

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 3rd February, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Question Nos. 17 and 23. : Set down for answering on 18th January, 2012.
(ii) Question Nos. 97, 98, 101, : Set down for answering on 26th January, 2012.
102, 104 and 107.

17. ***Moulana Gul Naseeb Khan.** (Notice received on 21-12-2011 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to refer to the Senate Starred Question No. 5 asked on 29th March 2011 and state:

- (a) *the names of Government Departments / Institutions which have written off the loans of residents of four districts of Malakand Division;*
- (b) *the number of residents of those districts whose loans have been written off with district wise break up; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that some of the Government Departments / Institutions are asking the said residents to pay back the loans, if so, its reasons and the names of such departments / institutions?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The Names of institutions/banks which have written-off the loans of four (4) Districts of Malakand Division *i.e.* Malakand, Sawat, Buner, and Chitral are at Annex-I.

(b) Loans of 13,464 residents of the four districts of Malakand Division have been written-off. District-wise break up is at Annex-II.

(c) No.

Annex-I

**Name of Institutions / Banks which have
written-off loans in four Districts of
Malakand Division**

| Sr.No | Name |
|-------|--|
| 1 | Habib Bank Limited |
| 2 | MCB Bank Limited |
| 3 | Meezan Bank Limited |
| 4 | Summit Bank Limited |
| 5 | Soneri Bank Limited |
| 6 | The First Microfinance Bank |
| 7 | Bank Alfalah Limited |
| 8 | Khushali Bank Limited |
| 9 | United Bank Limited |
| 10 | The Bank of Punjab |
| 11 | The Bank of Khyber |
| 12 | House Building Finance Corporation Limited (HBFCL) |
| 13 | NIB Bank Limited |
| 14 | National Bank of Pakistan |
| 15 | Faysal Bank Limited |

23. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 26-12-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of ongoing projects of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan during the fiscal year 2010-11 indicating also the estimated cost and present status of each project;*
- (b) *the names of those projects which have been completed and those which remained incomplete during the stipulated periods indicating also its reasons; and*
- (c) *the results achieved from the completed projects?*

Reply not received.

97. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 14:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers / officials who accompanied the chairperson, Benazir Income Support Programme, during foreign visits indicating also the amount spent in each case?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The following officers accompanied the Chairperson, BISP during her foreign visits to the countries mentioned against each. Only the relevant officers of BISP accompanied the Chairperson on these tours for meetings and follow-up with the professional and technical teams of the host countries.

| S. No | Name of Country Visited | Name officer accompanied |
|-------|-------------------------|---|
| 1 | Maldives | Dr. Ikram Ghani, DG |
| 2 | China | a. Rana Kaiser Ishaque, Dir b. Dr. Tahir Noor, Dir c. Mr. Shoaib Khan, Dir d. Mr. Sohail Qaiser, Dir |
| 3 | India | Mr. Naveed Akbar, Dir |
| 4 | Philippines | a. Mr. Sher Khan, Secy. b. Mr. Noor Rehman, Dir |
| 5 | Turkey | a. Mr. Sher Khan, Secy. b. Dr. Tahir Noor, Dir |
| 6 | UAE | a. Mr. Sher Khan, Secy. b. Rana Kaiser Ishaque, Dir |

Foreign visits have been undertaken by the Federal Minister/Chairperson BISP on the directives of the Prime Minister, also the Executive Patron of BISP. The purpose of these visits was to search for international donors & foreign strategic partnerships with the counterpart departments in host countries. A number of MOUs and agreements were signed with public/private sector organizations for supporting BISP in its various initiatives including vocational training, micro-financing and support for BISP beneficiaries in flood affected areas.

The detail of expenditure in each case is annexed.

