

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 30th March, 2010

@5. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount recovered by NAB since its establishment with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the amount paid to the officers and other employees of NAB out of the same as reward etc. with year-wise break up?*

Reply not received.

73. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 01-03-2010 at 08:56 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that faculty of BS Tele-Com Engineering was introduced in the Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan, in 2005; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said discipline has not been recognized by the Pakistan Engineering Council so far, if so, its reasons?*

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: (a) No, the Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan has not introduced BS Telecom Engineering in 2005. However, the University has started a program BS Telecommunication System which is a non-engineering program.

- (a) Not applicable.

@Transferred from the Cabinet Division.

74. ***Maulana Muhammad Saleh Shah:** (Notice received on 01-03-2010 at 08:57 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the details of facilities and privileges admissible to the ex-parliamentarians?

Dr. Zaheeruddin Babar Awan: The ex-Parliamentarians are not entitled to any facility and privilege. However, a Bill to provide certain facilities/privileges to the ex-Parliamentarians was passed by the Senate on 11th January, 2010. The said Bill is under consideration by the National Assembly.

75. ***Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 08:58 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish technical institutes in each district of Balochistan, if so, when?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: There is no any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish technical institutes in each district of Balochistan.

76. ***Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the names of countries with which the Government has signed agreements for the export of manpower during the last two years; and*

(b) *the number of persons sent abroad for employment by the Government during the said period?*

Syed Khurshid Ahmed Shah: (a) An MoU for cooperation in the field of employment was signed with Libya on 2nd May, 2009. An MoU was also signed with Republic of Korea on sending of workers under the Employment Permit System on 26th June, 2008. Further an additional protocol concerning the organization of Pakistani manpower employment in State of Qatar was signed with said state on 4th May, 2008.

(b) During the last two years (2008-09), 833,842 Pakistani workers were provided employment abroad through Overseas Employment Corporation or by private sector.

77. ***Nawabzada Muhammad Akbar Magsi:** (Notice received on 03-03-2010 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of literacy centers in the country and the number of literacy centers in Sindh and Balochistan?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: There are 34, 651 adult literacy centers in the country and the number of literacy centers in Sindh and Balochistan is 5620 and 2580 respectively.

79. ***Prof. Khurshid Armed:** (Notice received on 05-03-2010 at 10:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state the details of directions issued by the Ministry of Environment to the provincial Government of NWFP to control deforestation in that Province and the mechanism devised to monitor the implementation of the same?

Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi: Provincial Forest Department of NWFP is responsible for law enforcement to control deforestation. The role of Ministry of Environment is to advise and support the provincial government in enactment of law. On the Ministry's advice, NWFP has taken several steps to control deforestation:

- ◆ The enabling, legislation regarding stakeholders' involvement and participations is also in place under NWFP Community Participation Rules, 2004.
- ◆ A detail strategy has been prepared for the revision of Forest Management plans according to actual ground conditions.
- ◆ Forest Development Fund (FDF) created and necessary provision for the same also exists in the Forest Ordinance, 2002.

Despite ban on Commercial Harvesting imposed by the Federal Cabinet in 1993, deforestation is still going on mainly in the private and communal forests of NWFP. During the ban period, stacks of illegal timber are piled along the roads in Kohistan District of NWFP. NWFP Forest Department is not permitting extraction of this illegal timber is despite political pressure.

Federal Forestry Board (FFB) under the Chairmanship of Federal Minister for Environment regularly considers the issue of deforestation in NWFP and Gilgit Baltistan. Provincial Secretaries and Chief Conservator of Forests being the members of Federal Forestry Board undertake to control deforestation by all means. Federal Minister for Environment through a letter approached the highest political offices of NWFP for their intervention in controlling deforestation.

