

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 12th November, 2010

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos.34, 41 and 43 were originally set down for answering on 3rd November, 2010 but were deferred)

34. ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 04-10-2010 at 13:20: p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of officers in the Ministry of Education who were promoted from BPS-19 to BPS-20 during the month of February, 2010, in pursuance of the Prime Minister's Secretariat letter No.483/PSPM/2010 dated 12th February, 2010; and*
- (b) *whether the said officers have been given new assignments against the posts of BPS-20 and their salaries fixed accordingly?*

Sardar Aseff Ahmad Ali: (a) Mrs. Razia Naqvi, Associate Professor, IMCG F-8/1, has been promoted from (BS-19) to (BS-20) *w.e.f.* 10-02-2010 *vide* the Prime Minister's Secretariat letter No.483/PSPM/2010, dated 12th February 2010.

(b) The above officer has been given new assignment against the post of BS-20 and her salary has also been fixed.

41. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 05-10-2010 at 14:05: p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the details of financial assistance given to each private educational institution in the country by foreign financial institutions during the last five years?

Sardar Aseff Ahmad Ali: No financial assistance is given by foreign financial Institution in private institutions of Islamabad Capital Territory. With regard to provinces FATA, AJK and Gilgit Baltistan information is still awaited.

43. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 15:35: p.m)

Will the Minister, for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of religious educational institutions for female students in the country with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the number of students and teachers in the said institutions?*

Reply not received.

136. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 07-10-2010 at 09:10:a.m)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and other particulars of contractors who were awarded contracts by the Ministry of Environment, its attached departments and subordinate offices for planting saplings since July, 2008; and*
- (b) *the number of saplings planted by each of the said contractors and the amount paid to each of them?*

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi: (a) Ministry of Environment has not awarded any contract for planting saplings since July 2008.

- (b) No planting was done through contractors.

137. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 08-10-2010 at 09:00:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of stationary purchased for Ministry of Environment, its attached departments and subordinate offices since July 2008 with year-wise break up;*
- (b) *the names of suppliers / firms from which the said stationary was purchased indicating also the value of stationary purchased from each supplier /firm; and*
- (c) *the procedure adopted for the said purchases?*

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi:(a) The details of stationery purchased for Main Ministry / attached departments / subordinate offices since, July, 2008 with year-wise break up is as under:—

Main Ministry **Annex-A**

Attached Departments

1. National Energy Conservation Center (ENERCON) **Annex-B**
2. Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) **Annex-C**
3. Zoological Survey Department (ZSD) **Annex-D**
4. Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI) **Annex-E**
5. Quaid-e-Azam Management Mazar Board (QMMB) **Annex-F**
6. National Council for Conservation of Wildlife (NCCW) **Annex-G**
7. Pakistan Environmental Planning & Architectural Consultants (PEPAC) Limited **Annex-H**

(b) The details of names of suppliers / firms from which the stationery was purchased along-with value of stationery purchased from each supplier / firms for the Main Ministry and its attached departments / subordinate offices are as under:

Main Ministry **(Annex-I)**

Attached Departments

1. National Energy Conservation Center **(Annex-J)**
2. Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency **(Annex-K)**
3. Zoological Survey Department (ZSD) **(Annex-L)**
4. Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI) **(Annex-M)**
5. Quaid-e-Azam Management Mazar Board **(Annex-N)**
6. National Council for Conservation of Wildlife **(Annex- O)**
7. Pakistan Environmental Planning & Architectural Consultants (PEPAC) Limited. **(Annex-P)**

(c) The said stationery was purchased in accordance with the public Procurement Rules, 2004.

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

138. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-10-2010 at 08:50:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of buildings hired for the offices of Ministry of Environment, its attached departments and subordinate offices indicating also the names of owners and rent of each building; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for hiring of those buildings?*

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi: (a) The details of building hired for the Attached Departments / Subordinate offices of Ministry of Environment are as under:—

Attached Departments

1. Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA)

S.No.	Detail of Building	Name of Owner	Rent
1.	311-Main Margala Road, F-11/3, Islamabad.	GP. Capt (R) Ghulam Khan Bangash	Rs. 180,000/-per month

2. Pakistan Environmental Planning & Architectural Consultants Limited.

S.No.	Detail of Buildings	Name of Owner	Rent
1.	PEPAC Head Office, 3rd Floor, 24-D Rashid Plaza, Islamabad.	Mr. Ismatullah Khan Niazi Blue Area,	Rs. 119,600/-per month
2.	-do-	Brig (R) Saeed Akhtar	Rs. 19,440/- per month
3.	PEPAC Site Office, House No. 148, Sector-B, Ghazi Kot Township, Mansehra.	M/s Bright Connection Enterprises.	Rs. 15,000/ per month

3.

National Council for Conservation of Wildlife (NCCW)

S.No.	Detail of Building	Name of Owner	Rent
1.	NCCW Office, No. 14-D, 2nd Floor, Markaz F-8, Islamabad.	Brig (R) Zaheer Ahmed Qureshi	Rs. 76,725- per month.

(b) Building for offices were hired according to the laid down procedure and policy of the Government.

139. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 11-10-2010 at 11:05; a.m)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to check the excessive use of insecticides in agriculture; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that bio-safety guidelines prepared by the Biotechnology Commission have not been approved by the government so far, if so, its reasons?*

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi: (a) Not related to Ministry of Environment.

(b) The Bio-safety Guidelines prepared by the National Bio-safety Expert Committee after consultation was updated and approved. Later it was made as part of the National Bio-safety Rules *vide* Notification No. F. 2(7)/95-Bio in October, 2005.

140. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 11-10-2010 at 11:06)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of persons working in the National Highways and Motorways with their grade-wise and province-wise break up?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan:

Uniformed	3833 (Details at Annex-I)
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Non-Uniformed	1141 (Details at Annex-II)
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144. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 21-10-2010 at 12:30:p.m)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to declare transport as an industry, if so, its details?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Transport sector has not been declared as industry and there is no such proposal under consideration.

145. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 22-10-2010 at 09:10:a.m)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of GDP allocated for higher and elementary education, separately, during the last three years; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the said percentage, if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

147. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 22-10-2010 at 10:20:a.m)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, designation, BPS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Human Rights, its attached departments and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name of the appointing authority in each case;*
- (b) the procedure adopted for the said appointments; and*
- (c) whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

Reply not received.

148. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 22-10-2010 at 10:20:a.m)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, designation, PBS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis, its attached departments, Corporations, and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name of the appointing authority in each case; and*
- (b) the procedure adopted for the said appointments; and*
- (c) whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: (a) Detail of appointments made in the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis since 2008, is at **Annex-I**. Details of appointment made in the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) (an Organization working under the Administrative control of the Ministry) is at **Annex-II**.

(b) According to laid down procedure of the Government, the vacancies were advertised in the Press; the candidates, who applied for the posts were called for tests/interview and their selection/appointment were made on the recommendations of the concerned Departmental Selection Committees.

(c) Yes.

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

149. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 25-10-2010 at 09:30:a.m)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the name, place of domicile, length of service, salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to the officers in B-22 working in the Ministry for Ports and Shipping and its attached departments and subordinate offices with province-wise break up?

Mr. Babar Khan Ghauri: There is only one BS-22 officer *i.e.* Secretary Ministry of Ports & Shipping Islamabad. Requisite information in respect of officer is as under:—

1. Name:	Muhammad Saleem Khan		
2. Place of Domicile:	Sindh (U)		
3. Length of Service:	34 years 08 months		
4. Salary:	Basic Pay	:	Rs. 55,470/-
	Special Pay	:	Rs. 11,094/-
	Qualification Pay	:	Rs. 1,000/-
	Personal Pay (Maxim Grade)	:	Rs. 3,970/-
5. Allowances:	(i) House rent allowance 45%	:	Rs. 12,456/-
	(ii) Entertainment allowance	:	Rs. 975/-
	(iii) Orderly allowance	:	Rs. 3,000/-
	(iv) Senior Post allowance	:	Rs. 1,600/-
	(v) Spl Additional allowance	:	Rs. 1,839/-
	(vi) Special relief	:	Rs. 4,372/-
	(vii) Adhoc relief (2005)	:	Rs. 4,372/-
	(viii) Dearnes allowance (2006)	:	Rs. 5,395/-
	(ix) Adhoc relief (2009)	:	Rs. 8,916/-
	(x) Adhoc relief (50%) (2010)	:	Rs. 29,720/-
	(xi) Medical allowance (15%)	:	Rs. 8,916/-
6. Other fringe benefits:	As admissible under the rules.		

150. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice Received On 26-10-2010 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the names of the Bar Associations in the country granted money during the last two years indicating also the purpose for which money was given with province wise break up?

Dr. Zaheeruddin Babar Awan: Total Grant given to Bar Councils/Associations of the country as “Grant-in-Aid” for betterment/strengthening of Bars for the year 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 is at Flag ‘A’ & ‘B’ respectively.

151 ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 27-10-2010)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of agency which is responsible for maintaining quality and hygiene standards at the Restaurants, Food Shops and Bathrooms at the interchange Stations on the Motorways; and*
- (b) whether the said standards are being maintained; and*
- (c) the details of the monitoring system for this purpose?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan:

- (a) M-1 Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway
- M-2 Lahore-Peshawar Motorway M/s Novelty Group of Peacock Restaurants
M/s Sizzle Enterprises
- M-3 Pindi Bhattian-Faisalabad Motorway M/ Total Parco

(b) Yes.

(c) overall performance of the Concessionaires within the realms of respective concession agreements is monitored by NHA’s site staff, which do not have magisterial powers for checking food prices & quality assurance. These powers are vested with the Provincial District Administration and the Food Department undertakes regular checks at the Motorway Service Areas.

For general improvement in service & food quality, NHA holds meetings with the Concessionaries and their Licenses for addressing complaints/ grievances of commuters.

152. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 27-10-2010 at 11:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to recycle the used shopping bags in the country, if so, its details?

Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi: There is no proposal under consideration of the Government for recycling of the used shopping bags. However, recycling plastic industry in the private sector produce granules of medium and low grade quality for re-use. One manufacturing unit in Lahore is manufacturing furniture from used plastic bags and selling not only in the local but exporting to other countries.

153. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 27-10-2010 at 12:00 p.m)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state the number of persons working in Postal Services who belong to FATA with Agency-wise break up?

Mir Israrullah Zeheri: Eighty six (86) persons working in Pakistan Post office Department belong to FATA. Agency wise breakup is as under:—

<u>No. of Employees</u>	<u>Name of Agency</u>
4	Bajour agency
2	FR Bannu
<u>No. of Employees</u>	<u>Name of Agency</u>
1	FR D.I Khan
1	FR Kohat
8	Khyber Agency
15	Kurram Agency
10	Mohmand Agency
19	North Waziristan Agency
7	Orakzai Agency
8	South Waziristan Agency

Total = 75

Islamabad :
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Secretary.

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Friday, the 12th November, 2010

4. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 12-10-2010 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications, experience and place of domicile of persons appointed in Employees' Old Age Benefit Institutions during the last five years?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 11th November, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.