

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 1st April, 2011

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 108, 115, 119, 120 and 126 were originally set down for answering on 3rd February, 2011 but were deferred)

108. * **Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 30-11-2010 at 14:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of forests at present in the country; and*
- (b) the increase/decrease in forest area occurred in the country during the last three years?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) According to the forest assessment conducted by Ministry of Environment in 2004, total area of forests in the country at present is given below:—

	<u>2003-04</u> <i>(m ha)</i>
Natural Forest Cover	3.440
Trees on Farmlands	0.781
Others (Linear +Misc)	0.171
Overall	4.392
Percent of Total Area of Pakistan	5.01%

Province-wise distribution of natural forests is as under:

	Forest Cover (m ha)
Province	2003-04

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1.49
Punjab	0.43
Sindh	0.27
Balochistan	0.60
Gilgit-Baltistan	0.32
AJK	0.33
Total	3.44

- (b) i. During the last three years, monitoring has not been conducted at national level. This is a normal practice to conduct national forest assessment after 5-10 years.
- ii. According to the most recent assessment conducted in 2004, average rate of deforestation of natural forests was 27,000 ha per year. Most of this damage was concentrated in Kohistan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and Gilgit-Baltistan.
- iii. A Swiss-funded NGO, Inter-Cooperation, has reported that in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, more than 1,07,000 ha of natural forests were removed from 1996 to 2008. WWF have assessed that in Malakand Division (District Swat and Shangla), forests on 10,000 ha have been cleared from 2001 to 2009.

115. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 09-12-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state the amount received from foreign countries and international organizations for environmental projects since July 2008 and details of its utilization?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: The amount received from foreign countries/International Organizations and its utilization is as under:

119. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 10-12-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state the number, make and model of vehicles with the Ministry of Environment, its attached departments and subordinate offices indicating also the names of officers using those vehicles and the expenditure incurred on fuel and maintenance of each vehicle during the last two years?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: The number, make, model of vehicles with the Ministry and its attached departments / subordinate offices and the expenditure incurred on fuel and maintenance of each vehicle during the last two years

Main Ministry

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120. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 10-12-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inland official visits undertaken by the officers of the Ministry of Environment during the last two years; and

(b) the areas they visited, purpose of visit and amount spent in each case?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a & b). The details of inland official visits undertaken by the officers of the Ministry and its attached departments, purpose of visits and amount spent on those visits are as below:—

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126. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 15-12-2010 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to control the rising pollution, with particular reference to industrial waste, toxic fumes and chemical pollution in the country; and*
- (b) the details of studies / research carried out by the Government about the environmental pollution in the country during the last three years and its findings?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: The Provincial Governments have been requested for furnishing requisite information which is still awaited. The information as and when received from the Provinces will be placed before the House.

93. ***Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri:** (Notice received on 04-02-2011 at 12:58 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated for various projects of National Highways Authority in Balochistan in the current budget,*
- (b) the names and location of projects for which that amount has been allocated; and*
- (c) the amount released out of the said allocation so far?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Rs.11,631.171 million were originally allocated for 20 projects in Balochistan under PSDP 2010-11. However, the allocation was revised to Rs.9869.086 million.

(b) List depicting location of 20 projects in question and the amount allocated for each is at **Annex-A**.

(c) Releases are made to NHA on lump sum basis. Upto-date expenditure is Rs.4669.212 million. Project-wise utilization is also given in **Annex-A**.

94. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 14:17 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, designation, educational qualifications, BPS and place of domicile of the officers appointed in Employees Old Age Benefits Institution during 2009 and 2010 without advertisement of posts; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said appointments were made in violation of relevant rules, if so, its reasons?*

Syed Khurshid Ahmed Shah: (a) The requisite information in respect of Employees' Old-Age Benefits Institution is at Annexure-A.

(b) These persons were temporarily appointed/ engaged on adhoc basis to meet the Institution's exigency of manpower. Subsequently, vacancies were advertised in the newspapers on 2nd December 2010 for filling vacancies as per Recruitment Procedure. However, the process has been placed in abeyance in view of the directives of the Supreme Court and the Ministry not to make appointments.

95. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 08-02-2011 at 09:43 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the details of Language Courses being offered in the National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad and international Islamic University, Islamabad?