Failure to control deforestation are mainly owed to private ownership of forests in NWFP where forest owners and forest dependent communities rely solely on forests for their livelihood in absence of any other source of income. On request of Ministry of Environment a study entitled "Study on the Impacts of Ban in NWFP" was conducted by Swiss Consultants of a Swiss NGO Inter-Cooperation and shall be finalized soon. Major findings of the study are:

- I. From 1993-2008, deforestation took place on an area of 107,000 ha.
- II. This damage has been recorded with satellite data for whole of NWFP, however, major damage took place in Hazara, Kohistan and Malakand Divisions.
- III. 84 % of the illegally cut wood was consumed by local people as firewood. Only 2% of damage has been owed to commercial selling of wood. Remaining 14% damage was done through departmental felling of dead and dry trees.
- IV. The study has recommended resumption of forest management by implementing approved working plans.

Ministry of Environment is striving for resuming scientific management of forests which ensures protection, sustainable use and development of forest resources. National Forest Policy also recommends restoration of management plans including harvesting of over stocked forests subject to certain prerequisites like condition of the growing stock, involvement of community, presence of generation plans and availability of finances for regeneration. Currently all development projects being undertaken are required to hold IEE/EIA prior to onset of the project thereby catering for wellbeing of forests.

On the request of Ministry of Environment President's Secretariat advised Government of NWFP(through a letter) to check the illicit cutting of trees/deforestation.

Ministry of Environment also proposed revision of tax structure to Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for liberalizing import of wood to reduce illicit cutting/deforestation.

Ministry of Environment monitors the forest cover change at 5 year interval using satellite data last assessment was done in 2004 and in 2010, latest information on the state of forests will be available shortly. National Forest Policy, 2010 prescribes a joint monitoring committee having representation of the Forest Department, District Administration, reputable environmental NGO, concerned community and the Federal Government.

80. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 05-03-2010 at 12:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state the amount spent by the National Council for Protection of Wildlife for protection, breeding and preservation of wildlife in the country by the Government?

Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi: National Council for Conservation of Wildlife (NCCW) is an advisory body, chaired by Federal Minister for Environment. The members of NCCW include Federal Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defense, Commerce, Food & Agriculture and representatives of all the Provincial / Territorial Governments and other stakeholders. The NCCW is not mandated to implement on ground activities related to protection, breeding and preservation of Wildlife.

Wildlife Management and Conservation in Pakistan, is a provincial subject. The provincial Wildlife Departments are responsible to conserve, protect and manage their wildlife resources inline with provincial wildlife laws/ordinance.

81. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 05-03-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the-Minister for Education be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to increase literacy rate in the country?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: The Government has taken the following steps to increase literacy rate in the country:

- (i) National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) was declared by this Ministry as the lead agency for literacy at national level. NCHD has planned to literate two million adults, by opening 82,500 Adult Literacy Centers in three years (2009-2012) in order to increase the literacy rate. NCHD has planned to establish 20000 literacy centers through out the country in the first year *i.e.* 2009-10.
- (ii) Prime Minister of Pakistan has announced 2010 as Literacy Year. Activities Plan to celebrate the Year 2010, as Literacy Year is being developed jointly by NCHD, Ministry of Education and UNESCO;
- (iii) Ministry of Education in consultation with UN has prepared One UN Program with adult literacy as one of the main thrust areas for implementation during 2010 and

2011. Number of activities for the promotion of literacy are being finalized for effective implementation under this program;

- (iv) 5 year (2010-15) Provincial and National Action Plans for Literacy are being prepared in collaboration with UNESCO and NCHD which will be launched soon;
- (v) Supplementary reading material and literacy charts on functional literacy have been developed and are being disseminated to literacy centers;
- (vi) Literacy Assessment Survey is being conducted to assess the achievement and standards of literacy learners so as to improve the quality of literacy programs in the light of survey results.
- (vii) 13603 Basic Education Community (BEC) Schools have been opened by National Education Foundation (NEF) for out of school children of the age group of the 5-14 through out the country. The enrolment of these schools is more than 300, 000.

82. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 06-03-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the names of the countries which awarded scholarships to Pakistani students for higher education during the years 2008 and 2009?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: The names of the countries which awarded scholarships to Pakistani students for higher education during the year 2008 and 2009 are as under:

2008

- USA
- UK

2009

- Brunei Darussalam
- Turkey
- Morocco
- Thailand
- USA
- UK

83. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 06-03-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to shift Toll Plaza Gate on Karachi and Hyderabad Super Highway Road from its present location, if so, its details?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: No.

84. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 08-03-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of on going projects for the repair and maintenance of national highways in Balochistan, NWFP and Gilgit-Baltistan; and

(b) the names of contractors of the said projects?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Total 243 repair & maintenance projects are currently on-going :—

Region

NWFP	:	123
Balochistan	:	87
Gilgit-Baltistan*	:	33
Total	:	243

*Note.—Maintenance contract (term & length) for Karakoram Highway (km 190+471) and Gilgit - Skardu Road (S-I) has been concluded with FWO based on performance indicators.

(b) Details of ongoing repair & maintenance works in NWFP, Balochistan & Gilgit-Baltistan with names of contractors are at **Annex-A**.

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

85. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 08-03-2010 at 13:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of toll plazas on National Highways and Motorways in the country indicating also the amount collected at each site since July, 2009 and details of its utilization?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Revenue.—NHA has collected Rs 6,064 million toll during 2009-10 (Jul-Feb):—

National Highways	:	4,551,932,978
Motorways	:	1,512,245,135
Total	:	6,664,178,113

Detail of toll plazas/ gross revenue is at **Annex-A**. Projected toll collection for. FY 2009-10 is Rs 9108.745 million.

Utilization.—Based on projected net revenue collection from all sources including toll fee, police/overloading fines, etc, and GoP's maintenance grant of Rs. 1.7 billion, Maintenance Plan of Rs. 13 billion approved by NHA Executive Board for FY 2009-10.

Upto Feb 2010, committed amount for maintenance, repair & rehab of NHA network is Rs. 10.579 billion. Requisite details are at **Annex-B**.

86. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 08-03-2010 at 14:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the number of persons' working in Overseas Pakistanis Foundation with grade-wise and province-wise break up?

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: At present, a total of 451 persons/employees are working in Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF). Grade-wise and province-wise details of OPF employees is at **Annex-I**.

87. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 09-03-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to introduce computer education in government schools and colleges during the last two years?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: (a) Information pertaining to Federal Directorate of Education, Ministry of Education, Islamabad is as under:—

- Provision of State of the Art, Computer Labs in Colleges and Schools upto secondary levels. (149 Computer Labs has been established so far).
- Introduction of Computer Science Subject from Grade-VI to VIII.
- Provision of 337 Computer Science Teaching and Non-Teaching staff in the Institutions on contract bases.
- Shifting of 02 Computers Science Projects from development to recurring side.
- Provision of Inter net facility in the established 149 Computer Labs.
- Provision of Computer Science related books to the institutions.
- 490 teachers have been trained with the technical support of Intel Corporation of Pakistan.
- 18 institutions have been provided 10 computers each institutions by Intel Corporation for the promotion of computer education.
- Near to completion of computer lab by Ed-Links in F.G Girls Middle School, New Shakrial.

88. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 09-03-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the details of Schools, Colleges and housing colonies established by Overseas Pakistanis Foundation in the country with province-wise break up?

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) has established 21 schools, 04 colleges and 07 Housing colonies as per province-wise breakup (**Annexed**).

89. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 09-03-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the number of members of Board of Governors of the OPF with province-wise break up?

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: The Government of Pakistan has recently reconstituted the Board of Governors of OPF. At present, there are 17 members of the Board of Governors of OPF as per composition at **Annex-A**.

90. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 0.9-03-2010 at 11:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the estimated cost of Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway (M-I) NWFP-Punjab; and*

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

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Cost of construction of Islamabad -Peshawar Motorway (M-I), including escalation is Rs. 29.381 billion.

