

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 10th February, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

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| (i) | Question No. 23. | : | Set down for answering on 18th January, 2012. |
| (ii) | Question Nos. 97, 98 and 102 | : | Set down for answering on 26th January, 2012. |
| (iii) | Question No. 66 | : | Set down for answering on 20th January, 2012. |
| (iv) | Question Nos. 129, 131 and 132 | : | Set down for answering on 31st January, 2012. |
| (v) | Question Nos. 166 and 172 | : | Set down for answering on 8th February, 2012. |

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?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) 208 development projects were included in the PSDP of Higher Education Commission during FY 2010-11. Name of these projects, their estimated cost and present status is given at **Annex-A**.

(b) 28 projects have been completed (detail at **Annex-B1**), while 46 projects remained incomplete during stipulated period. Out of these 46 projects, 33 projects at Rs. 1620.34 million are incomplete due to the funds not released to HEC, while 13 projects at Rs. 1584.45 million are incomplete due to other reasons (detail at **Annex-B2**).

(c) Project wise detail with result achieved attached at **Annex-C**.

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

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.

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.

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?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The Allama Iqbal Open University has not terminated any single person working on daily wages basis very recently.

However, in the month of November, 2010 (13 months ago), services of only 11 persons working on daily wages basis (LDCs/Naib Qasids/Helpers) were not extended after the expiry of their 89 days tenure on account of their unsatisfactory performance. They didn't perform the assigned job efficiently and perfectly *i.e.* dispatch of allied materials, books, tutorial schedules, admission forms, Roll Number slips, result cards etc. to students. Moreover, they were involved in unlawful activities by creating disturbance among the students and other employees of AIOU. The services of such miscreant persons were not further acquired. As AIOU is an institution which is catering educational needs for the millions of students residing in far flung areas across the country through distance teaching mode and the dispatch of correct allied material, etc. is University's responsibility.

It is pertinent to mention that University is striving hard to cater the needs of student on low cost basis with high quality education/professional skill in rural/deprived areas right from Matric to M.Phil/Ph.D. level. Among these clientele 55% students are female, Who cannot leave their homes/jobs.

(b) The services of the said persons were acquired for the period of 89 days on daily wages basis, so after expiry of their tenure, there is no need to further engage them as they were involved in subversive activities.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the details of financial scams pending with FIA for inquiry and investigation indicating also dates of reporting, present status and reasons for not finalizing the inquiry / investigation so far in each case?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: 07 Financial scams are being investigated by FIA which are as under:

(1) **Case FIR No.12/2010, dated 12-11-2010, registered by FIA CCC Karachi.**

Allegations:

Regarding import of substandard wheat sold at exorbitant price by Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) in the years 2008-09, involving amount of Rs.10 Billion.

Present Status:

On the basis of evidence collected against the accused TCP officers / public servants, permission to submit final challan against the accused conveyed to Director/FIA Sindh on 13-01-2012.

(2) **Case FIR No.17/2011, registered on 5-7-2011 U/Ss 406,409,420,468, 471, 109 r/w 5(2)47 PCA by FIA CCC Islamabad**

Allegations:

Case was registered as a result of Suo Moto action of Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding the land scam of National Police Foundation (NPF) Islamabad against accused Anjum Akeel Khan, MNA, owner of M/S Land Linkers and NPF Officers for selling 600 Kanals of land to the latter for housing scheme at E-11. Initially, the case was registered by Police Station Shalimar Islamabad, which was later transferred to FIA Islamabad Zone. FIA effected recovery of Rs.2 Crore & 30 Lacs and deposited the same with NPF.

Present Status:

Accused are on judicial remand. Investigation is being finalized by field directorate.

(3) Enq. No.14/2010, registered on 26-4-2010 by FIA CCC Lahore.

Anonymous complaint received from Human Rights Cell of Supreme Court of Pakistan, *vide* HRC No.22950/2009, dated 13-4-2010.