Minister for Education: The following language courses are being offered by the National University of Modern Languages and International Islamic University, Islamabad:

1. *National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad*

Arabic, Balochi, Bangla, Chinese, Dari, English, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Pashto, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Sindhi, Spanish, Turkish, Urdu

Level: Certificate (6 months), Diploma (6 months), Advanced Diploma (12 months), Interpreter ship (18 months)

2. *International Islarnic University Islamabad*

Arabic Literature and Linguistics, Arabic, Persian, English

Level: Short Certificate Course (6 months), MS, MA (2 years), Ph.D. (4 years)

96. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 08-02-2011 at 09:43 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of projects of road and bridges started by the National Highways Authority in Sindh during the present regime indicating also the amount allocated and released for those projects, the present status of those projects and expected dates of completion of the projects which have not been completed so far?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) NHA has undertaken 15 x Roads, 1 x Bridge and 5 x Allied Works for Bridges Projects in Sindh during past three years. Summary is given below. Project-wise status is at **Annex-A**.

<i>Projects</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Rs in M</i>
Roads	15	15,528
Bridge	1	1,512
Allied Works*	5	8,583
Total	21	25,623

*Approach Roads, River Training Works, Guide Banks, etc.

(b) Status of PSDP allocation and utilization for above projects is given below. Relevant details are at **Annex-B:—**

<i>F/Year</i>	<u>Rs in Million</u>	
	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Utilization</i>
2008-09	3610	2918
2009-10	8810	7545
2010-11	2689	2911
Total	15109	13374

(c) NHA was also assigned the task of executing 57 x schemes under Larkana City Development Package costing Rs. 4501.42 million as “Deposit Works”. Details are at **Annex-C**.

97. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 08-02-2011 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Dr. Anwar H. Siddique, Ex-President of International Islamic University, Islamabad has appointed many persons during the last month of his tenure without advertising the posts, if so, the names, designation, grade and educational qualifications of those persons and justification of appointment in each case?

Minister for Education: No regular appointment to any post was made without advertising the post and in violation of the University Rules.

However, a few inevitable appointments were made either on adhoc or contract basis, which the President and the Rector are authorized to do so. (Annex-A).

In addition, all adhoc appointments are required to be regularized within due time by following all the University Rules.

98. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 08-02-2011 at 09:47 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the number of Pakistanis living abroad with country-wise break up?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis: The total number of Overseas Pakistanis living abroad is 5.5 million. The Country-wise breakup of the number of Overseas Pakistanis is at Annex-A.

99. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 08-02-2011 at 12:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

(a) the major factors that are causing environmental pollution in the country; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to control the said pollution?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) Industrial waste, vehicles, natural dust, solid and municipal waste, Air Pollution, Water Pollution and Noise Pollution are the major factors for causing environmental pollution in the country.

(b) The Federal / Provincial Governments have taken the following steps to control the said pollution.

Federal:

I. Industrial Waste Control:

- i. Under the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 the National Quality Standards (NEQS) have been notified for compliance by the Industry.
- ii. Customs duty on import of anti-pollution devices and treatment plants has been reduced from 35% to 5%.
- iii. A number of industrial units were monitored and 150 cases including 12 cases of Brick Kilns have been referred to the Environmental Protection Tribunal by the Federal. The Tribunal has ordered that all the brick kilns located within a radius of 12 Kilometers will have to provide smoke control device. The Shifting process shall be completed within three months.
- iv. Government has contributed in establishing two combined effluent treatment plants one at Kasur and other at Orange Industrial Estate.

II. Vehicle Emission Control:

- i. 41000 vehicles have been tested under Vehicle Emission Testing System in Islamabad.
- ii. A road map has been given to adopt EURO-11 emission standards for vehicles.
- iii. The Government has also decided to introduce 8000 CNG buses in major cities of the country.

III. Infrastructure for Monitoring:

- i. Pakistan Clean Air Programme has been prepared and will be implemented soon.
- ii. Project titled Environmental Monitoring System has been implemented. Under this Project 07 fixed and 3 mobile continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations were established in the Federal & Provincial capitals.

IV. Solid and Municipal Waste:

- i. Two cases of water pollution in Khan Pur Dam were filed in Environmental Protection Tribunal.
- ii. Monitoring of various water reservoirs and industrial effluents is also being done by Federal & Provincial EPAs for assessment of pollution level.

V. Noise Control:

- i. Based on the surveys conducted in major cities by Federal & Provincial EPAs. Noise Standards have been developed by Pak-EPA and after approval by the Pakistan Environmental Protection Council have been notified. These standards are regarding residential, commercial and industrial noise.
- ii. 2-stroke auto Rickshaws are being replaced by 4-stroke, which are less noisy.
- iii. Regular campaign through mass awareness against Noise in collaboration of city traffic police were launched. Hundreds of pressure horns have been removed from vehicles.