_____ (b) PSDP 2009-10 (M-1)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rs in M</u>
Allocated	: 500
Released	: 616
Utilized	: 614
(upto 25-03-10)	

91. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-03-2010 at 08:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the names, location and estimated cost of ongoing projects of National Highways Authority indicating also the date of commencement, date of completion, amount spent so far in each case and present status of the work with province-wise break up?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Total 73 development projects of NHA in different areas/regions are under construction. List containing relevant details is at **Annex-A**. Province-wise breakup is given below:—

Punjab	21
Sindh	20
NWFP	10
Balochistan	16
GB/AJK	06

Total **73**

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

92. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 11-03-2010 at 08:50 a.m)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the details of roads completed by the National Highway Authority in FATA during the last two years; and*

(b) *the details of roads on which construction work is in progress in FATA?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Following road sections fall in FATA:—

Peshawar-Torkham (N-5, 50 km).—Road kept trafficable through routine, periodic & emergency maintenance works.

Darra Adam Khel-Badabher (N-55, 24 km).—NHA is currently constructing this section about 7 km portion of which falls in FATA. Work started in April 2007 and is in final stage of completion.

(b) *As above.*

93. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 11-03-2010 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the estimated cost of Indus Highway Project Phase-III, 319 km (N-55); and*

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

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) As per PC-I approved on April 22, 2006, the cost of Indus Highway Project (N-55), Phase-III is Rs 6283,93 million. However the PC-I needs revision and revised PC-I will be submitted.

(b) PSDP 2009-10 (N-55)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rs in. M</u>
Allocated	: 25
Released	: 12.298
Utilized	: 11.742
(upto 03-03- 10)	

94. ***Mr. Naeem Hussain Chattha:** (Notice received on 11-03-2010 at 13:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that work on Kot Abdul Malik interchange on Islamabad - Lahore (M-2) Motorway has been completed, if so, the time by which it will become operational?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Kot Abdul Malik Interchange is 95% completed. Balance works are connection of roads/loops with Lahore - Faisalabad Expressway (BOT) Project of the Government of Punjab/ FWO.

Interchange can be put to operation within one week. Only obstacle is resistance by Government of the Punjab /FWO (LAFCO), fearing loss of revenue to the BOT project, despite numerous assurances from NHA to reimburse (offset) the loss.

95. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 16-03-2010 at 09:12 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases for more than five years lying pending in the Federal Services Tribunal indicating also the reasons for pendency; and*
- (b) the number of petitioners who were provided counsels or lawyers by the Government for their cases in the said Tribunal during the last five years with year-wise break up?*

Reply not received.

@96. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 16-03-2010 at 09:12 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Juvenile Courts in the country with provinces-wise break up;*
- (b) the number of cases decided by those courts during the last five years with year-wise break up;*
- (c) the number of cases presently lying pending in the said courts; and*
- (d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish separate courts for female in the country, if so, when?*

Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) There are no separate Juvenile Courts in the country, however, the powers of Juvenile Courts have been conferred upon all the Senior Civil Judges/ Judicial Magistrates, etc. under Juvenile Justice System Ordinance, 2000 (JJSO 2000). Under this ordinance 426 (408+18) Juvenile courts have been working in Sindh and Balochistan respectively. Whereas the data from Punjab and NWFP is awaited, which would be furnished as soon as it is received.

(b) The total 883 cases have been decided in Sindh and Balochistan during last five years. The year-wise break up in respect of Sindh and Balochistan are as under:

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
Sindh	100	144	95	178	294	811
Balochistan	3	6	7	19	37	72
Total	103	150	102	197	331	883

The data from Punjab and NWFP is awaited, which would be furnished as soon as it is received.

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(c) The total number of such cases is 278. Province-wise breakup is as under:—

Sindh 268

Balochistan 10

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

Islamabad :
The 29th March, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.