

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 9th December, 2011

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 107, 85, 88, 89, and 58 to 68 were originally set down for answering on 1st November, 2011(74th Session) but were deferred)

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 breakup 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?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) *Development.*—Total 91 projects were awarded in different provinces/regions during FY 2008-10 at a cost of Rs. 118,158.311 million. List containing relevant details is at **Annex-A**.

	<u>Province</u>	<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Rs. in M</u>
i.	Sindh	33	45,212.236
ii.	Punjab	34	28,695.001
iii.	KP	12	11,308.806
iv.	Balochistan	10	14,605.441
v.	GB	2	18,336.827
	Total:	91	118,158.311

Repair.—Total 1385 repair/maintenance contracts were awarded during last three years at a cost of Rs. 23,019.312 million. Province/region-wise summary is given below and details are annexed as indicated:-

<u>Annex</u>	<u>Province</u>	<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Rs. in M</u>
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B.	Sindh	251	8,280.091
C.	Punjab-North	191	3,113.878
D.	Punjab-South	54	2,271.369
E.	KP	332	2,688.949
F.	Balochistan	473	5,290.43
G.	GB	84	1,374.595
	Total	1385	23,019.312

(b) The above projects were undertaken during a period spread over three years through advertisement in leading local and national newspapers. Relevant details are provided in the annexures indicated above.

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

85. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 11-04-2011 at 13:48 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of projects launched by NHA in Larkana and Multan districts and the amount released for those projects during the last two years?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) *Larkana District.* NHA has undertaken construction of 07 road development projects since 2009. List containing relevant details including expenditure incurred on each project is at **Annex-A**.

_____ (b) *Multan District.* NHA has undertaken construction of 07 road development projects since 2009. List containing relevant details including expenditure incurred each project is at **Annex-B**.

88. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 21-04-2011 at 13:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of persons presently working in the Ministry and its sub-ordinate offices; and*
- (b) the number of persons appointed in the Ministry and its sub-ordinate offices during the last three years with grade-wise and province-wise break-up?*

Mr. Moula Bakhsh Chandio: (a) The number of persons presently working in the Ministry and its sub-ordinate offices is **2596**.

(b) The number of persons appointed in the Ministry and its sub-ordinate offices during the last three years with grade-wise and province-wise break-up is at **Annex-I, II & III**.

89. **Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-04-2011 at 12.45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to control overloading in public transport on National Highways and Motorways in the country?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) has taken many steps to control overloading in PSVs. The details are **Annexed**.

Annexure

National Highways and Motorway Police

Subject: **Steps Taken by NH&MP to to control overloading in public transport on National Highways & Motorways in the country.**

i. **Briefing/Education of the Drivers of the PSVs:**

- Since its inception in 1997 National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) set about bringing a trend of reformative instead of punitive policing laying evermore stress on community policing through which NH&MP is trying to bring about public/mass awareness and an attitudinal change regarding Road Safety.- To raise awareness among the people about road safety and traffic rules:

Pamphlets, brochures, carrying Road Safety messages regarding overloading of passengers and goods are distributed amongst PSVs drivers.

- Mobile Education Units are also used to visit transporters & goods forwarding agencies to educate them.

ii. **Enforcement:**

- Over loading is an offence under Motor Vehicle Ordinance 1965 and Motorway police is regularly taking action against. During 2010

(upto 30-11-10) the following tickets have been issued to vehicles carrying over capacity passengers:-

➤ Motorways Zone	=15341
➤ Highway	
North Zone	=6908
Central Zone	=3907
South Zone	<u>=12483</u>
Total	= 23298

iii. **Movie recoding of PSVs:**

- Movie of PSVs is recorded at various movie points established. This has helped in controlling overloading as well as crimes.

iv. Most recently, on the orders of Sindh High Court, NH&MP is about to start enforcement on weight stations. At present resources are being mustered thorough National Highway Authority.