EPA-Punjab

- i. Environmental Protection Orders (EPOs) are issued to polluting Industrial units municipal authorities including hospitals, housing colonies, brick kilns, poultry farms, individual houses, focal civil bodies and TMAs, to control pollution under Section 16 of Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997. During the period from 2005 to date, more than 2500 EPOs have been issued to different polluters and violators.
- ii. The units/projects which did not comply with the directions given in EPOs to control environmental pollution, their cases have been filed by EPA Punjab in Environmental Tribunals, Lahore. So far more than 880 cases have been filed in the Tribunal. Currently cases of 766 polluters/offenders are pending adjudication in the Tribunal. The honourable Tribunal imposed fine amounting to Rs. 1,13,31,000/- to 134 units ranging from five thousands to six Lac rupees. While 77 units closed down their operation after conviction.
- iii. Regarding small pollution offences and violation of Punjab Polythene Bags Ordinance, 2002, more than 3237 cases have been instituted in courts of Senior Civil Judges/Environmental Magistrates. The Environmental Magistrates have imposed fine of Rs.8,87,900/- to various projects/units causing pollution. While 77 units closed down after conviction.
- iv. Establishment of Eight Mobile Traffic Squads in Lahore, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Sialkot and Sheikhpura for launching campaigns against polluting vehicles in collaboration with Traffic Police. These Squads have challaned 2,04,717 polluting vehicles from January 2009 to September, 2010 with imposition of fine amounting to Rs.43,75,620/-
- v. EPA Punjab, in order to save fragile ecosystems of Murree, Kahuta and Kotli Stattan, district Rawalpindi and River Ravi (Narang Ravi Syphon down to village Maraka, a 50 KM strip) near Lahore from pollution, has imposed ban on every kind of industrial establishment/expansion, execution of housing

schemes. Ahatta, individual houses and other constructions, illegitimate dumping, of solid waste and disposing of untreated sewage by any mean under section 6(1)(t) of Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 read with Regulation 21 (environmentally sensitive Area) of IEE/EIA Regulations. 2000.

- vi. EPA Punjab has carried out monitoring of all major rivers in the Punjab including river Ravi, river Jhelum, river Chenab, river Sutlej and river Indus. The monitoring data will help the stakeholders in formulating action plan and projects to effectively control industrial and sewage pollution in the rivers.
- vii. Under Southern Punjab Basic Urban Services Project (SPBUSP) and Punjab Municipal Services Improvement Project, 20 municipal wastewater treatment plants are planned and 18 are under construction at Bahawalpur, D.G. Khan, Khanewal, Multan, Muzaffar garh. Rajanpur. Rahim Yar Khan. Sialkot and Jang. Efforts are in way for Establishment of two Sewage Treatment Plants at Lahore with financial assistance of JICA and French Government and one at Rawalpindi under Rawalpindi Environment Improvement Programme funded by ADB.
- viii. Chief Minister Punjab constituted a Committee for preparation of an action plan under chairmanship of commissioner Lahore Division, Lahore for protection/pollution free River Ravi due to discharge of untreated municipal sewage. Action Plan has been prepared and is in process of approval.
- ix. Hospitals /clinics/Pathological Laboratories are being proceeded under PEPA-1997 for proper segregation, collection and disposal of risk waste in accordance with Hospital Waste Management Rules-2005.
- x. Action against manufacture, sale and use of all black and other polythene bags less than 15 micron thickness under Punjab Polythene Bags Ordinance-2002 is in progress.
- xi. Provision of financial assistance to 225 most viable projects of the Punjab based NGOs on small scale solid waste management projects and promotion of public awareness at grass root level.
- xii. A common effluent pre-treatment plant has been installed at Kasur and functional since 2001 catering for treatment of effluents of more than 250 leather tanning units. While, the provision of common effluent treatment plants exist at Industrial Estates of Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan and proposed Sialkot Tannery Zone.

