SENATE SECRETARIAT

"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Wednesday, the 17th February, 2010

@6. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 23-01-2010 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to give concession in merit list for admission to the students of Malakand Division to Master level classes in various universities in the country, if so, its details?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: There is no proposal under consideration of Government to give concession in merit list for admission to the students of Malakand Division to Master Level classes in various universities in the country.

@8. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-01-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles owned by the Ministry and its attached departments; and

(b) the amount spent on the maintenance / repair and fuel of the said vehicles during the last three years with year-wise break up?

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a) There are 11 vehicles in the Ministry and 48 vehicles in its attached departments. Details at Annex-I.

(b) The requisite information at Annex-II.

77. ***Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 27-01-2010 at 15:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

@ Deferred from 9th February, 2010.

(a) the number of students sent abroad on scholarships for higher studies during the year 2009 indicating also the names of the countries where they were sent; and

(b) the procedure adopted for selection of the said students?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: (a) A total of **193** students have been sent abroad on scholarship for higher studies by Higher Education Commission during the year 2009. The names of countries where these students have been sent are as under:—

- Australia
- Austria
- Canada
- China
- Germany
- Italy
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- South Korea
- Sweden
- Turkey
- UK
- USA

(b) The candidates are selected through a very transparent competitive process. The procedure adopted for selection by HEC is as under:—

- Advertisement in all national/regional dailies and HEC website (www.hec.gov.pk).
- Graduate Assessment Test conducted by National Testing Service.
- Merit List of Eligible Candidates.
- Panel Interview by HEC Partner Foreign Agency Panel of Professors in case of 90% Overseas Scholarships and Academic Evaluation Formula Merit for 10% Overseas Scholarships.
- Approval of Award of Scholarships by National Scholarship Management Committee.
- Provisional Award of Scholarship.

78. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 28-01-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers of the Ministry sent abroad on official visits during the last three years indicating also the purpose of visit and amount spent in each case?

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: The following officers of Ministry visited abroad on official visits:—

July, 2006-07

1. Mr. Ghiasuddin, Secretary, M/o LG&RD attended Twenty Sixth Regular meeting of CIRDAP Executive Committee (EC-26) held in Manila, Philippines from 28-29, May, 2007 as the meeting of Executive Committee of CIRDAP have been categorized as obligatory in terms of Cabinet Division's instructions.

   No expenditure on this visit was incurred by this Ministry as all the expenditure was borne by the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), Dhaka and there was no financial liability on the part of this Ministry.

2. Mr. Ghiasuddin, Secretary, M/o LG&RD attended Twenty Third meeting of CIRDAP Technical Committee (TC-23), held in Thailand from 20-22 August, 2007.

No expenditure on this visit was incurred by this Ministry as all the expenditure was borne by the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), Dhaka and there was no financial liability on the part of this Ministry.

3&4. Mr. Muhammad Rajab, Joint Secretary (Admn), M/o LG&RD and Mr. Momin Ali Shah, Project Director of this Ministry attended Retreat on Rural Development: Afro-Asian Perspective from 8-11th January, 2007 in Hyderabad, India followed by the Inter-Ministerial Summit at New Delhi, on 12th January, 2007.

No expenditure on this visit was incurred by this Ministry as all the expenditure was borne by the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), New Delhi.

5. Mr. Jamil Ahmed, Joint Secretary (Admn), M/o LG&RD attended Twenty-Fourth meeting of CIRDAP Technical Committee (TC-24) held on 5-7 May, 2008 at Katmandu, Nepal.

No expenditure on this visit was incurred by this Ministry as all the expenditure was borne by the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and Pacific (CIRDAP), Dhaka and their was no financial liability on the part of this Ministry.

6. Mr. Shahid Latif Anwar, Joint Secretary (RD), attended a Strategy workshop on the Role of Women in Local Development in South Asia held on 22-24th July, 2007 in Goa, India.

No expenditure on this visit was incurred by this Ministry as all the expenditure was borne by the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), U.K and there was no financial liability on the part of this Ministry.

2008

7. Mr. Muhammad Saleem Khan, Secretary, LG&RD attended the "Ministerial Retreat and Special Session of the Governing Council of CIRDAP Member Countries" from 24-26 June, 2008 at New Delhi, India as the meeting of Governing Council of CIRDAP have been categorized as obligatory in terms of Cabinet Division's instructions.

A sum of Rs. 39,784/= was incurred by this Ministry on account of TA/DA.

8. Mr. Imran Afzal Cheema, Joint Secretary (RD), M/o LG&RD attended "South Asian Conference on Sanitation III" in New Delhi, India on 18-21 November, 2008.

The entire expenditure on this visit was borne by the UNICEF and there was no financial liability on the part of this Ministry.

2009

9. Rana Nasir Ali Khan, Deputy Secretary (RD) attended Third Regional Policy Dialogue (RPD-3) of CIRDAP from 27-30 April, 2009 in Langkawi, Malaysia.