58 ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 22-09-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present status of the work on Gwadar-Hoshab road (M-8); and*
- (b) *the percentage of work on the road completed so far?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) NHA is constructing Gwadar-Turbat-Hoshab (M-8) in 3 x packages. Work on these packages has been delayed due to paucity of funds, enhancement in scope and extremely adverse law & order situation:-

<u>Sec</u>	<u>Pack</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Km</u>
I.	IIA	Gwadar-Turbat(1)	54
I.	IIB	Gwadar-Turbat(2)	63
II.	IIA	Turbat-Hoshab(2)	76

- (1) Re-tendering of balance works in process.
- (2) Due to murder of 3 x workers, work partially suspended.
- (b) Overall progress is as under:—

<u>Sec</u>	<u>Pack</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Km</u>	<u>Progress</u>
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I.	IIA	Gwadar-Turbat	54	64%
I.	IIB	Gwadar-Turbat	63	74%
II.	IIA	Turbat-Hoshab	76	72%

59. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 23-09-2011 at 09.00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the names of contractors whose payment bills are pending with NHA indicating also its reasons and the work completed by them in each case?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: An amount of Rs 8,074 million was payable to different contractors of NHA as on May 31, 2011. Names of contractors and relevant details are at **Annex-A**.

The 50% cut on PSDP allocation by GoP in Financial Year 2010-11 caused acute shortage of funds and accumulation of claims of different contractors on various ongoing projects.

Detail of work completed in progress of each ongoing development project in question is at **Annex-B**.

60. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 23-09-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of roads in Balochistan on which the Motorways Police personnel have been deputed; and*
- (b) *the number of employees of the Motorways Police working in District Gwadar, Balochistan?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Presently National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) officers are deployed on portions of N-25 (RCD Highway) and N-10 (Coastal Highway)

(b) Following uniformed & uniformed staff of (NH & MP) is posted in district Gwadar Balochistan.

Uniformed	47 [Annex-I]
Non-Uniformed	14 [Annex-II]

Annex-I

(b) Number of Uniformed Employees of Motorways Police working in DistrictGawadar, Balochistan.

S. No.	Designation/BPS	No. of Employees
1.	DSP/CPO (BPS-17)	3
2.	IP/SPO (BPS-16)	4

S. No.	Designation/BPS	No. of Employees
3.	SI/PO (BPS-14)	18
4.	HC/APO (BPS-07)	16
5.	Const./JPO (BPS-05)	6
	Total	47

Annex-II

(b) Number of Non-Uniformed Employees of Motorways Police working in DistrictGawadar, Balochistan

S. No.	Designation/BPS	No. of Employees
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(A) Regular Non-Uniformed Employees

1.	Computer Operator (BPS-16)	1
2.	Photographer (BPS-10)	3
3.	LDC (BPS-07)	1
4.	Electrician (BPS-05)	1
5.	Cook (BPS-02)	1
6.	Helper Cook (BPS-02)	1
7.	Barber (BPS-02)	1
8.	Sweeper (BPS-02)	2
	Sub-Total-A	11

(B) Contingent Paid Staff (Non-Uniformed)

Contingent Paid Staff	3
Sub-Total-B	3
G.. Total (A+B)	14

61. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-09-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken to improve the standard of construction of Motorways and Highways in the country; and*
- (b) *the amount incurred to improve the standard of Motorways and Highways in the country during the fiscal year 2010-2011?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Roads constructed by NHA are based on international standard American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (ASHTO) and comparable to any world class roads. Motorways like M-1, M-2 and M-3 are good examples in this regard.

NHA has introduced many new technologies that cater both conventional/non-conventional raw materials for maintenance and construction of roads for the first time in Pakistan on national highways and motorways:—

1. Hot & Cold Recycling of Asphalt Concrete Pavements.
2. Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB).
3. Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB).
4. Stone Mastic Asphalt Technology (SMA).
5. Cellulose Fibre Technology by Forta Fl Fibres.
6. Rigid Pavement Technology.
7. Composite Pavement Technology.
8. Geo-grid Reinforcement of Pavements.

