

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*

**Tuesday, the 10th July, 2012**

1. **\*Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 11-05-2012 at 13:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the highway between Chakdara and Timargarah is in dilapidated condition, if so, the time by which the same will be repaired/ re-constructed?*

**Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan:** Yes, the highway between Chakdara and Timargarah was in dilapidated condition. To keep the road in good trafficable condition, NHA has awarded two contracts for routine maintenance at a cost of Rs 9.1 & 8.1 million and one contract of emergency maintenance at accost of Rs. 8.9 million.

Maintenance/ repair activities were delayed due to excessive rain and cold weather till April 2012. Nevertheless, repair activities on Talash-Timargarah (14 km) have been completed and this section is now pothole free, whereas, work on remaining section of the road is in progress and will be completed by end of July 2012.

2. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 11-05-2012 at 13:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state.*

*(a) the details of vehicles in use of Post Office department, Rawalpindi region, indicating also the names of officers using those vehicles; and*

*(b) the amount spent on fuel and maintenance of these vehicles during the last three years with year-wise break up?*

**Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij:** (a) A detail list of vehicles use in Rawalpindi Region including the names of officers use those vehicle (Annexure-A).

(b) A list of amount incurred on account of maintenance of vehicles/fuel charges is also placed in (Annexure-B).

3. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 11-05-2012 at 13: 15 p.m. )

*Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in Pakistan Post during the last three years with year-wise and Province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of the said persons who were appointed without advertising the vacancies?*

**Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij:** (a) Total 2466 persons were appointed in Post Office Department during the last three years with advertising the vacant posts in national / local newspapers. Detail of these employees / persons with year-wise and province-wise is given below:—

Years	Province	No of persons appointed
2009	Federal Capital	37
	Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa	141
	Punjab	586
	Sindh	266
	Balochistan	116
<b>Total appointments during 2009 =</b>		<b>1146</b>
2010	Federal Capital	30
	Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa	44
	Punjab	166
	Sindh	70
	Balochistan	03
<b>Total appointments during 2010 =</b>		<b>313</b>
Years	Province	No of persons appointed
2011	Federal Capital	129
	Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa	61
	Punjab	725
	Balochistan	10
	Sindh	68
<b>Total appointments during 2011 =</b>		<b>993</b>
2012	Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa	03
	Punjab	05
	Sindh	06
<b>Total appointments during 2012 =</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total with advertisement =</b>		<b>2466</b>

(b) Total 505 persons were appointed in Post Office Department during the last three years without advertising. Detail of these employees / persons with year-wise and province-wise is given below:—

Years	Province	No of persons appointed
2009	Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa	02
	Punjab	07
	Balochistan	17
	Sindh	14
	<b>Total appointments during 2009 =</b>	<b>40</b>
2010	Federal Capital	09
	Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa	02
	Punjab	08
	Balochistan	04
	Sindh	19
<b>Total appointments during 2010 =</b>	<b>42</b>	
Years	Province	No of persons appointed
2011	Federal Capital	12
	KPK	13
	Punjab	77
	Balochistan	83
	Sindh	17
<b>Total appointments during 2011 =</b>	<b>202</b>	
2012	Federal Capital	05
	Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa	39
	Punjab	79
	Balochistan	80
	Sindh	18
<b>Total appointments during 2012 =</b>	<b>221</b>	
<b>Total without advertisement =</b>	<b>505</b>	

4. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 11-05-2012 at 13:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state..*

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Pakistan Post during the last three years with region-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them?*

**Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij:** (a) Post Office is an attached department under the Ministry of Postal Services and it has a vast network of Post Offices throughout the country. There is no subordinate department or corporation under the Ministry. 142 cases of misappropriation and fraud involving loss of Rs. 411,572,124/- have occurred during the last three years out of which a sum of Rs. 69,622,278/- was recovered from the involved officials. Efforts are underway for recovery of remaining loss from them departmentally as well as through FIA/NAB. Circle wise detail of cases and position of action taken against the responsible officials is annexed *vide* Annex-A. Disciplinary action against all the accused/delinquents has been initiated. Charge Sheets/ Order of Enquiries under E & D Rules, 1973 stand issued.

