 10:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that some roads, foot-paths and green-belts in Islamabad have been blocked by Marriot and Serina Hotels, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *whether any payment / rent is being charged from those hotels for use of the said roads and foot paths if so, its details?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Yes. It is a fact that some roads, footpaths and green belts in Islamabad have been blocked by Marriot and Serena Hotels for public parking and accessibility due to security reasons.

(b) No payment/rent is being charged from these Hotels for use of the roads and footpaths.

148. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 08-08-2009 at 13:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the number of cotton bales exported during the year 2008-09 indicating also the foreign exchange earned from the same?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: The number of cotton bales exported during the year 2008-09 was 390,950 with a value of US\$ 83.379 million.

149. ***Mr. Ahmed Ali:** (Notice received on 12-08-2009 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the names, place of domicile and length of service of the Federal Secretaries (BPS-22)?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: List of Federal Secretaries (BS-22) indicating domicile and length of service is at Annex-I.

150. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 13-08-2009 at 11:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to refer to senate starred Question No. 5, replied on 29th April, 2009, and state the present status of the case pending before the Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding payment to depositors of Indus Bank Limited (IBL)?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: Supreme Court in its judgment dated May 13, 2009 has upheld the stance of SBP regarding the cancellation of license of Indus Bank Ltd, Under liquidation (IBL U/L) and has set aside the judgment of Sindh High Court dated July 11, 2002.

Peshawar High Court had earlier appointed three Joint Official Liquidators but two of them have left for various reasons. SBP is initiating request before Peshawar High Court to allow the sole liquidator to monitor the affairs of the bank (under liquidation). Once the Peshawar High Court grants the approval, the liquidator would start making payments to the depositors after mobilization of the assets.

151. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 15-08-2009 at 09:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the number of tax payers in NWFP and the amount of tax collected from them during the last two years?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: The requisite information regarding number of taxpayers and the amount of tax collected in NWFP is as under:—

NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS IN NWFP AND
AMOUNT OF TAX COLLECTED FOR YEARS
ENDING 30-06-2008 AND 30-06-2009

	30-06-2008	30-06-2009
(A) Number of Taxpayers		
Corporate	1,694	1,944
Non-Corporate (Ind & AOPs)	132,611	131,934
(B) Amount of tax collected	6462.3(M)	9172.7(M)

152. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 18-08-2009 at 10:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount received from the auction of smuggled goods/items like electronics, cloth, crockery, auto spare parts and non-custom paid vehicles etc. seized during the last three years with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the procedure / criteria laid down for evaluation of those items?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The amount realized from auctioning of smuggled goods and vehicles during the last three years is as under:—

(Rs. in Millions)

S. No.	During the Financial Year	Auctioning of Smuggled Goods Vehicles year-wise.	Amount Realized from	&
1.	2006-2007		411.984	
2.	2007-2008		274.113	
3.	2008-2009		476.611	
Total:			1162.708	

(b) The procedure for evaluation of seized/confiscated goods is as under:—

- (i) Value of seized goods is determined by Valuation Department under Section 25 of Customs Act, 1969. The value of goods is calculated on the basis of evidence of import value of similar goods available with department. Then the appraising staff appraises the value of seized goods and after adding the due taxes final the Reserved Price (RP).
- (ii) The goods/vehicles are put to open public auction after advertising in the newspapers and the highest bid offered is accepted and in some cases the goods are sold to the authorized government departments.

153. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 01-09-2009 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state;

- (a) *the details of registered telecom mobile companies operating in the country; and*

(b) *the names of the said companies not providing quality service to the customers and the action being taken against them?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Six mobile companies are operational in Pakistan at present namely Mobilink, Ufone, Telenor, Warid Telecom, China Mobile Pakistan & Instaphone. License of Instaphone has been suspended due to non-payment of fee. The matter is subjudice in the court.

(b) Overall performance of mobile operators is satisfactory; however, companies which fail to meet the set. (Qos), quality of service are proceeded against in accordance with rules and regulations. A fine of Rs.60 million was imposed on M/s. Mobilink due to provision of substandard services and the company was directed to compensate its subscribers with the same amount.

154. ***Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 01-09-2009 at 12:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

(a) *the amount given to each province out of Federal Revenue receipts under NFC Awards 1997 during the last three years with year-wise break-up; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that the provinces submit their district-wise distribution plan to the Federal Government, if so, its details and if not, its reasons?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The detail of amount given to each province out of Federal Revenue receipts under NFC Award 1997 during the last three years is as under:—

(Rs. in Billion)

2006-2007

Component	Punjab	Sindh	NWFP	Balochistan	Total
Divisible Pool	183.210	82.502	43.131	16.687	325.530
Straight Transfers	5.813	47.786	2.309	14.365	70.272
Special Grant/ Grants-in-Aid	3.053	5.828	9.713	9.158	27.750
Total	192.075	136.116	55.153	40.209	423.553
Divisible Pool	219.281	98.909	51.598	19.981	389.770
Straight Transfers	5.611	42.729	4.190	9.749	62.279
Special Grant/ Grants-in-Aid	3.567	6.809	11.349	10.701	32 426

2007-2008

Total	228.459	148.448	67.137	40.431	484.475
2008-2009					
Divisible Pool	257.686	116.499	60.595	23.495	458.276
Straight Transfers	4.509	43.871	4.240	9.505	62.125
Special Grant/ Grants-in-Aid	4.143	7.910	13.183	12.430	37.667
Total	266.339	168.280	78.019	45.430	558.068

(b) No, the Provinces are not bound to submit their district-wise distribution plan to the Federal Government.

155. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 01-09-2009 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date of start of construction work on Zero Point Interchange and the time by which it will be completed; and*
- (b) *the estimated cost of the said project?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a)

- (i) Date of start: 3-9-2008
- (ii) Date of completion 2-9-2010
- (b) Rs. 2,345 Million.

156. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 04-09-2009 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and addresses of the non-government organizations (NGOs) being funded by the foreign countries; and*
- (b) *objective and goals of those above mentioned NGOs?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) No NGO is funded by foreign countries through EAD. However, International NGOs are required to be registered with EAD by signing an MOU. A total of 87 INGOs operating in Pakistan have signed MOU with EAD and their names and addresses are given at Annex-I.

(b) The objectives of above mentioned INGOs are to undertake programmes associated with uplifting the life standard of the people of Pakistan by improving education, health and other social services etc.

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157. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 04-09-2009 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Population Welfare be pleased to state the names, designation, educational qualification and place of domicile of the persons in BPS-6 and above working in the Ministry of Population Welfare, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices with province-wise break up?

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: The names, designation, educational qualification and place of domicile of the persons in BPS-6 and above working in the Ministry for Population Welfare, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices with province-wise break up is at **Annexure-I.**

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*Islamabad :
The 8th October, 2009.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
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“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Friday, the 9th October, 2009

3. **Mrs. Kalsoom Perveen:** Notice received on. 31-07-2009 at 09:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:

- (a) *the normal tenure of posting at one station of Chief Collectors, Collectors, ADCs, DCs, and ACs; and*
- (b) *the names and designation of those officers who have stayed at one station beyond normal tenure?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Government has not prescribed normal tenure of posting of officers at one station. All postings/transfers of functionaries of Customs and Excise Group are made keeping in view the operational requirements and exigencies of services in public interest.

(b) Nil.

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The 8th October, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.