

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 6th May, 2010

30. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 16-04-2010 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to reduce expenditures of Pakistan Railways?

Reply not received.

31. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 16-04-2010 at 12:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of NADRA offices in district Haripur; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more branches of NADRA in that district, if so, its details?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) 2 x NADRA Registration Centres (NRCs) NRC Haripur, NRC Ghazi and 1 x Mobile Registration Van (MRV) are operational in district Haripur.

(b) Presently no proposal under consideration for establishment of additional NADRA office in District Haripur, because of area has been covered adequately by the present infrastructure/ resources. New centre is also not financially feasible. However additional MRV can be deputed if desired.

32. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of civilians killed as a result of military operation in Swat and Waziristan;*

(b) *the estimated loss of property during the operation; and*

(c) *the names, designation and addresses of the personnel of civil and armed forces martyred and injured during the said operations?*

Reply not received.

33. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Passport Offices in District Haripur; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more branches of passport office in that district, if so, its details?*

Reply not received.

34. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the names and locations of railway hospitals in the country indicating also the number of doctors and details of medical facilities available in each hospital?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour:

35. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the functions of PEMRA?

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: Under Section 4 of PEMRA Ordinance as Amended by the PEMRA (Amendment) Act, 2007 functions of PEMRA are as under:—

- (1) The Authority shall be responsible for regulating the establishment and operation of all broadcast media and distribution services in Pakistan established for the purpose of international, national, provincial, district, local or special target audiences.
- (2) The Authority shall regulate the distribution of foreign and local TV and Radio channels in Pakistan;
- (3) The Authority may, by notification in the official gazette, make regulations and also issue determinations for carrying out the purposes of this ordinance.

36. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the details of T.V. Channels being allowed to Cable Operators to telecast?

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: Till date PEMRA has issued eighty-three (83) Licenses for Satellite TV channels out of which 62 Satellite television channels are operational at present (**List at Annex-A**).

PEMRA has also issued Landing Rights Permissions to twenty-eight (28) foreign Satellite TV channels. CTV operators are allowed to telecast their channels on their networks (**List at Annex-B**).

37. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of cases registered by FIA on violation of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRS) during the last three years indicating also the names of accused in those cases; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government for checking violations IPR alongwith impact thereof on the prices of books, CDs and other reading material?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) FIA has registered 47 cases under IPR laws till the date.

(b) On receipt of complaints from public Private Sector, the matters are referred to the concerned FIA Zonal Directors at Islamabad, Peshawar, Lahore & Quetta for conducting proper inquiry into the matter under Copy Right Act, 1962. The Intellectual Property Organization (IPO) Pakistan has also drafted new legislations which are presently placed before the National Assembly of Pakistan for approval. The Prime Minister of Pakistan, during 2nd session of 2nd IPR Conference in convention centre Islamabad on 3-5-2010 also emphasized to get the new law approved on priority basis in this regard. After promulgation of new Intellectual Property Laws, the effective implementation and compliance would be ensured by the FIA.

38. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of medical facilities being provided to passengers by Pakistan Railways in case of emergency during journey; and*
- (b) *the names of trains in which the said facilities are available?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) Pakistan Railways provides first aid treatment and administer medicine to passengers in case of emergency during journey (detail Annexure-A).

(b) This facility is provided in all trains.

39. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the details of medical facilities being provided to passengers by PIA in case of emergency during the journey?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: PIAC carries "First Aid Kits" and "Doctor's Medical Kit" on board to meet emergencies. PIAC crew members are trained adequately to provide first aid to unwell/sick passenger(s). Moreover to tackle such situations, Cabin Crew makes announcement to find out if there is a doctor on board, in order to avail of his/her help. In case of a serious emergency, the aircraft is diverted to the nearest possible airport.

40. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 21-04-2010 at 09: 10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications, BPS and place of domicile of the Political Agents and Assistant Political Agents in FATA?

Mr. Najmuddin Khan: FATA Secretariat has informed that the requisite information is being collected from the concerned offices, as and when the reply to the above questions will be received, the same will be forwarded to the Senate Secretariat.

41. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-04-2010 at 08:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the amount received by NADRA from foreign countries / missions for provision of certain facilities during the last five years and details of its utilizations?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: The amount received by NADRA from Foreign Countries/Missions for providing certain facilities (projects/services) during the last five years is attached at Annex-A.

42. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 22-04-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:

(a) the number of computers in FATA Secretariat; and

(b) the number of computers purchased for that Secretariat during the last five years indicating also the expenditure incurred thereon?

Mr. Najmuddin Khan: FATA Secretariat has informed that the requisite information is being collected from the concerned offices, as and when the reply to the above questions will be received, the same will be forwarded to the Senate Secretariat.

43. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 22-04-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the number of domicile certificates issued by the office of Political Agent; Mohmand Agency during the last ten years and the amount collected as fee etc. therefrom?

Mr. Najmuddin Khan: FATA Secretariat has informed that the requisite information is being collected from the concerned offices, as and when the reply to the above questions will be received, the same will be forwarded to the Senate Secretariat.

*Islamabad :
The 5th May, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.