

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 October, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No.36 was originally set down for answering on 5th September, 2012 (85th Session) but was deferred)

36. ***Mrs. Nizhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 20-07-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education and Trainings be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some cases of financial embezzlement, official mismanagement and ghost schools have surfaced in the Basic Education Community Schools Project of the National Education Foundation, if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government against the persons responsible for the said irregularities;*
- (c) the budget allocated for these schools during the last four years;*
- (d) whether the performance of the schools was assessed during the said period, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (e) the fate of the said Project after the 18th amendment in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan?*

Sheikh Waqas Akram: (a) Cases of Financial embezzlement of 04 Provincial Directors in BECS Project are under process *i.e.* Mr. Faisal Shahzad, Director Punjab, Mr. Karim Shah, Acting Director KPK, Mr. Meharullah, Acting Director, Balochistan and Mr. Sharaf Ali Shah, ex-Director, Sindh have been served with show cause notices. **(Details at Annex-A).**

- (i) As regards mismanagement, and irregular appointments proceedings against ex-Director (Admin) Mr. Waqar Gilani have been initiated.

(ii) The existence of 800 non-functional schools has been detected by the existing management of BECS Project and accordingly, show cause notices have been issued to all responsible officers. Some cases are also being investigated through F.I.A. List of cases are attached at **(Annex-B)**.

- Mr. Kamran Zafar, Ex-MD NEF
- Ms. Yasmin Ali, Acting Director GB
- Syed Waqar Gillani, Ex-Director (Admin) BECS

(iii) To ascertain the ground reality of BEC Schools, Third party validation of the BECS Project is under process.

(b) Show Cause Notices have been issued to all 04 Provincial Directors and concerned staff at Head Office, BECS.

- (i) Cases against previous BECS Management referred to NAB and FIA for investigation.
- (ii) Salaries/Honorarium to teachers is now being released through online and crossed-cheques.

(c) Last Five Year Budget Allocated for BECS Project (Rs. in millions)

Year	PSDP Allocation	Releases
2008-09	1,500.000	750.000
2009-10	2,000.000	800.000
2010-11	1141.023	1141.023
2011-12	1207.000	1207.000
2012-13	1,000.000	NIL

(d) Three-tiers of monitoring / evaluation system was incorporated in BECS Project:—

- Head office
- Provincial office
- District offices (supervisors/NGOs supervisor)

On the basis of the said monitoring/evaluation system Monthly and Quarterly Progress Reports are generated and requisite actions are taken accordingly *i.e.* special monitoring plans, disciplinary actions release of salaries etc.

(e) After devolution of the subject of education to the Provinces, in wake of the 18th Constitutional Amendment, Basic Education Community Schools Project was

planned to wind it up except the portion pertaining to ICT. Meanwhile, some stakeholders approached the Supreme Court of Pakistan which, in its judgment on 25th November 2011, passed following Order (**Annex-C**).

“The proposed action act of winding up of the commission is unconstitutional and of no legal effect and the Commission is allowed to continue to perform the positive duty of providing basic human rights to the citizens of Pakistan.

- (i) A proposal for conversion of the project into a permanent programme is under process.
- (ii) A restructured PC-I for FY 2012-14 with some corrective measures is under process for approval in P&D Division.

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

48. ***Mrs. Nizhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education and Trainings be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Basic Education Community School Project (BESCP), of National Education Foundation prior to devolution under the 18th Constitutional Amendment had been given millions of rupees; and*
- (b) whether it is also fact that the said amount was allegedly misappropriated by transferring it into a private account by the concerned officials, if so, its details and the steps taken by the Government to recover the amount?*

Sheikh Waqas Akram: (a) Funds amounting to Rs.794.127 million were released to the BECS Project on 30-06-2011 for payment on account of salaries and liabilities up-to June 30, 2011.

(b) To avoid lapse of the funds, the same were transferred to account titled “Basic Education Community Schools Project” in NBP, Aabpara Branch, Islamabad. Out of the total amount of Rs.794.127 million, Rs.634, 467,155/- were spent on Project liabilities to be audited by the Auditor General of Pakistan. Remaining balance of Rs.164, 417,531/- including profit of Rs.4, 757,686/- has been deposited in the Government Treasury (challan is Annexed).