(b) The names and designation of involved officials and the action taken against them is also included in Annex-A.

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

5. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 13:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state the number of persons working in National ICT Research and Development Fund (R&D) with grade-wise and province-wise breakup?*

**Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications:** The information pertaining to employees working in National ICT R&D Fund Co. is as under:—

Sr. #	Grade/Equivalent	No. of employees
1	MP –I	1
2	MP-II	6
3	MP-III	17
4	BPS-18	10
5	BPS-17	12
6	BPS-16	3
7	BPS-04	1
8	BPS-01	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>55</b>

The province-wise details is as under:—

Province	No. of employees
Punjab	34
Sindh (U)	5
Balochistan	2
KPK	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>

### Vacant Position

TITLE	EQUIVALENCE	STATUS
CEO	MP-I	VACANT (ADVERTISED)
GM PROJECTS	MP-II	VACANT (ADVERTISED)
CFO	MP-II	VACANT
COMPANY SECRETARY	MP-III	VACANT (ADVERTISED)
MANAGER HR	MP-III	VACANT
DY. MANAGER MONITORING	BPS-18	VACANT

The details, grade-wise and province-wise may be seen at Annex-A

*Note:*— National ICT R&D Fund is established under Section 42 of Companies Ordinance 1984 and follows merit based recruitment.

6. **\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 15-05-2012 at 15:45 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to auction 3G technology, if so, the procedure laid down for auction?*

**Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications:** (a) 3G Technology is not being auctioned; however, only usage rights of spectrum prescribed by GoP are being auctioned after following the due process on which operators may provide services like third generation (3G) mobile or fourth generation (4G) services etc. In this regard, the Ministry of Information Technology, using the powers conferred by the Section (82) of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act 1996, has already issued a Policy Directive to Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) dated December 19, 2011 (Annex-I).

(b) The Policy Directive referred ibid has laid down the parameters related to procedure for auction and formulated an Auction Supervisory Committee (ASC) to oversee the auction process. PTA is implementing the process as per the Policy Directive.

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7. **\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 18-05-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the names and educational qualifications of the persons working on deputation basis in the National Highway Authority and Motorway Police indicating also the BPS and posts/designation held by them in their parent departments at the time of relieving and those presently held in NHA and Motorway Police?*

**Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan:** 1443 Police Officers of various ranks and 31 non-uniformed/ministerial staff, who are presently serving in National Highways and Motorway Police (NH & MP) on deputation basis from different Police Setups as per lists placed at **Annex-A and Annex-B.**

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8. **\*Mr. Rozi Khan Kakar:** (Notice received on 18-05-2012 at 13:25 p.m.)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that construction of a road from Khanozai to Dera Ismail Khan via Muslim Bagh, Qila Saifullah and Zhob was approved; and*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that the portion of the said road from Khanozai to Zhob has been completed while work on remaining portion from Zhob to Dera Ismail Khan, has not been started so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which work on it will be started?*

**Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan:** (a) Yes, NHA has planned/undertaken construction of road from Khanozai to D. I. Khan. via Muslim. Bagh Qila Saifullah and Zhob (N-50) in following sections:—

Section	Km
1. kuchlac- Khanozai-Muslim Bagh	73
2. Muslim Bagh-Qila Saifullah	50
3. Qila Saifullah - Zhob	155
4. Zhob-Mughalkot	78
5. Mughalkot-D.I. Khan	124

(b) Construction of the road has been taken up in packages. Package wise progress is as follows:—

1. Kuchlac Khanozai - Muslim Bagh (73 km) completed in 2009.

2. Muslim Bagh-Qila Saifullah (50 km) completed in 2009 with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB).

3. Qila Saifullah - Zhob (155 km) is ongoing with the financial assistance of ADB. Progress upto May-2012 was 55%. Completion date is May-2013.

4. Zhob-Mughalkot (78 km) is in planning stage through ADB funding. Work is likely to commence in 2013-14. Work could not commence earlier due to non-availability of counterpart funds with GoP and further due to non-readiness with regard to land acquisition, etc.