- xiii. Research on treatment of industrial effluents using indigenous low cost technologies in collaboration with Universities and Education Institutions is in progress.
- xiv. Awareness of Industrialists to CDM to abate greenhouse gases emissions is in progress.
- xv. The EPA Punjab laboratory is monitoring ambient air quality through two fixed continuous air quality monitoring stations installed in Lahore as well as by Mobile laboratory in different cities of the Punjab from time to time as per requirement. The monitoring data is furnished to different stakeholders and development agencies to formulate response strategy/action plan to combat air pollution.
- xvi. The EPA Punjab is vigorously promoting public awareness measures through print and electronic media and has also installed two Air Pollution Index Display Systems in Lahore for guidance of the general public. As a result of persistent awareness campaigns/liaison with the industrial management, more than 150 Treatment Plants/Air Pollution Control Devices have been installed by the industrialists.

EPA-Sindh:

- i. Base line survey / study will be conducted in all industrial cities of Sindh province and feasibility report will be made for installation of Combined Effluent Treatment Plant in all major industrial areas of province with coordination of relevant department of Government of Sindh.
- ii. GIS system will be installed and furnish for data evaluation of pollution.
- iii. Under the provision of ADP 2010-2011, Sindh EPA has proposed Scheme “Environmental Monitoring Programme in Sindh”.
- iv. District offices will be opened in all districts of Sindh Province.
- v. Public Awareness will be made more effective to take all stakeholders on the board.
- vi. More Staff will be hired to make effective role of Environmental Protection Agency, Sindh and Implementation of Pakistan Environmental Protection Act-1997.
- vii. EPA already sent 15 cases in Environmental Protection Tribunal and Apex courts on violation of Environmental Protection Act-1997 and number of cases would be increase for implementation of laws of land.
- viii. KWSB in association with EPA-Sindh has taken necessary initiative to establish ETP, in 04 industrial sites at Karachi.

- ix. EPA-Sindh is also coordinating with CETP established by tanneries association K.I.A.
- x. Meetings are being conducted with industrial associations to take effluent measures in starting industrial process at their own or confined.
- xi. Site, Kotri is also enhancing its treatment capacity to treat effluent water of site-Kotri.

EPA-Balochistan:

The Environmental Protection Agency Balochistan in collaboration with the concerned stakeholders conducted survey for air pollution, industrial, hospital and domestic solid waste and waste water in the Province of Balochistan. In the light of recommendations, the Government of Balochistan has taken the following steps.

- i. Installation of solid waste composting plant at dump site Eastern by pass, Quetta.
- ii. Installation of Waste Water Treatment Plant at Subzai Road Quetta.
- iii. Conducting Environmental Audits and Monitoring of the Hub Industrial Trading Estate (HITE, Balochistan).
- iv. EPA Balochistan has established Regional Offices at District level.

EPA -Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:

- 1. Approximately 1700 industrial units located mainly in industrial estates. 7 units of Cement and 5 units of Sugar are located out side industrial estates. Hundreds of Marble units are scattered in Peshawar, Nowshera, Mardan, Swat and Bunir Districts. However, due to current law and order situation, Gas & electricity load shedding and the distance from the seaport and market more than 50% industries are closed.
- 2. EPA-KPK is continuously monitoring industrial units for pollution. Industrialists were engaged in training and awareness activities till December 2004 when the tribunal was not established in KPK. After the establishment of Environmental Protection Tribunal (EPT) in 2004 prosecution was initiated against the industries.
- 3. EPA-KPK has a fully functional Laboratory with capacity to monitor both air and water parameters.
- 4. Revised Environmental Profile of Province was published in 2009.

6. An industrial units are being monitored.
7. In every industrial Estate at the entrance boards were mounted with National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) printed on it.
8. In some sectors like marble and Chip stone industries pollution control models were established in different areas under an ADP project.
9. More than 200 units have now replicated this pollution control system.
10. An independent Environmental Protection Tribunal was established in KPK in 2004.
11. So far EPA-KPK has submitted 478 cases against the violators of PEPA, 97 out of which 380 have been decided in favour of EPA and the remaining 81 are in process.
12. Total 960 Environmental Protection Orders were issued out of which 475 EPOS complied with required standards before submitting, the cases to Tribunal.
13. All Cement units have electrostatic precipitators or Bag filter technologies.
14. More than 200 Marble units are now operating with zero discharge.
15. Majority of the units are gradually improving through implementation of Environmental Improvement Plan.
16. 5 number of treatment plants were established in various cities of KPK. However, none of them is functional as of today.
17. Six municipal authorities, one Cantonment Board and one Development Authority (PDA) are being prosecuted for not treating their effluents. The cases have also been initiated against other four municipalities.
18. Two cases have been disposed off by Environmental Protection Tribunal and the rest are yet under process.
19. Feasibility studies were conducted by EPA for solid waste and effluent management of three cities (Peshawar, D. I. Khan and Mingora) under an ADP project.