49. ***Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 15:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the names, parentage and place of domicile of the retired judges who were re-appointed on adhoc basis in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and High Courts in the country during the last five years?

Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek: The name, parentage and place of domicile of the retired Judges who were re-appointed on ad-hoc basis in the Supreme Court is as under:

S. No.	Name of Judge appointed on ad-hoc basis in the Supreme Court	Parentage	Domicile
1.	Mr. Justice (R) Ghulam Rabbani		Sindh
2.	Mr. Justice (R) Khalil-ur-Rehman Ramday	Ch. Muhammad Siddique	Punjab

50. ***Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 11-09-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the number of suo moto actions taken by the Supreme Court of Pakistan and High Courts in the country during the last five years indicating also the number of such cases disposed off and those pending at present?

Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek: The registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Provincial High Courts have been requested to provide the requisite information. The same shall be provided to the Hon'ble house as soon as received.

51. ***Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 11-09-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

(a) the number of cases registered / filed in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and each High Court in the country during the last five years; and

(b) the number of the cases which have been disposed off, transferred and those still pending with court-wise breakup?

Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek: (a) Concerned have been requested to provide the requisite information. The same shall be provided in the house as soon as received.

52. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 12-09-2012 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

(a) the amount recovered by NAB in various cases during the last four years; and

(b) *the amount paid to the officers and officials of the said Bureau as reward out of that amount indicating also the names and designation of recipients and the amount paid to each of them?*

Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek: (a) Recoveries made by NAB during 2008-09 to 2011-12 and Court Fines Imposed in NAB cases are as under:

Rupees in Billion

Year	Recoveries on account of Corruption & Corrupt Practices	Recoveries on account of Bank Default	Recoveries in the Case of PCBL	Court Fines Imposed	Total
2008-09	0.785	0.711	0.171	0.971	3.638
2009-10	6.501	0.745	0.001	1.610	8.857
2010-11	1.244	0.265	0.00005	—	1.509
2011-12	2.873	0.092	0.03700	9.892	12.894
Total	11.403	1.813	1.209	12.473	26.898

(b) No amount has been paid to the informers during 2008-09 to 2011-12.

Note:

Reward is paid to informers, out of share in recoveries, in terms of Rule 4 (3) (e) of NAB's Recovery & Reward Rules as described hereunder:—

“Depending upon the nature of the case and significance of the information provided, the Committee may recommend to the Chairman NAB an amount to be paid to the informers up to the percentage as contained in the schedule of these rules. If there are more than one informer in a case, the amount of the reward shall be shared between the informers on the recommendations of the Committee which shall be based upon nature and values of the information or evidence provided”.

53. ***Mrs. Nizhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 12-09-2012 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology & Telecommunications be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 37, replied on 5th September, 2012 and state:

- (a) *whether the National Telecommunications Corporation is authorized to lay submarine cables, if so, the Specific provision in Act/Rules which empower the Corporation to do so; and*
- (b) *whether the said Corporation can negotiate with any national or international financial institution for seeking funds for their projects without the approval of Economic Affairs Division, if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Information Technology & Telecommunications: (a) The National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC), as provided in its License issued under Section 41 (3) read with Section 5(2) and 2(h) of the Telecommunication Re-organization Act 1996 is empowered to establish, operate and maintain Telecommunication systems and services of all kinds to the NTC designated customers.

Note: It may be submitted further that the Telecommunication systems includes submarine Fiber cable also.

(b) NTC, under the provision of Section 41(11) of the Pakistan Telecom Re-organization Act 1996, cannot negotiate with any national or international financial institution for seeking funds (loans) for their projects without the approval of the Federal Government.

54. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to the Chief Justice and other Judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and High Courts in the country;*
- (b) *the rate of pension admissible to the Judges after retirement;*
- (c) *the details of pension and other facilities provided to the widows of Judges; and*
- (d) *whether residential plots are allotted on ownership basis to the Judges, if so, the procedure adopted for that purpose and the areas where the plots are allotted?*

Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek: (a)

SALARIES/PRIVILEGES OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUDGES OF SUPREME COURT

CHIEF JUSTICE OF PAKISTAN

JUDGES OF SUPREME COURT

- | | |
|---|--|
| (a) Salary Rs. 448,221/-
<i>w.e.f</i> 01-07-2011 | (a) Salary Rs. 423,414/- |
| (b) Superior Judicial Allowance
Rs. 196,219/-
<i>w.e.f</i> 01-07-2011 | (b) Superior Judicial Allowance
Rs. 196,219/- |
| (c) House rent Rs. 68,000/- if official
residence not provided | (c) House rent Rs. 68,000/- if official
residence not provided. |
| (d) Medical Allow. @ 15% of
Salary. | (d) Medical Allow. @ 15% of Salary. |

PRIVILEGES

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| (a) Chauffer driven car with 600 liters
petrol | (a) Chauffer driven car with 600 liters petrol |
| (b) Free medical treatment along with
family | (b) Free medical treatment along with family |
| (c) Rent free residence maintained by
the Government with provision
of electricity, gas and water. | (c) Rent free residence maintained by the
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T.A & D.A. WHILE ON TOUR IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

RATES OF DAILY ALLOWANCE

Rs. 3000/- per diem Special rate

CONCESSIONS ON LONG TOURS:—When proceeding on a tour within Pakistan exceeding five days in duration, a Judge may—

- (a) take his wife with him in his railway saloon, or other reserved accommodation, by rail or sea, without payment or fare; and
- (b) If accompanied by his wife on a journey by air charge one extra fare of the class by which she actually travels, but no charge for extra luggage transported by air beyond the free allowances may be made.

NOTE: A return air-ticket will be purchased for the wife, wherever possible

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

Rs. 6/- per kilometer

TRANSFER GRANT

Equal to one month's pay if a Judge has a family and equal to half month's Pay if a Judge has no family.

TRANSPORTATION CHARGES

- (i) Four thousand and five hundred kilograms, if a Judge has a family @ 0.83 paisa per kilometer per kilogram
- (ii) Two thousand two hundred and forty kilograms if a Judge has no family. (or 1.66 per kilometer per unit twenty kilogram)

All the above privileges are free of income tax.

JOURNEY ON DUTY

It Judge while on Circuit Bench does not avail of a car of the Provincial Government or a hired one by the Supreme Court, he will have the option to be reimbursed for additional petrol to the extent of five litres per day for the period during which his roaster is fixed at a Bench outside Islamabad plus two days for arrival and departure if the same do not fall within the roaster (excluding the day of departure from and arrival at Islamabad) Provided the Hon'ble Judge concerned is unable to meet his total monthly requirement (all the petrol within the limit of 400 litres.”

SALARIES/PRIVILEGES OF THE CHIEF JUSTICES AND JUDGES OF HIGH COURTS

<u>CHIEF JUSTICE HIGH COURT</u>	<u>JUDGES OF HIGH COURT</u>
(a) Salary Rs. 415424/- <i>w.e.f</i> 01-07-2011	(a) Salary Rs. 399447/-
(b) Superior Judicial Allowance Rs. 156975/- <i>w.e.f</i> 01-07-2011	(b) Superior Judicial Allowance Rs. 156975/-
(c) House rent Rs. 65,000/- if official residence not provided	(c) House rent Rs. 65,000/- if official residence not provided.
(d) Medical Allow. @ 15% of Salary.	(d) Medical Allow. @ 15% of Salary.

PRIVILEGES

- (a) Chauffer driven car with 500 liters petrol (a) Chauffer driven car with 500 liters petrol

(b) Free medical treatment along with family

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(c) Rent free residence maintained by the Government with provision of electricity, gas and water.

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T.A & D.A. WHILE ON TOUR IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

RATES OF DAILY ALLOWANCE

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Rs. 2400/- per diem Special rate

Rs. 2000/- per diem Ordinary rate

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

Rs. 6/- per kilometer.

CONCESSIONS ON LONG TOURS:—When proceeding on a tour within Pakistan exceeding duration a Judge may take his wife with him on a journey by air and charge one extra fare of the class by which she actually travels, but no charge for extra luggage transported by air beyond the free allowance may be made.