5. Mughalkot-D. I. Khan (143 km) falls in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and was completed in 2009.

9. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-05-2012 at 10:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of roads, with lengthwise breakup, constructed by the National Highway Authority (NHA), during the financial years 2009-10 and 2010-11 in each Province, Federal Capital, FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan and AJK?*

Reply not received.

10. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 28-05-2012 at 14:10 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state;*

*(a) the names of software companies which applied for registration during the last three years; and*

*(b) the names of the said companies registered, so far, along-with details thereof?*

**Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications:** (a) During the last three years (2009-2011), 556 new software and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) companies have applied for and registered with PSEB. since PSEB's registration process is straight forward and clearly defined, only qualified companies apply for the registration.

(b) The list of the said companies registered during the last three years alongwith required details is annexed.

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11. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-05-2012 at 13:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of first aid facilities established on each Motorway?*

**Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan:** 1. On Lahore - Islamabad (M-2) 85 Pindi Bhattian Faisalabad Motorway (M-3). medical facilities are being provided by Frontier Works Organization (FWO) & National Highway & Motorway Police (NH&MP).

2. Rescue operations by FWO cover following facilities/ emergency situations:—

**Facilities**

- a. Ambulance
- b. Doctor
- c. Fire Brigade Unit
- d. Light Crane
- e. Heavy Duty Crane
- f. Helpers

**Emergency Situations**

- g. Provision of first aid at the accident site.
- h. Provision of ambulance services.
- i. Fire extinguishing.
- j. Evacuation of casualties / seriously injured commuters to the nearest designated hospital. available at an average distance of 30 km.

3. Other initiatives on the part of NHA:—

- a. A Medical Relief Center has been constructed at Sumbal Camp on M-2 with all necessary medicines, doctors & supporting staff.
- b. NHA handed over 17 x new ambulances to NH&MP for operation in Oct-2009.
- c. Construction of a Trauma Centre at Pir Khara (M-2) completed and it will be operationalized soon. 7 x doctors & 77 x para medical staff would be available 24 x hours (round-the-clock) to provide first aid facilities.

12. **\*Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 14-06-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct a highway/road from Fateh Pur to Kalam, if so, its details;*



- (b) *the amount allocated for the said project in budget 2012-13; and*
- (c) *the amount to be provided by Asian Development Bank and other International donors for this project?*

**Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan:** (a) Yes, the Government has planned to rehabilitate improve the road section from Fatehpur to Kalam (51 Km) under flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (FERP). Estimated cost of the section is Rs. 6,000 million.

(b) The section is part of the Global PC-1 for FERP for which an amount of Rs. 6,450 million is allocated in PSDP 2012-13.

(c) About 85% of the project cost would be borne by the Asian Development Bank.

13. **\*Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 14-06-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Information Technology & Telecommunications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the telephone facility in Upper Swat was disrupted due to floods in 2010, if so, the steps taken for its rehabilitation?*

**Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications:** No NTC exchange breakdown occurred in the Upper Swat area *i.e.* Saidu Sharif and Timergarh telephone exchanges during the floods in the year 2010. However a 100 pair cable was damaged alongwith bridge in Timergarh area which was rectified through Aerial Cable.

14. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 18-06-2012 at 15:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount allocated and released to NHA from 2008-09 to 2011-12 with year-wise breakup;*
- (b) *the proportional allocation to each province out of the said amount with year-wise breakup; and*
- (c) *the criteria adopted by NHA for allocation of the said amount to the provinces?*

**Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan:** (a) Following allocations/releases made for NHA in PSDP 2008-09 to 2011-12:—

(Rs. in Billion)

F/Year	LC*	FC**	Total
a. 2008-09	26.434	10.066	36.500

b.	2009-10	35.706	10.000	45.706
c.	2010-11	37.418	7.218	44.636
d.	2011-12	33.632	6.268	39.900

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\*Local Currency

\*\*Foreign Currency

(b) *Province wise details are at Annex-A.*

(c) Planning Commission allocated the fund for the project keeping in view the availability of resources.

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ISLAMABAD :  
*The 9th July, 2012.*

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,  
*Secretary.*