   No expenditure on this visit was incurred by this Ministry as all the expenditure was borne by the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and Pacific (CIRDAP), Dhaka and there was no financial liability on the part of this Ministry.

10. Mr. Imran Afzal Cheema, Joint Secretary, RD Wing, M/o LG&RD attended Regional Workshop on "Expanding Water Supply and Sanitation Services to the Urban Poor" at Dhaka, Bangladesh on May, 12-14th, 2009.

    No expenditure on this visit was incurred by this Ministry as all the expenditure was bore by Water and Sanitation Programme of World Bank.

79. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 29-01-2010 at 09:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for tree plantation alongside the motorway and G.T. Road?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: NHA is lately following three modes for plantation along Motor ways and GT Road (N-5):—

1. *Greener Pakistan Voluntary Program.*—Main objective of this program, launched in Jan 2009, is to seek voluntary support of government, semi-government, national, multinational, non-governmental organizations, etc, for plantation. Progress is at **Annex-A,**

2. *Deposit Work.*—Two plantation projects launched through Provincial Forest Departments. Details are at **Annex-A.**

3. *Open Bidding:*

   a. Tree plantation and landscaping at Loops 1 and 2 of Zero Point Interchange (M-I) awarded to M/s. Ikan Engg Services. Total 30,000 trees planted.

   b. NHA has recently procured 12 afforestation contracts along N-5 under the National Highway Improvement Program. Total 800,000 trees will be planted from Karachi to Peshawar. Work is in progress, Details are at **Annex-B.**

Annexure-A

AFFORESTATION ALONG NHA NETWORK
GREENER PAKISTAN VOLUNTARY PROGRAM

1. **First** MoU signed with Pakstan Tobacco Coy (PTC) for plantation along Motorway M-1. PTC planted 200,000 plants in 2009 on RoW and median. Spring plantations will now commence. Maintenance responsibility for rests with NHA and has been out-sourced.

2. **Second** MoU with Lakson Tobacco Coy for replanting of trees and establishment of two main nurseries with necessary infrastructure having capacity of 20 million saplings on Motorway M-2 is being concluded.

3. **Third** MoU with Pakistan State Oil for plantation on Salt Range upto Lillah Interchange is under discussion.

FOREST DEPARTMENT DEPOSIT WORK

4. **Islamabad-Burhan (M-1).**

Afforestation contract along this section, which was opened to traffic in Sept 2004, was awarded to Punjab Forest Department as deposit work in 2004-05 for Rs 39.86 million. A total of 166,266 plants were to be planted till 2006, thereafter, upto 2012, the Forest Department was to ensure maintenance.

5. **Rashakai–Charsada (M-1).**

Plantation was undertaken by NWFP Forest Department as NHA's deposit work through a MoU signed on Jul 1, 2007 valid upto Jun 30, 2012 costing Rs 26.506 million for 107,272 plants. Total 80,000 plants since planted.

80. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 29-01-2010 at 09:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the names and designation of lawyers employed by the Ministry of Law and Justice since 15th March, 2008, with grade-wise break up?

Dr. Zaheeruddin Babar Awan: Reply is at **Annex-A.**

81. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 29-01-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women universities in the country; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more women universities in the country?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: (a) There are **06** (Six) women universities/ degree awarding institutes (05 public & 01 private) in the country.

(b) Presently, cases of following four women Universities are under consideration to be established in the country:—

- Women University, Multan
- Women University, AJK
- Women University, Faisalabad
- Women University, Sukkur

The PC-I for Women University, Multan has been approved and implementation has been initiated while the other projects are under preparation of the respective Provincial/ AJK Governments.

82. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 29-01-2010 at 12:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state the mechanism devised by the Government to monitor the standard of work on the development schemes submitted by the parliamentarians out of their development funds?

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: Approximately 35000 Development schemes have been executed under TPP/KP-I and PWP-I from 2002 to 2009, as sponsored by the Parliamentarians. These schemes are executed by various Federal agencies and Provincial & District Governments. The agencies observes their own codal formalities and also monitor the standard of work as per their laid down procedure. Monitoring the standard of work of this large number of schemes requires, a very extensive network at Federal, Provincial and District level. However progress of implementation is periodically reviewed in Federal Development Committee's Meetings represented by all concerned. Physical inspection is also being carried out by representatives of the Ministry and representatives of the Provincial/District Governments.

83. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 30-01-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers of National Highways Authority sent abroad on official visits during the last three years indicating also the purpose of visit and amount spent in each case?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: 70 NHA officers were sent abroad on official visit/training during the last three years *viz* July 2006 onwards. List of employees indicating name, designation, purpose of visit and amount spent in each case is at **Annex-A.**

(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library)

84. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 30-01-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the number of vacant posts of Judges in High Courts and Supreme Court with province-wise break up and the time by which the Judges will be appointed against vacant seats?

Dr. Zaheeruddin Babar Awan: The number of vacant posts of Judges in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and each High Court :—

Name of Court	No. of vacant posts
Supreme Court of Pakistan	2
Lahore High Court	36
High Court of Sindh	22
Peshawar High Court	9
High Court of Balochistan	6

The Judges against vacant posts will be appointed as soon as the process of consultation among the Constitutional Consultees is completed.

85. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 30-01-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the details of cases of Human Rights violations reported during the last one year and the action taken thereupon by the Government on each of it?

Syed Mumtaz Alam Gillani: A total number of 7953 cases of Human Rights Violations of the following categories have been noticed / recorded in this Ministry and its regional headquarters as individual requests, as well as the information received through print/electronic media. The detail breakup of these cases is as under:—

Details of Cases of Human Rights Violation Reported during the Year 2009

S. No.	Nature of Violation	Punjab	Sindh	NWFP	Balochistan	Head Office, ICT	Total
1.	Kidnapping/ missing	3224	315	114	90	31	3774
2.	Karo Kari/ Honour Killing	5	245		24		274
3.	Un-authorized detention by Police	64		14	7	46	131
4.	Suicide	56			32		88
5.	Custodial Death	11				3	14
S. No.	Nature of Violation	Punjab	Sindh	NWFP	Balochistan	Head Office, ICT	Total
6.	Rape/ Gang Rape	1255	93	15	2	12	1377
7.	Acid Burning		5				5
8.	Burning of Women		12				12
9.	Child Abuses				10	4	14
10.	Torture		25				25
11.	Sodomy/Carnal Assault		25				25
12.	Murder		742	67	206	27	1042
13.	Women Related Cases				24	67	91
14.	Complaint against police				14	99	113
15.	Matter Related to Health/ Education/Ministries/Divisions/NGOs				6	53	59
16.	Free Legal Aid				8		8
17.	Family Land priority Disputes					72	72
18.	Detention Abroad						0
19.	Bonded Labour					2	2
20.	Human Trafficking					3	3
21.	Minorities					16	16
22.	Misc/Life protection/Domestic Violence/Financial Assistance		313	23	295	177	808
	Total	**4615**	**1775**	**233**	**718**	**612**	**7953**

Action taken on Complaints:

The cases of violations of human rights are referred to Federal Law enforcement agencies/ Provincial/ /District level for further necessary action as per mandate of Ministry of Human Rights. These cases are sent to the concerned authorities including provincial police Office/DPOs and High Courts/District Courts for redressal of grievances. However, in most of the cases, complaints have been registered and other requests are subjudice, therefore this Ministry cannot intervene.

Note.—Details of cases received in this Ministry and four provincial offices are put up for perusal at Annex-I-V. Individual action taken in case of this Ministry and NWFP Office is attached at Annexure i & ii. The details about Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan could not be received due to excursive information Administrative problems the same will be provided

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

86. ***Col. (R) Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-01-2010 at 12:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of officers / officials of the National Highways and Motorways Police granted honorarium during the last three years along-with the amount thereof separately; and

(b) the justification for grant of the said honoraria?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) The detail of honorarium granted during last three years is attached as **Annex-I, II & III** respectively for the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09.

(b) The honorarium was granted to the officers/officials of NH&MP by observing their extra-ordinary performance and on the recommendations of their officers incharge. The honoraria was granted according to the rules and policy instructions issued by the Finance Division.

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87. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 01-02-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles in the Ministry; and

(b) the amount spent on the maintenance / repair and fuel of the said vehicles during the last three years with year-wise break up?

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: (a) Total number of vehicles in MLGRD is 15.

(b) Year wise details of expenditure on POL and repairs/maintenance of the vehicles.

Fiscal year	Amount spent on Fuel	Amount spent on repairs/maintenance.
2006-07	Rs. 2,121,926/-	Rs. 820,597/-
2007-08	Rs.2,019,980/-	Rs.1,405,995/-
2008-09	Rs.3,612,129/-	Rs.1,504,901/-

88. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 02-02-2010 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of Pakistan Transport Plan Study; and
(b) the amount allocated by the Government for the said purpose in the PSDP 2009-10 indicating also the amount released and spent so far?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) The total estimated / approved cost of the Pakistan Transport Plan Study (PTPS) is Rs. 38.7 million including FEC of Rs. 24.0 million. The entire foreign exchange component has been provided by the Government of Japan through JICA.

(b) Rs. 1,000,000/- have been allocated in the PSDP 2009-10. Against the released amount of Rs 250,000/-, an expenditure of Rs. 173,198/- has so far been incurred

89. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 02-02-2010 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of National Transport Policy; and

(b) the amount allocated by the Government for the said purpose in the PSDP 2009-10 indicating also the amount released and spent so far?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) The total estimated / approved cost of the National Transport Policy Study (NTPS) is Rs. 21.549 million including Rs. 17.121 million as a foreign exchange component, which has been provided under the Japan Special Fund through the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as a Technical Grant Assistance.

(b) Rs. 800,000/- have been allocated in the PSDP 2009-10. Against the released amount of Rs. 200,000/-, an expenditure of Rs. 51,515/- has been incurred.

Islamabad :
The 16th February, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

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