

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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### “QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

**Friday, the 5th November, 2010**

71 \***Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 01-10-2010 at 13:33 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the number of persons belonging to Balochistan provided jobs under Aghaz-e-Haqooq-Balochistan with post-wise break up?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** As part of the Agahze-e-Huqooq-e-Balochistan, persons from Balochistan are being provided employment under the following schemes:—

- (a) *5,000 jobs in the provincial to be funded by the Federal Government.—* Under this scheme, 4,786 persons have so far been appointed in the Education Department, in BS 14 and 16. Details are as follows:—
  - a. **BS -14:** 2,080 persons have been appointed in BS 14 (against positions of Primary School Teacher, Elementary School Teacher), and
  - b. **BS-16:** 2,706 persons have been appointed in BS 16 (against positions of Assistant Lecturer, Teacher Educator, High School Teacher (Science), High School Teacher (General), High School Teacher (IT).
- (b) *Federal Government vacancies against Balochistan quota (6,087 so far identified) to be filled up.—*As another measure to provide employment under the Aghaz-e-Huqooq-e-Balochistan Package, the Federal Government vacancies against the Balochistan quota were to be filled up. So far, 6,087 of these jobs have been identified in the departments, ministries and corporations of the Federal Government against the Balochistan quota. **Of these, recruitment has been completed for 628**, is in process for 4,273 candidates, 110 positions have been referred to FPSC, whereas process for 1,076 is yet to be initiated.

Hence, a total of 5.414 persons from Balochistan (from BS 1 to 18) have so far been provided jobs under the above two schemes.

(c) *National Internships Program (10,000 to 15,000 places proposed to be filled up).*—Approximately 10,000 to 15,000 persons will be accommodated under the internship program (for which age and education criteria for Balochistan province have been relaxed by Min of Youth Affairs; approximately 9,000 applications have been received so far). Applications received so far have been sent to HEC for degree verification, following which further processing shall be done by the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

72. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 01-10-2010 at 13:47 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of buildings, shops, hotels and restaurants owned by CDA; and*
- (b) *the location of the said buildings, shops, hotels and restaurants presently rented out or leased out indicating also the names of the persons to whom the same have been rented out / leased out and the amount of rent or lease in each case?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** The information is being collected from the concerned quarters. The above mentioned question may be deferred. As soon as the information is received, the same would be submitted on the Floor of the House.

73 **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 01-10-2010 at 13:50 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the dates on which the Economic Advisory Council and the Revenue Advisory Council were established;*
- (b) *the terms of reference of both councils;*
- (c) *the names and designations of the members of the said council;*
- (d) *the number of meetings of each council held so far indicating also the details of reports submitted by them and the action taken thereon; and*
- (e) *the expenditure incurred by each of the said councils since their formation with year-wise break up?*

Reply not received.

75. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 04-10-2010 at 10:25 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to write off the amount of interest on the loans of HBFC of widows, if so, when?*

**(Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar):** There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

However, HBFC has a special provision for providing relief to the extent of 50% of the principal amount to the widows, disabled, orphans, incapacitated & destitute borrowers as per the parameters approved by its Board of Directors.

76. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 04-10-2010 at 10:25 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the exempted limit / threshold is included in the calculations for income tax, if so, its reasons?*

Reply not received.

77. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 04-10-2010 at 12:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, designation, length of service and place of domicile of the officers promoted from BPS-21 to 22 in September, 2010; and*
- (b) *the names, designation, length of service and place of domicile of the officers superseded and the reasons for supersession in each case?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Requisite details are annexed.

(b) None of the officers was recommended for supersession in the meeting of High Powered Selection Board (HPSB) held on 9-9-2010.

78. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 05-10-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of secretaries effected by the decision of the Supreme Court of Pakistan of dated 28th April, 2010; and*
- (b) *the time by which the next meeting of the promotion board will be held for promotions of officers from BPS-20 to 21 and 21 to 22?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** (a) 54 BS-22 officers have been affected as a result of the decision of Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan in its judgment dated 28-4-2010. Consequently, the notifications of their promotion have been withdrawn. Supreme Court of Pakistan has made following observations in the promotion to Bs-22 made in September, 2009:—"The Chief Executive/Competent authority may consider the cases of all the officers holding the posts of Bs-21 afresh in view of the observations made hereinabove"

- "The officers who have been promoted to BS-22 in pursuance of above referred notifications, which now have been declared of no legal effect, shall not be entitled for the benefits, perks and privileges if any."
- "It would be appreciated that to ensure fairness and justness, the rules rescinded on 4th April, 1998 are re-enacted accordingly."