20. Water quality survey of River Kabul and River Swat has been completed. Concentration of Coliform bacteria in River Kabul water is 1600/100 ml of water as compare to WHO standard of 3 / 100 ml of water.
21. With the continuous air monitoring station at the roof top on EPA's Building air quality of Peshawar is continuously monitored for 24 hours.
22. Noise survey was conducted at the main traffic junctions and it was observed that the average noise level in Peshawar City is in range of 90dB-100dB as compare to the WHO limits of 85 dB (decibel).

100. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 09-02-2011 at 09:32 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the details of cases pending in the National Accountability Bureau, Islamabad in which investigation has not been started indicating also the reasons for not starting investigation so far and the time by which it will be started?

Reply not received.

101. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 10-02-2011 at 09:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Environment, its attached departments and subordinate offices since July 2008; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for these appointments?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) The details of persons appointed in the Ministry, its attached departments/subordinate offices since July, 2008 are as under:

Main Ministry

102. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 10-02-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of ships carrying supplies / goods for ISAF and NATO forces in Afghanistan docked at each Sea Port of the country during the last three years; and*

(b) *the names of contractors / firms who have been awarded contracts for transportation of the said supplies / goods to Afghanistan?*

Minister for Ports and Shipping (a) Port-wise details of number of ships carrying supplies/ goods for NATO/ ISAF during the last 03 years is as under:—

Name of Port	Number of Ships
Karachi Port Trust	86
Port Qasim Authority	316
Gwadar Port Authority	Nil

(b) Ports do not deal with the transportation of supplies/ goods landed there, as such, the question of award of contract for transportation of goods to Afghanistan does not arise.

103. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 11-02-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the procedure adopted to fix and monitor terminal and ports charges of shipping companies and their agents?

Minister for Ports and Shipping: Port charges are framed by the Board of Trustees / Directors under the relevant provisions of KPT Act, 1886 and PQA Act, 1973, respectively with the approval of Federal Government. Terminal charges are charged by Terminal Operators as per agreement with Port Authorities.

Shipping Companies and their agents are licensed by Federal Board of Revenue, as such they are not controlled by Ministry of Ports & Shipping.

104. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 11-02-2011 at 10:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the details of Election Petitions or cases regarding General Election 2008 pending in the Election Tribunals and other courts in the country, indicating also the names of the parliamentarians against whom these cases are pending?

Reply not received.

105. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-02-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in the Ministry of Environment, its attached departments and subordinate offices with province-wise break up; and*
(b) *the number of vacant posts in the Ministry of Environment, its attached departments and subordinate offices with grade-wise and province-wise break up and the time by which the same will be filled in?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) The number of persons working in the Ministry and its attached departments / subordinate offices with Province-wise break-up are as under:

Main Ministry

Punjab	155
Sindh (R)	20
Sindh (U)	05
KPK	47
FATA/GB	07
Balochistan	02
AJK	15
Total	251

Attached Departments

- i. National Energy Conservation Center (ENERCON)

Punjab	24
Sindh (R)	01
Sindh (U)	02
KPK	07
Islamabad/Local	06
AJK	03
Total	43

- ii. Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA)

Punjab	22
Sindh (R)	00
Sindh (U)	03
KPK	18
FATA/GB	00
Balochistan	00
AJK	01
Islamabad/Local	01
Total	45

iii. Zoological Survey Department (ZSD)

Punjab	36
Sindh (R)	06
Sindh (U)	17
KPK	04
Islamabad/Local	09
Total	72

iv. Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI)

Punjab	131
Sindh (R)	14
Sindh (U)	04
KPK	314
FATA/GB	16
Balochistan	00
AJK	00
Total	479

v. Quaid-e-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB)

Punjab	06
Sindh (R)	04
Sindh (U)	23
KPK	04
FATA/GB	00
Balochistan	01
AJK	00
Local	84
Total	122

vi. National Council for Conservation of Wildlife (NCCW)

Punjab	12
Sindh (R)	00
Sindh (U)	00
KPK	04
GB	01

Balochistan	00
AJK	01
Islamabad/Local	01
Total	19

vii. Pakistan Environmental Planning & Architectural Consultants (PEPAC) Limited

Punjab	25
Sindh	01
KPK	20
FATA/GB	01
Balochistan	00
AJK	04
Islamabad/Local	07
Total	58

(b) The detail of vacant posts in the Ministry and its attached departments with grade-wise & Province-Wise break-up is as under

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106. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 12-02-2011 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken by the Minister for Labour and Manpower since 2008 indicating also the name of country visited, duration and purpose of visit in each case?