Annexure

DETAILS OF AMOUNT SPENT ON FOREIGN VISITS OF OFFICERS ACCOMPANYING THE CHAIRPERSON, BISP

| Sr. No | Name of Country visited | Date of Visit | Expenditure |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Maldives | 1st to 4th, June, 2010 | Sponsored by World Bank. |
| 2 | China | 22nd to 28th August, 2011 | Sponsored by Hosts |

(except airfare *i.e.*
Rs. 93,000/- each)

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 3 | India Secretariat | 6th to 7th September, 2011 | Sponsored by SAARC |
| 4 | Philippines | 13th to 16th September, 2011 | a. *Rs 220,488/ b. *Rs. 195,000/- |
| 5 | Turkey Government (except air | 2nd to 5th October, 2011 | Sponsored by Turkish fare <i>i.e.</i> , a. Rs. 268,000/- b. Rs. 180,684/- |
| 6 | UAE | 9th to 11th October, 2011 | a. *Rs 178,551/- b. *Rs. 140,160/- |

* Includes air fare, accommodation & DA as per entitlement

98. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 14:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of persons whose Benazir Income Support Programme stipend of Rs. 1000/- per month stopped with district-wise break up?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The number of beneficiaries whose stipend (cash grant) has been stopped is 1,786,072, as a consequence of the Scorecard survey results *i.e* those having score of 16.17 or less are continuing and those with higher score cannot presently be provided the benefits.

2. The cut-off score of 16.17 was decided keeping in view the budgetary allocation for BISP and at the current level approximately 6.0 million families have been registered with BISP. It is pertinent to mention that families having a higher score might also be poor but could not be accommodated due to budgetary constraints at this stage, and only the poorest of the poor and the most deserving families have become eligible for receiving BISP benefits.

The district-wise details are annexed.

101. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 02-01-2012 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that CDA has invested huge amount in Stock Market, if so, the names of companies concerned, the amount invested in each company*

and the value of that investment actualized on 20th October, 2011, according to the Stock exchange rate; and

(b) the reasons for making the investments?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Initially (Rs.1220 million) 7% of surplus funds were invested into shares, purchased through Karachi Stock Exchange in pursuant of the guidelines given by the Ministry of Finance *vide* Memorandum No.F-4 (1)/2002-BR ii dated 2nd July 2003 (Annex-I) and according to the Investment Policy duly approved by the CDA Board in its meeting held on 18-07-2007 (Annex-II).

The maximum investment in Stock Market was made to the tune of Rs.1,510 million (now reduced to Rs.1,108 million after sale/disinvestment of Rs.402 million) during the period from Aug, 2007 to Sep, 2008. The Finance Division, Government of Pakistan had also advised CDA to extend maximum investment in Equity/Shares market *vide* orders No.F.4(12) Bkg.1/2008 dated 19th July, 2008 (Annex-III).

The position of stock portfolio as on 20th October, 2011 indicating the name or companies, amount invested in each company, purchase value and market value is at Annex-IV.

(b) The investment in stock market was made in pursuance of above referred instructions given by the Ministry of Finance dated 2nd July 2003. Following these instructions, CDA Board approved the Investment Policy in its meeting held on 18-07-2007. The Finance Division, Government of Pakistan had also advised CDA to extend maximum investment in Equity/Shares market *vide* No.F.4(12) Bkg.1/2008 19th July, 2008.

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

@102. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 04-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of a number of persons working on daily wages basis in Allama Iqbal Open University have recently been terminated, if so, its reasons; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reinstate the said employees, if so, when?

Reply not received.

104. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 05-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install LED street lights in Islamabad, if so, its details?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) A proposal to install LED lights in Islamabad is under consideration. In this regard, PC-I for the project “Replacement of 65,000 old conventional street lights With Light Emitting Diode (LED) at Islamabad was submitted by CDA to Planning Commission for considering in CDWP. The CDWP in its meeting held on 21-10-2011 took following decision:—

“The CDWP accorded concept clearance of the project and directed Cabinet Division/CDA to make a detailed presentation to the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission after seeking confirmation of funds from ADB. CDA was also advised to invite ADB in the said presentation. The present version of the PC-I was returned.”

CDA has revised and updated the PC-I and submitted to Planning. Commission for further processing, and approval of the competent forum.

107. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 10-01-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that some advisors of the devolved Ministry of Health have drawn salary from the Ministry as well as Post Graduate Trainee Stipend from PIMS at the same time during the financial years 2008-09 and 2009-10, if so, their names; and*

(b) *the authority under which both financial benefits were paid to them?*

Reply not received.