Rubberized tar and recycled plastic waste has not yet been employed by NHA on its projects.

Incorporating a new technology or non-conventional raw materials for road construction needs careful evaluation of various parameters such as performance and costs. Therefore, NHA is employing various new technologies through test sections for monitoring and evaluation.

(b) During PY 2010-11 an amount of Rs. 19,75 billion was approved for carrying out routine maintenance works and completing ongoing / committed rehabilitation and periodic maintenance works, etc.

62. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 27-09-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state;

- (a) *whether it is a fact that illegal bus stops have been established by the transporters on GT road from Sohan Bus Terminal to Katchery Chowk, Rawalpindi in particular opposite Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, if so, the time by which the same will be removed; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to use the old Octroi Post No. 18 building for National Highway Police as camp office to check illegal parking/ bus stops in the said area, if so, when?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) No illegal bus stop has been established by transporters between Sohan Bus Terminal & Katchery Chowk (N-5). Only one legal bus stop has been provided by NHA in front of the Fauji Foundation Hospital, Defence Chowk, Rawalpindi.

Illegal parking by transport vehicles opposite Al-Shifa Eye Hospital has been blocked by NHA's field staff erecting barriers under overhead bridge on the southbound carriageway although the issue of illegal parking is required to be attended by the City Traffic Police, Rawalpindi.

(b) The said location (Octroi Post 18) is being used by Punjab Police and not by National Highway & Motorway Police (NHMP). No proposal for using the said location by NHMP has yet been received.

63. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 27-09-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that development work like construction / repairing of roads in a city is in the jurisdiction of the local government or the concerned provincial government;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that National Highway Authority is carrying out various works in Multan city, if so, the authority under which those works are being carried out; and*
- (c) *the details of works recently carried out and being carried out in that city by the National Highways Authority?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Yes, development work like construction/repair of road in a city is the responsibility of concerned local, district or provincial government,

(b) Yes, NHA is carrying out various works in Multan City under the Prune Minister's Directives as deposit works.

NHA has undertaken 4 projects in Multan City:-

Project/Section	Km	Rs. in M	Progress
a. Kumbaranwala (Jinnah) Chowk - Bhawalpur Chowk/Upgradation (This is National Highway, N-5)	8	914	98%
Deposit Works			
b. Inner Ring Road Multan	—	4011	82 %
c. Nog Shah Chowk Flyover	—	603	35%
d. Bosan Road	8	991	4%

64. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 09:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the amount allocated for the repair and construction of Highways and Motorways in the country during the fiscal year 2010-11 with province-wise break-up; and*

(b) *the amount spent out of the same in Sindh province?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) *Construction.*—NHA was allocated Rs. 37,418 million (LC component) & Rs. 7,218 million (FC component) in PSDP 2010-11. Province-wise allocation was as given below :—

Province	LC*	FC**	Total
1. Punjab	18,646.684	3,395.327	22,042.011
2. Sindh	6,378.521	905.420	7,283.941
3. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1,966.077	181.084	2,147.161
4. Balochistan	9,717.443	1,913.728	11,631.171
5. Gilgit-Baltistan	7,09.643	823.109	15,32.752
Total	37,418.368	7,218.668	44,637.036

*Local Currency

**Foreign Currency

Due to 50% cut on overall PSDP, LC allocation was reduced to Rs. 18,500 million.