Allegations:

Large scale bunglings and kickbacks during allotment to carriage contractors & Urea smuggled *via* Chamman to Afghanistan by Carriage Contractors in connivance with officials of National Fertilizers Marketing Limited (NFML) resulting the alleged loss of Billions of Rupees.

Present Status:

Evidence against accused collected and on the basis of the evidence for registration of case against accused is in process.

(4) Enq. No.03/2010, registered on 31-1-2010 by FIA Corporate Crime Circle (CCC) Islamabad.

Allegations:

Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation (FGEHF) purchased 3500 Kanals land at Bara Kahu Islamabad at the rate of Rs.9,30,000/- per Kanal (total Rs.3255 millions), whereas actual rate was Rs.1,00,000/-.

Present Status:

Investigation pended as the matter is subjudice in the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan which had taken *Suo Moto* action on it.

(5) Enq. No.16/2010, registered on 17-5-2010 by FIA CCC Islamabad.

Allegations:

Illegal purchase of land/release of funds from the Accounts of National Assembly Employees Corporative Housing Society. Rs.160 Million were spent unlawfully by the Management of Society and Care-taker Tariq Khakwani.

Present Status:

Stay order issued by Islamabad High Court. Last date was 15-11-2011. Matter is adjourned for the date to be fixed by the office.

(6) **Enq. No.47/2010, registered on 05-11-10 by FIA CCC Islamabad.**

Allegations:

Misappropriation/ favoritism in project of Alternative Energy by the officers of Alternate Energy Development Board(AEDB) Islamabad. M/S Credit Insurance Company, Lahore issued performance/ insurance guarantee of Rs.14,559,570/- in favour of AEDB, while the said Company did not encash the guarantee.

Present Status:

FIA is investigating the claim by the alleged party that they have reached an agreement with AEDB. Matter will be finalized on receipt of report from AEDB.

(7) **Enq. No.49/2011, registered on 2-6-2011 by FIA CCC, Islamabad.**

Allegations:

Complainant Farhat Kamal Pasha alleged that during tenure of Ex-Chairman CDA Kamran Lashari, an Executive Block was awarded to unknown Contractor. Besides, the renovation work of Simli Dam Rest House was also awarded to the Contractor without tenders. The contractor was paid Rs.40.69 Millions, while he spent only Rs.5 Million.

Present Status:

Partial record received from CDA, while remaining record is awaited. Enquiry will be finalized on provision of record from CDA.

129. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the names of officers and officials of Passport Office found involved in cases of corruption and misappropriation during the last five years indicating also the details of action taken against them and the present status of their cases?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: The details of officers and officials of Passport Office found involved in cases of corruption and misappropriation during last five years indicating the action taken against them and the present status of their cases are at **Annex-“ A”**.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of officers and personnel of Rangers and F.C. deployed for the purpose of security in Islamabad;*
- (b) *the expenditure incurred on the said officers /personnel since 2007 with year-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the number of Islamabad Police Personnel by making fresh appointments to replace the said officers and personnel?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) At present, 1547 personnel of F.C. and 1848 of Rangers (Total = 3395) are deployed for the purpose of security in Islamabad.

(b) Year wise break up of the expenditure incurred on the officers and personnel of Frontier Constabulary and Rangers deployed in Islamabad since 2007 are as under:—

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Expenditure</u>
2007	79,731,000
2008	114,327,000
2009	533,243,000
2010	355,524,000
2011	445,658,000
Total:-	1,528,483,000

(c) A case for creation of 2500 posts in ICT Police for performing security duties in place of FC and Rangers is under process.

132. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-01-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in FC and Coast-guards in Balochistan; and*
- (b) *the budget allocated for and utilized by the said organizations during the last three years with year-wise break-up?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) Detail of persons of Frontier Corps and Pakistan Coast Guards working in Balochistan is as under:—

Frontier Corps Balochistan	48928
Pakistan Coast Guards	2057

(b) Year wise breakup of budget allocation/utilization for the last 3 years is as under:—

In Millions

Name of CAF	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Frontier Corps Balochistan	5368.645	7775.201	13923.718
Pakistan Coast Guards	440.516	499.516	670.886

166. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 30-12-2011 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in FC and Rangers with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the expenditure incurred on the Rangers and FC during the last two years with year-wise and province-wise break up?*

M. A. Rehman Malik: Information from Pak Rangers (Punjab / Sindh and Frontier Corps) KPK / Balochistan) is still awaited. Reply will be submitted on receipt of complete information from all concerned.