149. ***Begum Najma Hameed:**(Notice received on 30-12-2011 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister far Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is fact that no water filtration plant has been installed in Village Bhera, Union Council Bakka, District Haripur, if so, the reasons thereof the time by which it will be installed?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: The Clean Drinking Water For All (CDWA) Project was being executed by the then Ministry of Special Initiatives to install one filtration plant in each union council of the country. In the light of 18th amendment of the constitution, the Ministry of Special Initiatives has been devalued and the project was

transferred to Planning and Development Division for winding up purpose. Resultantly, the PMU of CDWA project has also been closed since 30th June 2011.

Before winding up of the Federal PMU, the project was being executed by the Provincial Local Government at their own; Federal Government was only providing funds. After 18th amendment, the subject to provide clean drinking water has been devolved to provinces. Now the provinces have to decide its future implementation strategy.

150. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 02-01-2012 at 09.30 a.m.)

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

- (a) the amount under investment in National Saving Schemes; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the rate of profit on the said schemes?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The amount invested in the National Saving Schemes as on 30th November, 2011 is Rs. 1898.5 billion.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government as the current rates have been revised recently with effect from 01-01-2012.

151. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-01-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a PC-I was approved in 2007 for strengthening National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, if so, the details of equipments purchased under the same; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that some of the said equipments have not been installed in the said Institute, if so, its reasons and the places where the same have been installed?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:
(a) Yes; a PC-I was approved in 2007 under Earthquake Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) which also contained component of strengthening National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM) as a referral centre of excellence for medical/surgical

rehabilitation of earthquake victims. NIRM did not purchase any equipment under this PC-I.

(b) According to the record of NIRM no machinery and equipment was installed at NIRM under above PC-I. The project was of ERRA and not of any other organization/ministry.

152. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount spent on renovation and maintenance of various offices, rooms and wards etc. in PIMS during the last five years with year-wise break up;*
- (b) the names of contractors who were awarded contracts for the said works; and*
- (c) the procedure adopted for awarding the contracts?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:

(a) The amount spent on renovation and maintenance of various offices, rooms and wards etc, in PIMS during the last five years with year wise breakup is at Annex-I.

(b) The names of contractors who were awarded contracts for the said works are at Annex-II.

(c) The procedure prescribed under PPRA rules 2004 has been adopted.

153. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vehicles of PIMS stolen during the last five financial years indicating also the names of officers who were using these vehicles and locations form where these vehicles were stolen; and*

(b) *the present status of the theft cases registered in connection with the said vehicles?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:

(a) Two vehicles of PIMS were stolen during the last five financial years. The details are as under:

- (1) **Vehicle No. IDF -7481 (Toyota Hiace).** Stolen on 09-12-2009 from sector I-11. This vehicle was being used for pick and drop of nurses of PIMS performing shift duties.
- (2) **Vehicle No. GK.628 (Suzuki Van)** Stolen on 25-6-2011 from G-8 Markaz behind PIMS; This vehicle was on Hospital transport pool and used for pick and drop of staff on call / on duty

(b) **Vehicle No. IDF -7481 (Toyota Hiace):** FIR No. 375 dated 9-12-2009 got registered with Sabzi Mandi Police Station.

Vehicle No. GK.628 (Suzuki Van): FIR No. 347 dated 25-6-2011 got registered with Margalla Police Station.

Both cases are being investigated by police and pursued by PIMS.

155. * **Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 16-01-2012 at 16:25 p.m.).

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

- (a) *the details of hotels and restaurants being operated by CDA in Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the income and expenditure of the said hotels and restaurants during the last three year with month-wise break up?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) CDA does not operate any hotel and restaurant in Islamabad.

(b) As above.

156. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 17-01-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure laid down and timetable for holding meetings of Departmental Promotional Committee for promotion of Government officers from BS-17 to BS-18 and BS-18 to BS-19;*

(b) *the number of meetings of the committee held since 26th February, 2011; and*

(c) *the schedule of next meetings of the Committee?*

Minister In-Charge of Establishment Division: (a) No time table for holding the meetings of Departmental Selection Board has been prescribed. The meetings are convened depending upon number of vacancies *viz-a-viz* number of eligible candidates.

(b) Last meeting of DSB/DPC of Establishment Division was held on 26th February, 2011.

(c) A meeting of DSB/DPC of Establishment Division is likely to be held in the month of February, 2012.

ISLAMABAD :
The 2nd February, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.