

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 25th February, 2010

152. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 01-02-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state the amount of funds granted by European union and International Labour Organization to Pakistan for elimination of child labour during the last six months indicating also its utilization?

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: During the last six months no funds have been granted by the European Union and the International Labour Organization to Pakistan for elimination of child labour.

However, from the funds already provided by the European Union (to the ILO) for programme of elimination of child labour in Pakistan, the ILO (being executing agency) has utilized an amount of US\$ 285,216.06/- during the last six months. This amount has been utilized for strengthening Child Labour Units in the provinces of Sindh and Balochistan through provision of office equipments, etc., establishing field offices in the project districts of Sukkur and Sahiwal and streamlining/establishing services for non-formal education and vocational training to child labour; and social protection and family empowerment for child labour families.

153. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 02-02-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government during the last two years for elimination of child labour in the country?

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: The steps taken by Government during the last two years for elimination of Child Labour in the country can listed as follow:

1. In 2009, Child Labour Project “Combating Abusive Child Labour II” assisted by EC with collaboration of ILO has been launched. The objective of this project is to eliminate Child Labour, with special focus on the elimination of the abusive/worst forms of Child Labour in Pakistan and to develop holistic district model for the purpose. Conducting of Second National Survey on Child Labour is included in the mandate of this Project. Two Project Districts (Sukkur and Sahiwal) have been selected to pilot the project activities.
2. In year 2008 the Ministry of Labour initiated the National Time Bound Programme (NTBP) for the elimination of worst form of child labour within a period of eight year 2008-16. The NTBP outlines a coordination mechanism among the stakeholders with a timeframe to mutually achieve the targets.

3. During the year 2008, about 12000 child labourers have been removed from the different hazardous occupations through different projects with collaboration of ILO for elimination of worst form of child labour. These-children have been provided non-formal education, health screening and skill training.

154. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 03-02-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of development schemes recommended by the Parliamentarians launched in District Haripur during the last five years indicating also the amount spent on them; and*
- (b) *the number of the said schemes completed so far and the time by which the remaining schemes will be completed?*

Mr. Justice (R) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: (a) 233 schemes as recommended by the Parliamentarians were launched in district Haripur in last five years *i.e.* 2004 —2009. An amount of Rs.119.72 million was released for these schemes out of which Rs.102.88 million have been spent by the Executing Agencies.

(b) As reported by the Executing Agencies 100 schemes have been completed so far, the remaining schemes are at various stages of completion and are expected to be completed shortly.

155. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-02-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, educational qualifications, experience, place of domicile and name of parent departments of the persons who have been posted abroad as Community Welfare Officers / Labour attaches since January, 2009; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for selection of the said persons?*

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: (a) The information is given at Annex-I.

(b) The selection were made in accordance with the guidelines of Establishment Division contained in their O.M. No.4/7/81-TIV, dated 28-12-1981 (Annex-II).

156. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 04-02-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and locations of Engineering Universities and Colleges in the country indicating also the number of students studying in each institution;*
- (b) *the number of sanctioned, filled in and vacant posts in each institution; and*

(c) *the funds provided by the Government to each institution during the last ten years?*

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: (a) The names and locations of the Engineering Universities/ Degree Awarding Institutes along with number of students studying in each institution are at **Annex-I**.

(b) The number of sanctioned, filled and vacant posts in the Engineering Universities/ Degree Awarding Institutes is at **Annex-II**.

(c) The funds (Recurring & Development) provided by the Government to each institution during the last ten years are at **Annex-III**.

157. ***Mr. Sabir Ali Baloch:** (Notice received on 04-02-2010 at 10:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the names and locations of the Federal Government colleges, universities and vocational training institutions in the country?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: 1. The names of the Federal Government Colleges and vocational training institutions under the administrative control of Ministry of Education, Islamabad are as under:

- (i) Federal College of Education (FCE), H-9, Islamabad.
- (ii) National Institute of Science and Technical Education (NISTE), H-8/1, Islamabad.
- (iii) Polytechnic Institute for Women (PIW), H-8/1, Islamabad.

2. There are Nineteen (19) Federal Government Universities. Their names and locations are at Annex-I.

3. Details of the Federal Government Colleges (Male / Female) Annex-II.

158. ***Mr. Sabir Ali Baloch:** (Notice received on 04-02-2010 at 10:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of students receiving scholarships from the Federal Government in various disciplines with province-wise break-up?

Reply not received.

159. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 06-02-2010 at 11:05 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the estimated cost of Gwadar Deep Sea Water Port (phase-1) indicating deepening of channel; and*

(b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said purpose in the PSDP, 2009-10 indicating also the amount released and spent so far?*

Mr. Babar Khan Ghouri: (a) The estimated cost of Gwadar Deep Sea Water Port Project, Phase-I, including deepening of channel is Rs. 17, 268 million.

(b) The amount allocated by the Government for the said project in the PSDP 2009-10 is Rs. 81 million. An amount of Rs. 24.3 million has been released from the said allocation, out of which Rs. 20.58 million has been spent.

160. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 06-02-2010 at 11:05 a.m.)

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

(a) *the estimated cost of Gwadar Port Civic Centre, Gwadar; and*

(b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said purpose in the PSDP, 2009-10, indicating also the amount released and spent so far?*

Mr. Babar Khan Ghouri: (a) The estimated cost of Gwadar Port Civic Centre is Rs. 199.73 million.

(b) The amount allocated for the said project is Rs. 89 million in PSDP 2009-10, out of which a release of Rs. 26.7 million has been allowed by the Finance Division. However, AGPR Sub Office, Quetta has not released the amount due to non-transfer of the PSDP allocation from the Fund Centre at AGPR, Sub Office, Karachi to Gwadar Port Authority's Fund Centre at AGPR, Sub Office, Quetta. Therefore, no expenditure has been incurred on the project from PSDP 2009-10, so far.

161. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 06-02-2010 at 14:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that roads from Sukkur to Kandh Kot and Kashmore via Shikarpur and from Shikarpur to Jacobabad are in dilapidated condition; and*

(b) *if so, the amount allocated for repairs or maintenance and the time by which work will be started?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) *Kandhkot – Kashmore Shikarpur (km 378 490, N-55).*— Routine maintenance is carried out to repair critical potholes/patches and other necessary works to keep the road motorable. An allocation of Rs. 39.2 million has been provided in FY 2009-10 for the purpose.

In FY 2008-09, 30 km Shikarpur - Ghouspur portion (km 379–409) was improved under 6x Periodic Maintenance (PM) schemes of Rs. 549 million. Another 16 km portion (km 453–469) is being improved in FY 2009-10.

Shikarpur–jacobabad (km 00–90, N-65).—A 28 km portion (km 9 - 37) was improved through 5xPM schemes of Rs 151.5 million in FY 2008-09.

Tender for award of work for upgradation of Sukkur – Jacobabad (68 km) to 4-lane through ADB funding is in final evaluation phase. Commencement expected shortly. PC-I of Rs 8 billion approved by ECNEC, Implementation period 24 months.

(b) As indicated above.

162. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 08-02-2010 at 10:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the estimated cost of capacity building of teachers training institutions and training of Elementary Schools Teachers in Sindh; and*
- (b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said purpose in the PSDP 2009-10 indicating also the amount released and spent so far?*

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: Yes.

(a) The approved cost of the project titled “Capacity Building of Teachers Training Institutions and Training of Elementary Schools Teachers in Sindh” is Rs. 1261.773 million.

(b) The allocated amount in PSDP 2009-10 for the said Project is Rs. 225.000 million and the release position is as under:—

Releases:

- (i) During the 1st quarter (July-September) 20% of the total budget *i.e.* Rs. 45.000 million have been released.
- (ii) The remaining Rs. 180.000 million have been released in February, 2010.

Utilization:

Rs. 21.697 million have so far been utilized. The remaining amount will be utilized before 30th June, 2010.

163. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 08-02-2010 at 14:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to formulate new labour policy and laws regulating labour and industrial relations in conformity with the directive principles of state policy and Conventions of ILO, if so, when?

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: *New Labour Policy 2010.*—On the eve of inaugural Session of auspices Pakistan Tripartite Labour Conference (PTLC) held on 16th February, 2009 under the Ministry of Labour & Manpower, the Prime Minister of Pakistan was pleased to direct the Ministry of Labour and Manpower to

formulate a-new labour policy, which is in the process of drafting and will be announced in the April, 2010.

IRA-2010.—According to the announcement of the Prime Minister of Pakistan in the National Assembly Industrial Relation Ordinance 2002 was repealed through Industrial Relation Act 2008. The Ministry is now drafting a new law on the Industrial Relation, in consultation with stake holders based on international labour standards, which will be promulgated in the April, 2010.

164. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 09-02-2010 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases registered under the Freedom of Information Ordinance, 2002, during the last three years; and*
- (b) the number of the said cases decided so far and those pending in the courts?*

Dr. Zaheeruddin Babar Awan: Information is being collected form concerned quarters.

Islamabad :
The 24th February, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.