172. * **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 18-01-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of persons kidnapped for ransom from 1st March, 2008 to 30th December, 2011 with year-wise and province-wise break up;*
- (b) *the number of the said persons killed and those released by the kidnappers; and*
- (c) *the number of the kidnappers arrested by law enforcing agencies during the said period and the number of cases filed against them in courts of law indicating also the present status of each case?*

M. A. Rehman Malik: Information from IGPs of four provinces, ICT, Gilgit Baltistan and AJ&K is still awaited. Reply will be submitted on receipt of complete information from all concerned.

180. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 13-01-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names. and designation of the persons working on deputation in PIMS indicating also the name of parent department and period of deputation in each case; and*
- (b) *the authority which approved their appointment on deputation basis?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration & Development Division (a) The requisite information regarding names and designation of the persons working on deputation in PIMS indicating also the name of their parent departments and period of deputation is Annexed-A.

(b) The name of the authority which approved the appointment on deputation basis in each case is annexed.

181. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 13-01-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the date of establishment of Directorate of Procurement and Contracts in CDA, Islamabad;*
- (b) *the functions assigned to the Directorate;*
- (c) *the number of persons posted / appointed in the Directorate with grade-wise break up; and*
- (d) *whether the said Directorate has started its functions, if not, its reasons and the time by which it will become functional?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The Directorate of Procurement & Contract was established on 25-04-2008.

- (b) The Directorate has been assigned the following duties:—
 - (i) Contracts and procurements of all nature, irrespective of the value of work.
 - (ii) Supervision of quality of work and ensuring timely completion of the projects.
 - (iii) Pre-qualification of contractors' firms for all mega projects.
 - (iv) A close liaison for any thing concerning the projects.

(c) 34 Officers/officials have been working in this Directorate. The grade wise break up of these officers / officials is attached at Annex-“A”.

All Officers/officials have been posted from different Directorates of CDA.

(d) The Directorate has started functioning.

182 . ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 16-01-2012 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 the employees of National Trust for Disabled (NTD), created under Charitable Endowment Act, 1890, are not civil servants;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the trust employees are not entitled to draw their salaries from AGPR; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the employees of the said trust are being provided salaries from AGPR, if so, its reasons?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:

(a) The National Trust for the Disabled (NTD) was established under Charitable Endowment Act, 1890 *vide* S.R.O. 627 (I)/88 dated 19th July 1988 (**Annex-A**) as an autonomous body and their employees are not civil servants. However, Cabinet Division *vide* notification No. 4-5/2011-Min-I dated 5th April, 2011 (**Annex-B**) have merged NTD with other organizations and modalities are being completed for the said merger. The status of NTD employees may get changed on merger of Trust with other organizations.

(b) No. The employees of the Trust are entitled to draw their salaries from AGPR *vide* Controller General of Accounts U.O. No. 172-AC-2/4/254/2003 dated 31-8-2004 (**Annex-C**). Furthermore the Finance Division in its U.O No. F.1(100)DFA/SW&SE/2010-1532 dated 4-10-2010 (**Annex-D**) has also endorsed the decision of the Controller General of Accounts decision.

Moreover Public Accounts Committee in its meeting held on 20th December 2010 has also settled the para (**Annex-E**) regarding allocation of regular budget for salaries and other expenditures by the Government of Pakistan (Finance Division) to National Trust for the Disabled on the recommendation of Departmental Accounts Committee meeting held on 21st October 2010 (**Annex-F**). Therefore keeping in view the above justification it is a fact that trust employees are entitled to draw salaries from AGPP.

(c) Yes. It is a fact that employees of NTD are being provided salaries from AGPR for the reason mentioned above at para b.

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ISLAMABAD :
The 9th February, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

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