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: The requisite information is at Annex-A.

107. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 15-02-2011 at 14:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of contracts awarded for construction and repairing of roads in the country during the last three years with province-wise break up indicating also the estimated cost of project and the name of contractor in each case; and*
- (b) *the names and dates of newspapers in which the tenders for the said projects were got published?*

Reply not received.

108. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 14:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designations, educational qualification, domicile of officers of National Highways Authority who had participated in different training programmes, seminars, conferences abroad during the years 2008-09 and 2009-2010 alongwith the names of those countries;*
- (b) *the total expenditure incurred thereupon alongwith the amount paid to each officer as TA/DA; and*
- (c) *the impact of those trainings, etc on NHA?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) A total of 45 NHA officers were sent abroad on official visit/training during FYs 2008-10. List containing relevant details is at **Annex-A**.

(b) Due to ban imposed by GoP on foreign visits/training, NHA has been availing gratis opportunities only during the period in question. As such, nil expenditure was incurred on above visits except that Rs 955,625/= were spent on eight official visits of Mr. Shoaib Dogar, DD (Engr) attached with Ministry of Communications as Director (Road Transport).

(c) Exposure to new technologies, innovations, and state-of-the-art engineering techniques successfully followed in different countries provides a good learning opportunity for introducing new technologies; which are not only cost effective but also environment friendly; on NHA projects & network. International exposure also helps in identifying own shortcomings and improving performance standards. It is through honing the skills of its engineers through training that NHA is pioneer in introducing many state-of-the-art & innovative engineering technologies for construction of roads and bridges on its network. Some of these are:—

- i. International Roughness Index (IRI) indicators for control of riding quality.
- ii. Incremental Launching Method (ILM) technology and articulated girders for construction of river Bridges.

- iii. Pre-stressing strands instead of wires and also cable stayed river Bridges.
 - iv. Hot & cold recycling of asphalt concrete pavements.
 - v. Rigid concrete pavements.
 - vi. Reinforced earth for retaining high embankments while minimizing land acquisition particularly in urban areas.
109. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 14:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state the number of complaints regarding torture and sexual harassment of maid servants in the country received by the Ministry of Women Development during the last two years with province-wise break-up and the action taken thereon?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: Ministry of Women Development is not the relevant agency to receive such complaints. According to the Law of the land torture and Sexual harassment are cognizable offences and are to be reported to a police station.

110. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 14:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the present status of adopting uniform syllabus and standard of education in all provinces in the country?

Minister for Education: After the 18th constitutional amendment, the Curriculum and Standards of Education stands devolved to the Provinces.

However, at present, the educational institutions, including Federal Government Schools and Colleges (both in public and private sectors), which are affiliated with the Examination Boards of Pakistan, follow the uniform National Curriculum. The private sector institutions, which offer their students for examinations to foreign examining bodies, follow the curriculum/syllabi of the concerned examining body.

111. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 18-02-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state the number of persons sent abroad for employment during the last three years with province-wise break up?

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: The detail of total number of persons registered for employment abroad during the last three years with province-wise break up is given below:—

S.No	Province	2008	2009	2010	Total
(i)	Punjab	207,187	202,170	190,897	600,254
(ii)	Sindh	32,167	31,102	32,131	95,400
(iii)	K.Pakhtoon Khawa	131,512	114,811	98,296	344,619
(iv)	Baluchistan	6,782	4,505	3,145	14,432
(v)	A.J & K.	31,901	31,343	22,541	85,785
(vi)	Gilgit & Baltistan	380	507	459	1,346
(vii)	Tribal Area	21,835	20,550	16,198	58,583
Grand Total		431,764	404,988	36,667	1,200,419

112. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 18-02-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount available in workers welfare fund indicating also the names of banks in which the same has been deposited; and*
- (b) *the amount spent during the last three years with head wise break up?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: **Rs.17,275.418 million** was available in the Worker Welfare Fund as on 11th March, 2011 as per following details:

		(Rs.in Million)
(i)	Name of Bank	Amount
	Allied Bank Limited	2,318.393
		(Rs.in Million)
(ii)	Investments	Amount

Pakistan Investment Bonds	5,225.000
Defence Saving Certificates	4,282.025
WAPDA Sukuk Certificates	2,500.000
LESCO Sukuk Certificates	1,000.000
TDRs	1,700.000
NIT Units	250.000
Total	14,957.025
TOTAL (I&II)	17,275.418