(b) (1). One meeting of High Powered Selection Board (HPSB) was held on 09-09-2010 in which 39 officers were recommended for promotion from BS-21 to BS-22. The Second meeting of HPSB was held on 11-10-2010 in which 29 officers were recommended for promotion to B S-22.

(2) The meeting of Central Selection Board (CSB) for considering the cases for promotion from BS-19 to BS-20 and BS-21 to BS-22 is likely to be held soon.

79. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 05-10-2010 at 09:36 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to explore new markets abroad for Pakistani goods?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:**

STEPS TAKEN FOR ENHANCED MARKET ACCESS IN  
EUROPEAN UNION:

- a. Government of Pakistan had been advocating enhanced market access for Pakistani products in EU market through duty free access as available to some developing countries through Generalised System of Preferences Scheme of EU by arguing that Pakistan had played a vital role in war against terror and that its export competitiveness has been badly hit due to it.
- b. Government of Pakistan and European Union are interacting at three institutional levels which include:—
  - (i) Pakistan-EU Summit
  - (ii) Dedicated Dialogue
  - (iii) Joint Working Commission (Sub-Group on Trade)
- c. In these meetings Pakistan requested for enhanced market access by including Pakistan in GSP+ as well as grant special trade concessions to Pakistan in view of the impact of war on terror on Pakistan's economy and export competitiveness.
- d. The Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister and Commerce Minister wrote and met important dignitaries of European Union and member states and argued for case of Pakistan's enhanced market access.
- e. In the wake of recent floods, a comprehensive strategy was chalked out, highlighting the extent of damage to economy in general and trade in particular. Ministry of Commerce in liaison with foreign office launched a vigorous campaign to make policy makers of European Union realize that aid must be supplemented with concessions in trade.
- f. The European Council in its recent meeting on 16th September, 2010 decided in principle to grant time limited and immediate Pakistan specific trade concessions in conformity with WTO rules. Government of Pakistan believes that it's a positive step and will go long way in rehabilitation of economy and millions of people who have been displaced. The EU also committed to include Pakistan in GSP+ provided it meets the necessary criteria.
- g. The proposed concessions require a 'waiver' from WTO, Ministry of Commerce and all concerned departments including Foreign Affairs are constantly engaging their counterparts in 'friendly' as well as 'competitive countries' for the matter.

80. **\*Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 05-10-2010 at 09:42 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of incidents of retaking oil by smugglers from the custody of customs authorities occurred during the last two years; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to control such incidents in future?*

Reply not received.

81. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 05-10-2010 at 12:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the number of meetings of State Bank of Pakistan and Federal Board of Revenue held with IMF since October, 2008 indicating also the venue, purpose and expenditure incurred in each case?*

Reply not received.

82. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

(a) *the names of countries where Pakistani commercial officers have been posted; and*

(b) *the steps taken by each of the said officers to enhance Pakistani exports to those countries?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The list of the countries where Pakistani commercial officers have been posted are at **Annex-I**.

(b) **Steps taken to enhance exports from Pakistan.**

(i) The Commercial Officers posted abroad perform various trade promotion activities aiming to further improve the export performance of Pakistan and to have a better market access for Pakistani products in foreign markets.

(ii) These officers are responsible for trade promotion, attracting investment into Pakistan.

(iii) They ensure the participation of the Pakistani business community in different trade fairs and exhibitions organized by the host countries.

(iv) They also organize Single Country Exhibitions abroad highlighting the potential export products of Pakistan.

- (v) Potential businessmen and importers are also invited to the mega event the EXPO Pakistan every year, which has greatly enhanced their interest in Pakistani products.
- (vi) In addition to promotional activities, trade officers are also engaged in Pakistan's trade diplomacy, which aims at securing preferential market access for Pakistani products in international markets.

Due to their professionalism. Pakistani exports have greatly increased during the last ten years. The export performance of Pakistan to the countries where the commercial officers have been posted during the last few years is given at **Annex-II**.

83. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 07-10-2010 at 09:05 a.m. )

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names of the Chairman and Members of CDA Board who were allotted plots in Islamabad during the last five years indicating also the length of service rendered by them in CDA and the size and location of plots in each case?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** One receipt of judgment of High Court dated 21-01-2004 later upheld by Supreme Court of Pakistan *vide* judgment dated 28-11-2005, the following plots were allotted to the Chairman(s) and Members of CDA Board during the last five years.