_____ *Repair.*—An amount of Rs. 19.759 billion allocated in FY 2010-11. Province-wise status :—

Province.	Allocation
1. Punjab	788.80

2.	Sindh	320.49
3.	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	250.72
4.	Balochistan	398.72
5.	Gilgit-Baltistan	242.16
6.	Motorways	219.87
7.	Sub total-1 (1 to 6)	2220.76
8.	Allocation for emergency /flood works	5686.81
9.	Sub total-2 (7 + 8)	7907.57
10.	Clearance of pending maintenance payments (pervious years)	11851.43
	Total (9 + 10)	19759:00

Amount spent during FY 2010-11 in Sindh:—

<u>Construction.</u>	Rs. 7,089.578 million
<u>Repair.</u>	Rs. 1,086 million

65. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that installation of traffic sign boards on National Highways in the country is the responsibility of National Highways Authority (NHA),*
- whether it is also a fact that no such sign boards have been installed at the G. T road, opposite Al- Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Jhelum Road, Rawalpindi, if so, its reasons; and*
- whether it is further a fact that due to non installation of these signboards at the said place unauthorized parking/bus stop and food stalls at old Octroi Post No. 18 have been established which hinders the normal traffic flow on the road, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to install proper traffic sign boards and remove those encroachments?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Yes, installation of traffic signboards on national highways is the responsibility of NHA to regularize smooth and safe flow of traffic.

(b) Necessary traffic signboards (no parking boards) have been installed on GT Road opposite Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Rawalpindi.

(c) The said location (Octroi Post 18) falls in the limits of Chaklala Cantonment Board so they are responsible to remove food stalls and other encroachments. NHA has

already constructed Bus Stop in front of Fuji Foundation Hospital for proper parking of public transport. Moreover, the Chief Traffic Officer, Rawalpindi was requested to stop unauthorized/illegal parking in front of Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Rawalpindi. NHA has also served notices on illegal encroachers to remove their encroachments under Section-12 of NHA Act, 1991.

66. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 07-10-2011 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the construction work on lowari tunnel has been halted, if so, its reasons;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that original estimated cost and date of completion of the project as approved in PC-1 has been revised, if so, the revised cost and date of completion of the project; and*
- (c) *the amount released for the project during the current financial year and details of its utilization?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Yes, work on Lowari Tunnel Project is halted and NHA's contract with the construction Contractor stand terminated *w.e.f* Jun 3, 2011, as M/s SAMBU (JV) served notice due to non payment of dues. The notice has been challenged by NHA and is now under dispute and decision of "the Engineer" is awaited.

(b) Yes, estimated cost of the project has been revised to Rs 18.132 billion with 4 years expected completion time. Revised PC-I is awaiting approval of CDWP/ECNEC.

(c) An amount of Rs. 145.3 million has so far been released in FY 2011-12 against which Rs. 109.15 have been utilized.

67. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 08-10-2011 at 13:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the names, BPS, educational qualifications, experience and place of domicile of the Directors, Project Directors and General Managers working in National Highways Authority indicating also the date of their posting against the said posts?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Total 187 officers are presently are working as Directors, Project Directors and GMs in NHA on regular/contract strength. Province-wise break-up is given below:—

Province	Officers
Punjab	76

Sindh(R)	39
Sindh(U)	16
KP	34
Balochistan	13
FATA/ GB	9
Total:	187

List containing relevant details is at **Annex-A**.

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68. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 10-10-2011 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state.

- (a) the educational qualifications and experience prescribed for appointment of Chairman and Members, National Highways Authority (NHA); and*
- (b) the names, educational qualification, experience, BPS, place of domicile and length of service of the incumbent Chairman and Members, NHA?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) No educational qualifications and experience are prescribed for appointment of Chairman NHA. Instructions regarding appointment of the Chairman are contained in Section-9 (Chairman, his duties, functions & powers). Chapter-II (Establishment & Management of the Authority) of NHA Act 1991 (amended 2001), which state that the National Highway Council (NHC) shall appoint the Chairman who shall be Chief Executive of the Authority.

There are three types of Members in NHA viz Engineering, Finance and Admin. There are no prescribed rules including educational qualifications for appointment against these positions.