(b) **Rs.21,697 million** have been spent out in last three years (2007-08 to 2009-10), head wise break up is as under:—

Heads	Amount Spent (Rs.in million)
Establishment	1,087
Development	12,760
Education	2,877
Other Welfare Measures etc.	4,973
Total	21,697

113. ***Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Oureshi:** (Notice received on 18-02-2011 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that National Book Foundation had invited tenders for Printing Papers and Art Cards in December, 2010, if so, the present status of this job?,

Minister for Education: Yes, NBF has invited Tenders for printing paper/card. Status of the case is given below:

- (i) Tender documents were obtained by 2 bidders.
 - (a) M/s Sindh Enterprises, Karachi Annex-A.
 - (b) M/s N.M. Impex (Pvt.) Ltd. Karachi. Annex-B.
- (ii) Sindh Enterprises, Karachi did not participate in bidding process.
- (iii) Sindh Enterprises, Karachi lodged a complaint against NBF to the Minister of Education. Annex-C.

Minister ordered enquiry which consumed 17 days and finally Minister ordered re-tendering. Annex-D.

- (iv) Keeping in view the deadline of supply of textbooks *i.e.* 15th March, 2011, PPRA was requested for any short cut option, but unfortunately there is no short cut so far.
- (v) Ministry of Education has issued the orders that FDE & PEIRA may purchase their required textbooks directly from Punjab Textbook Board for this year. Annex-E.
- (vi) However, Tender for procurement of paper/card will be invited whenever required.

115. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 21-02-2011 at 12:57 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Environment has been working on National Drinking Water Policy to improve the quality of drinking water in the country since 2009, if so, its present status?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: The present status is given here under:

1. The Ministry of Environment has prepared National Drinking Water Quality Standards which were approved by the Pakistan Environment Protection Council (PEPC) an apex body under the chairmanship of Prime Minister. These standards are notified for implementation by water Service providers.
2. The Ministry of Environment has prepared a National Strategy for Water Quality Monitoring and Implementation with the aim to enforce National Drinking Water Policy & National Drinking Water Quality Standards. The same was circulated for views/ comments. Thereafter, the strategy is under finalization and circulation to all concerned for adoption.
3. To achieve the objectives of the National Drinking Water Policy, the Ministry of Environment in consultation with federal, provincial, local government and other partner organizations has prepared National Behaviour Change communication Strategy for water and Sanitation Sector.
4. The provinces are in the process of preparation of strategies and necessary legislation for implementation of the policy. Punjab Government has finalized its draft Water Act which is awaiting approval of the provincial cabinet. Whereas the draft policies/strategies of other provinces and AJK are at final stage.

5. The Ministry is in process of preparation of National Action Plan for implementation of the National Drinking Water Policy.

116. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 24-02-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the number of officers promoted in the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis during the last three years with province wise break up?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis: Only Mr. Mehboob Alam Khan Shaheen, Assistant Chief (BS-18), Punjab domicile, was promoted against the post of Deputy Chief (BS-19), during last three years.

117. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 26-02-2011 at 14:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount outstanding on the part of Government in connection with lands acquired for M-1 section of Motorway;*
- (b) the details of incomplete work of the project; and*
- (c) whether the Turkish Company M/s Bayinder has returned the paid amount after cancellation of its contract, if so, its details?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) An amount of Rs. 1,115.605 million is outstanding on-the part of government for land acquired for Islamabad - Peshawar Motorway (M-1). Details are as under :—

Land Acquisition	Rs. in M
1. Cases under process.	340.286
2. Upcoming cases viz Hund (Service Area), Capt Karnal Sher Khan, Wali & Ghazi Interchanges, etc.	350.000*
3. Decretal amount enhanced by Civil Courts and to be deposited in the said Courts in execution petitions.	175.319
4. Cases pending trial in Civil Courts.	250.000*
Total	1115.605

*Note.—*Approx*

(b) 5 x interchanges and misc allied and protection works are in progress :—

Interchanges

1. Ghazi
2. Chach
3. Capt Karnal Sher Khan
4. Wali Khan
5. End Point

Allied Works

6. Security Police Check Posts (8)
7. Slope Protection
8. Protection at Rashakai & Charsadda Interchanges (both sides)

(c) An amount of Rs. 3922.973 million (equivalent of US\$ 47 million @ Rs. 83.4675 per \$) was credited to the Federal Government's account.