84. **\*Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 07-10-2010 at 14:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the make and model of the vehicles purchased by the Ministry and its attached departments during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for purchase of the said vehicles?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The make and model of vehicles purchased by Finance Division (Main), and attached departments during the last two years (financial year 2008-09 and 2009-10) are as under.

**Finance Division (Main)**

S. No.	Make	Model
1.	One Honda Civic	2009
2.	One Toyota Altis	2009
3.	Six Suzuki Cultus	2009
4.	Two Suzuki Mehran	2009
5.	One Suzuki Bolan	2009

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| 6. | One Toyota Altis     | 2010 |
| 7. | Three Toyota Corolla | 2010 |

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**Finance Division (Military)**

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S.No.	Make	Model
1.	Toyota Corolla	2009
2.	Suzuki Cultus	2009
3.	Suzuki Cultus	2009
4.	Suzuki Cultus	2009
5.	Honda CG-125 (Motorcycle)	2009

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**Controller General of Accounts**

**Nil**

**Federal Treasury Office**

**NIL**

(b) The procedure for purchase of new/ additional vehicles and replacement of condemned vehicles has been circulated by the Cabinet Division with the approval of Prime Minister Secretariat vide letter No.6-7(1)02-M-II, dated 07-07-2005 (Annex-B). The said procedure is as under:

- (i) The Ministry / Division / Department take up a case with Finance Division for purchase of additional / new vehicles if enhancement in the authorized strength of vehicles is necessitated due to increase in establishment /work load of the concerned Ministry/ Division/ Department.
- (ii) A Vehicle Committee has been constituted in Finance Division to evaluate all such proposal for additional / new vehicles. The composition of the Committee is as under:—
  - (a) Additional Secretary Finance (Exp), *Chairman*
  - (b) Joint Secretary (Military), Cabinet Division, *Member*
  - (c) Joint Secretary(Admn) Concerned Division, *Member*
- (iii) The above Committee examine the rationale for authorization of additional vehicles and accord its approval. In case of disagreement, the case is referred to Finance Secretary for decision.
- (iv) The Secretary Inchagre/ Principal Accounting Officer (PAO) sanction purchase of new vehicles after approval of the proposal by the Vehicle



Committee, referred to above. A copy of the sanction is also sent to the Cabinet Division for record/ information.

2. After completion of all the above procedural requirement, orders are placed with the concerned Motorcar Companies for purchase of new vehicles by the Ministry/Division/Department after ensuring the market price of the vehicles in accordance with the Public Procurement (PPRA) Rules, 2005 (Annex-A).

3. For replacement of condemned vehicles of Ministry/ Division / Department the procedure is adopted as per Rule 25 of Rules for use of Staff Car-1980 of the Cabinet Division. The said procedure is simplified as under:—

- (i) The old vehicles are examined by a Committee constituted in each Ministry/Division /Department comprising Joint Secretary of the Ministry concerned as Chairman and one other officer in each Ministry/Division/ Department and a representative of Finance Division (Deputy Financial Adviser). The Committee make its recommendation in writing to the Secretary of the Division concerned.
- (ii) The condemned vehicles are disposed of in accordance with PPRA Rules (Annex-A).

85. **\*Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 08-10-2010 at 11:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons working in CDA on daily wages basis for the last six or more years;*
- (b) *the number of the persons whose services were regularized by CDA during the last two years; and*
- (c) *the number of the new appointments made in the authority during the last two years?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) 1335 person are working in CDA on daily wages for the last six or more years.

(b) Services of 441 persons have been regularized by CDA during the last two years.

(c) 335 persons have been engaged on daily wages basis in the authority during the last two years.

86. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 13-10-2010 at 15:40 p.m.)

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

(a) *the date on which Mr. Tariq Aziz, former Principal Secretary to the Ex-Chief Executive / President and Incharge of the Security Council Secretariat relinquished charge of the post;*

(b) *whether it is a fact that the said officer is still enjoying official facilities, if so, its details with reasons?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** (a) No formal charge relinquishment report of Mr. Tariq Aziz is available in Establishment Division's record. However, the resignation tendered by him, *w.e.f.* 23-08-2008, was accepted by the competent authority (the then President of Pakistan), and notified by the Establishment Division is annexed.

(b) No facilities are being provided to Mr. Tariq Aziz, by the Establishment Division.

87. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 14-10-2010 at 12:50 p.m.)

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

Reply not received.

88. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 14-10-2010 at 12:50 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken by the persons holding the portfolio of the Minister for Commerce since 2008 indicating also the names of countries visited, duration and purpose of each visit?*

Reply not received.

89. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 14-10-2010 at 12:50 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken by the Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Development since 2008 indicating also the name of country visited, duration and purpose of visit in each case?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** During the period from 1st January, 2008 to 18th January, 2009 Mr. Ghiasuddin Ahmed and Mr. Suhail Safdar remained Secretary, Planning & Development Division whereas Mr. Ashraf M. Hayat is the present incumbent. The details of foreign visits undertaken by these officers during 1st January, 2008 to 31st July, 2010 are placed at **Annex-I**.

*Islamabad :*  
*The 4th November, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### “UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Friday, the 5th November, 2010

2. **Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 05-10-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names, designation, BPS, educational qualification and place of domicile of the persons appointed on regular and contract basis in the State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan during the last two years;*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for the said appointments,*
- (c) *the names of Newspapers in which the advertisements far the said vacancies were published; and*
- (d) *the number of applications received and the number of persons called for test / interview for each vacancy?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan was communicated the directives. (Flag-A) of Government of Pakistan to fill the vacant positions after advertising and complying with the Provincial / Regional Quota. The vacant seats in different cadres were calculated along with Regional Provincial Quota. Detail is as under:—

Positions	Vaca- ncies Punjab	Quota Wise Distribution						
		Sindh	A.K.	FATA	BichIn	KPKW		
Mgr.	09	1	4	3	0	0	0	1
Dy. Mgr.	27	3	13	4	1	1	2	3
Asst. Mgr.	56	4	28	11	i	2	4	6
E.O.	35	3	17	7	1	1	2	4

2. **ADVERTISEMENT**

The advertisements for recruitment in above mentioned posts were published in “the Daily Times” & “the Daily Express” on 23rd November 2009 all over the Pakistan. Copies of Advertisements are attached as **Flag B & Flag C** respectively.

3. **PROCEDURE**

In order to ensure merit and transparency in the entire process of the recruitment / appointment, a rational procedure was approved / adopted by the competent authority which was observed in letter and spirit during the process of recruitment. The procedure of award of numbers / marks was approved by Board of Directors and is attached as **Flag - D**.

In response to the advertisement, about 417 & 610 applications were received for the post of Manager and Deputy Manager respectively. Whereas, 1140 and 2684 applications were received for the post of Assistant Manager and Executive Officer respectively.

Interviews were conducted all over Pakistan to select the suitable candidates for appointments. As the application received for the posts of Assistant Manager and Executive Officer all over Pakistan were significantly higher than the posts of Deputy Manager and Manager, therefore, the selection criteria for Assistant Managers and Executive Officers, *inter alia*, included two phases of interviews, conducted by members of senior management *i.e.* Executive Directors / General Managers with a view to ensure the recruitment of potential and deserving candidates through a transparent process. The candidates who got 60 or above out of 100 marks in initial interview were eligible to appear before interview committee for final interview. The initial interview result was communicated to successful candidates through letters for appearance in the final interview. As an abundant precaution, the candidates were also communicated telephonically for appearance in the final interview. Accordingly, the offer letters for appointment were issued to those candidates, who secured the top positions in their respective province / region as per Provincial / Regional / Minorities quota, as well as based on the recommendations of Interview Committees.

#### 4. APPLICATION AND CANDIDATES CALLED FOR INTERVIEW

Detail of number of applications and number of candidates called for interview along with quota wise appointment is as under:—

6. Moreover, it is relevant to submit that in year 2009, PACRA (Pakistan Credit Rating Agency) has awarded AAA status to the only Public Sector Organization viz: State Life Insurance Corporation (SLIC), for its exceptionally strong capacity to meet policy-holder and contract obligation. It is worth mentioning that State Life secured the business of Rs. 7 billion in year 2009 *i.e.* 40% increase to the business of year 2008.

7. In order to meet the burgeoning need of Human Resource due to gigantic business performance as well as to maintain the quality service status of the Corporation, Board of Directors (BOD) of State Life in its meeting allowed Chairman State Life to hire the services of person on temporary basis for the period of six months to cope up the requirement stemmed from contingency. Their hiring is purely on temporary basis, which automatically ends after stipulated period as per their terms and conditions. It is pertinent

to mention that according to State Life Employees (Service) Regulations 1973, these temporary hired persons are not part of manpower of State Life.

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 4th November, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*

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