The President NHC is the appointing authority, for BS-20 and above according to Rule-6 of NHA Employees Service Rules-1995. Following system is followed:—

(1) Members (Engr) are normally appointed from amongst the senior most GMs of the Civil Engg Cadre based on seniority performance, efficiency & output and suitability.

(2) Member (Finance) has been traditionally appointed by the GoP from the Civil Service Occupational Groups managed by the Establishment Division. However, there are no laid down restrictions on filing-up this post through promotion of eligible officers of NHA Accounts Cadre.

(3) Member (Admin). This post was created only in 2009 and has been held by three DMG officers since then. However, there are no laid down restrictions on filling-up this post through promotion of eligible officers of NHA Non Tech Cadre.

(b) Syed Muhammad Ali Gardezi, belonging to Punjab, is the current Chairman NHA. He is a seasoned BS-21 DMG officer having held numerous position of high & versatile responsibility in his career of around 3 decades in Punjab, Sindh & Balochistan (**Annex-A**).

Requisite information concerning Members NHA is at **Annex-B**.

16. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 24-09-2011 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in National Highway and Motorway Police during the last three years with province-wise break up?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: During last three years following appointments have been carried out in National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP):

Uniformed	539 [Annex-I]
Non-Uniformed	202 [Annex-II]
Total	741

17. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No. 24 replied on 28th August, 2008 and state:

- (a) *the findings of inquiry report conducted into the collapse of Shershah bridge, Karachi;*
- (b) *the names of persons held responsible for the said collapse and the action taken against them;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that some of the employees of the National Highway Authority who were found responsible for the said mishap are still working in that authority, if so, its reasons; and*
- (d) *the name of the authority which approved the design and granted funds for that project?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Relevant extracts from the findings of the Inquiry Team, appointed by the Prime Minister's Inspection Commission are at **Annex-A**.

(b) Requisite names are also given in **Annex-A**. No action was recommended against them in the Inquiry Report. However, disciplinary proceedings against the officers of NHA, *i.e.* (i) Mr. Altaf Chaudhry, then Chairman (ii) Raja Nowshwerwan Sultan Member (Planning) and (iii) Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Barakazai, then Project Director, allegedly held responsible in the report have been initiated. Besides, they are also facing criminal proceedings in the court of an Additional Session Judge at Karachi.

(c) Three officers named in the findings of the Inquiry Team are still employed in NHA.

(d) The design of the bridge was out sourced to M/S ECIL (Engineer Consultant International Limited). NHA provided funds for the project through PSDP. A brief is attached.

18. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the amount released by the Ministry of Finance for NHA projects during the last financial year with province-wise and project-wise break up; and*

(b) *the amount to be released for completion of each of the said projects?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) NHA was allocated Rs 36,418 million (local currency component) in PSDP 2010-11. Due to 50% cut on overall PSDP, the allocation was reduced to Rs. 18,500 million. To-date, Rs. 17,362 million have been released by Ministry of Finance.

Funds to NHA are released as single line budget and not province or project-wise. Nevertheless, province-wise details of the projects is at **Annex-A**.

(b) Total amount required to complete ongoing projects is Rs. 371 billion. As funds are not released on time, projects suffer from time and cost overrun. Details are at **Annex-B**.

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

19. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the details of projects of the National-Highways Authority included in PSDP 2011-12 with province-wise break-up indicating also the amount allocated for each project; and*

(b) *the criteria laid down for inclusion of a project in PSDP?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Province-wise allocation for NHA projects included in PSDP 2011-12 in given below:—

<u>Province</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Foreign</u>	<u>Total</u>
Punjab	11,067	1,179	2,245
Sindh	7,250	3,020	0,270
KPK	6,307	330	6,637
Balochistan	8,092	695	8,787
Gilgit-Balatistan	815	1,145	1,960
Total	33,531	6,369	39,900

Project-wise allocation for PSDP 2011-12 issued by Planning & Commission is at **Annex-A**

(b) Project were included in PSDP as per the policy laid down by the Planning Commission is at **Annex-B**.

20. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 04-10-2011 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased state:

- (a) *the original estimated cost of Northern Bypass, Peshawar, and its revised cost, if any;*
- (b) *the date on which work on section-1 of the bypass was started and its expected date of completion;*
- (c) *the percentage of work completed on that section so far; and*
- (d) *the amount paid to the contractor so far?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Original estimated cost of Northern Bypass, Peshawar is Rs. 9002.75 million. Project is to be implemented in 3 x packages. Presently, work on only Pack-I has commenced. Contract cost of this package is Rs. 1962.258 million and revised expected cost including additional works (4 x underpasses & 1 x via duct) is Rs. 2219.498 million (*i.e* 13.12% increase).

(b) Work commenced on Feb. 10, 2011 and, as per revised work schedule, is expected to be completed by July 30, 2012.

(c) 24%

(d) An amount of Rs. 515.205 million has been paid to the contractor so far.

21. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 07-10-2011 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and designations of officers of the National Highway Authority involved in the case of collapse of Sher Shah Bridge, Karachi; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some of the said officers have been posted against other important positions, if so, the reasons for making their posting before finalization of that case and the rules under which the same has been done?*

Reply not received.

22. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-10-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Communications, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan:

(a) <u>Organization/Department</u>	<u>2007-08</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2008-09</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2009-10</u> <u>Expenditure.</u>	
Ministry of Communications	44,859,568 (Annex-A)	37,946,809 (Annex-A)	45,807,289 (Annex-A)	
National Transport Research Centre	19,540,340 (Annex-B)	20,873,515 (Annex-B)	25,019,659 (Annex-B)	
National Highways & Motorway Police	2,062,118,808 (Annex-C)	2,315,155,945 (Annex-C)	2,710,343,797 (Annex-C)	
Construction Technology Training Institute	33,795,018 (Annex-D)	38,287,997 (Annex-D)	50,000,000	(Annex-D)
National Highways Authority	25,547,000 (Annex-E)	24,347,000 (Annex-E)	33,666,000 (Annex-E)	

(b) Expenditure is being reduced in the light of the Austerity Measures issued by the Government from time to time.

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23. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-10-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Communications, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) detail of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud detected during the last three years is attached as per following;

- (i) NH&MP Annex-A
(ii) NHA Annex-B

(b) As above.

24. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-10-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to widen and upgrade the Karakorum highway, if so, its details?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Yes, NHA has planned widening/up-gradation of Karakoram Highway (N-35) in sections:—

Section	Km	Plan	Implementation
a. Hasanabdal - Mansehra	110	Expressway on new alignment.	2012-15
b. Mansehra -Thakot	93	Upgraded/widened	2007-11
c. Thakot-Sazin	161	Improvement/widening	2012-16
d. Shatial - Thor Nullah Bypass	35	Reconstruction	2011-13
e. Sazin-Raikot	120	Realignment to cater for Bahasha Diamar Dam reservoir	2012-16
f. Raikot-Khunjerab	334	Improvement/widening	2008-13
g. Attaabad Lake	25	Realignment	2011-13

26. *Mrs. Saeeda Iqbal: (Notice received on 18-11-2011 at 11:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the salaries of the employees of Benazir Women Centers established throughout the country particularly in Islamabad have been stopped, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be paid?

Minister for Human Rights: ● Due to devolution of this subject to the provinces on June 30, 2011, these Centres were transferred to the provinces.

● However, Government of the Punjab did not accept these projects. The Federal Government had to take the responsibility. The approval of the Prime Minister in this regard was received in Ministry of Human Rights on September 21, 2011. The process was immediately started and now salaries of Islamabad Centre have been paid upto October, 2011.

● Funds are being released to 12 Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Centre for Women located in Punjab.

*ISLAMABAD :
The 8th December, 2011.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.