The above amount has not yet been transferred to NHA. Moreover, NHA has not received any funds directly from M/s Bayinder after cancellation of the contract.

118. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 05-03-2011 at 11:45)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the amount allocated for Education Sector during the current fiscal year indicating also the amount spent with head-wise break up?

Minister for Education: Rs. 5070.864 million has been allocated for education sector during the current fiscal year against 86 development projects(78) approved at 08 unapproved).

The allocation of the Ministry of Education in the current fiscal year has been revised to Rs. 2687,8 Million. Out of which Rs. 1788.771 Million(67%) has been released so far & remaining balance of Rs. 899.029 million will be released till 30th June 2011

Rs. 1203.100 Million (67%) has been utilized out of the released amount:

Demand	Budget allocation 2010-2011	Revised allocation 2010-11	Expenditure up to January 2010-11
29 Education Division	1,015,057	640.826	470.576
31 Education	768.243	738.975	439.732

32 F.G Education Institution in the Capital & Federal Area	2,502.858	2,527,858	1,688.736.
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Total	4,316.158	3,907.659	2,599.044
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119. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 05-03-2011 at 11:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state the amount allocated to the Ministry of Women Development during the last three fiscal years and its utilization with head-wise and year-wise break up?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: An amount of Rs. 670.129 was allocated during the last three fiscal years to the Ministry of Women Development, out of the allocated amount an amount of Rs. 544.488 was utilized as per detail given below:—

A. Non Development Expenditure:

(Rs. in Million)

Financial Year	Allocation	Utilization
2007-08	61.826	55.893
2008-09	57.841	54.024
2009-10	73.967	71.023
Total	193.634	180.939

B. Development Expenditure:

(Rs. in Million)

Financial Year	Allocation	Utilization
2007-08	163.495	114.73
2008-09	113.00	105.539
2009-10	200.00	143.280
Total	476.495	363.549

2. Statements showing the head wise and project wise break-up in respect of non-development and development expenditure are at Annex-I & II.

120. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 05-03-2011 at 11:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the male staff appointed in the Women Crisis Centers in the country during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the total number of persons working in the said Centers at present?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) 62 male staff have been appointed during last 3 years *i.e.* 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 in Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Centre for Women (SBBCW) Detail of names, designation, educational, qualification and place of domicile are at Annexure-I.

(b) 265 persons (male 136, female 129) have been working in Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Centres for Women at present. Details are at Annexure-II.

121. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 05-03-2011 at 11:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of functions of Women Crisis Centers in the country;*
- (b) *the amount allocated for the said Centers during the last three fiscal years and its utilization; and*
- (c) *the number of women provided shelter by those Centers during the last three years?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a)) The detailed functions of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Centres for Women are as under:—

- To protect women against all forms of violence;
- To eliminate all form of discrimination against women;
- To provide temporary shelter to victims of violence in emergencies;
- To provide free medical/first aid;
- To provide/arrange free legal assistant/aid;
- To investigate case of violence/prejudice; and

- To liaison with local agencies competent to redress grievance of women at individual and collective levels, especially those concerned with combating violence against women.

(b) & (c) During last three years *i.e.* 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 amount allocated, utilized and number of women provided shelter by Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Centres for Women are as under:—

<u>S. No</u>		
1	Amount allocated	Rs. 143.912 M
2	Amount Utilized	Rs. 120.473 M
3	Shelter provided to women	No. 1562

Details of above is given at **Annexure.**

122. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 08-03-2011 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- the number of persons working in the Ministry of Postal Services with grade-wise break up; and*
- the names, designation, grade, place of domicile and address of the persons appointed on regular/contract/daily wages basis in the Ministry during the last three years?*

Reply not received.

123.. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 08-03-2011 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- the number of Post Offices working in the country with province-wise break up;*
- number of Post Offices opened during the last three years alongwith province-wise break up; and*
- whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more post offices in the country, if so, its details?*

Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij: (a) A total 12035 Post Offices are working throughout the Country, details and province-wise break up is enclosed as Annex-A.

(b) A total 429 new Post Offices have been opened in the country. The Province-wise detail is enclosed as Annex-B.

(c) At present proposal for opening of 730 new Post Offices in the country is under active process. Detail is enclosed as Annex-C.

124. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 08-03-2011 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of services rendered by the Postal Services Ministry to the people; and*
- (b) the profit earned by the Ministry through the provision of its services to the people during the last three years?*

Reply not received.

*Islamabad :
The 31st March, 2011.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.