NOTE: A return air-ticket will be purchased for the wife, wherever possible

TRANSFER GRANT

Equal to one month's pay if a Judge has a family and equal to half month's pay if a Judge has no family

TRANSPORTATION CHARGES

(i) Four thousand and five hundred @ 0.83 paise per kilometer per kilogram kilograms, if a Judge has a family

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(ii) Two thousand two hundred and kilogram)

forty kilograms, if a Judge has no family.

TRANSFER ALLOWANCE

If a Judge of High Court is transferred from one High Court to another or to a Bench or appointed to an office other than of a High Court or holds such other offices, he is entitled in addition to his salary to a monthly allowance of Rs. 10.000/-

TRANSFER PRIVILEGES

If the family of a Judge does not join him at the place to which he is transferred or at which he posted, he shall be provided at such place with.

- (i) single rent free accommodation maintained by Government; and
- (ii) an official are maintained at Government expenses, including the supply of petrol not exceeding one hundred and fifty litres per month for use in such car:

Provided that, if there are two Judges of the same serving as such at the same place, they shall one official car provided with the aforesaid quantity of petrol.

All the above privileges are free of income tax except transfer allowance

(b) RATE OF PENSION FOR RETIRED JUDGES OF SUPREME COURT

a Judge on his retirement or resignation shall be entitled to the minimum amount of pension equal to seventy per cent (70%) of the salary determined by the President from time to time payable to the Chief Justice or as the case may be, a Judge plus five per cent (5%) of the said salary for each completed year of service either as the Chief Justice or, as the Judge not exceeding the maximum amount of pension equal to eighty-five per cent (85%) of the said salary.

RATE OF PENSION FOR RETIRED JUDGES OF HIGH COURT

a Jude on his retirement, resignation or removal shall be entitled to the minimum pension equal to seventy percent (70%) of the salary determined by the President from time to time payable to the Chief Justice or, as the case may be a Judge on the completion of five years sevice for pension as Judge and thereafter an extra pension at the rate of two per cent (2%) of such salary for each subsequent completed year of service as the Chief Justice or as the case may be the Judge, including his service, if any, in the service of Pakistan the maximum pension not exceeding eighty per cent (80%) of the said salary.

(c) FACILITIES ALLOWED TO WIDOW OF A RETIRED JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

Paragraph 25 of the Supreme Court Judges (Leave, Pension and Privileges) Order, 1997, P.O No. 2 of 1997.—A Judge on retirement and after his death, his widow shall be entitled to the following benefits and perquisites at Government expense namely:

- (a) the service of a driver and orderly;
- (b) 3000 free local telephone calls per month;
- (c) 2000 units of electricity as well as 25 hm³ of gas per month and free supply of water
- (d) 300 liters of petrol per month

- (1a) if during service a Judge dies or has died before the commencement of this Order his widow shall also be entitled to the benefits and perquisites provided in sub-paragraph (1).
- (2) No income tax shall be payable in respect of benefits and perquisites to which a judge or a widow, as the case may be, is entitled under this paragraph.
- (3) A Judge on retirement option to avail the facilities specified in sub-paragraph (1) shall under take perform the work of arbitration involving Government interest if assigned to him without charging any fee;

FACILITIES ALLOWED TO WIDOW OF A RETIRED JUDGE OF HIGH COURT

Paragraph 28 of the High Court Judges (Leave, Pension and Privileges) Order, 1997, P.O No. 3 of 1997.—A judge on retirement, and after his death, the spouse shall be entitled to the following benefits and perquisites at government expense, namely:—

- i. the service of a driver or an orderly at his option;
- ii. 800 free local calls per month
- iii. 800 units of electricity per month as well as 25 HM of gas per month;
- iv. free supply of water;
- v. 150 liter of petrol per month;

(2) if during service a Judge dies or has died before the commencement of this Order, the spouse shall also be entitled to the benefits and perquisites provided in sub-paragraph (1):

(3) No income tax shall be payable in respect of benefits and perquisites to which a judge or the spouse as the case may be is entitled under this paragraph.

(4) A Judge on retirement option to avail the facilities specified in sub-paragraph (1) shall under take perform the work of arbitration involving Government interest if assigned to him without charging any fee.

(5) The facility and benefits given to the retired judge under this paragraph shall stand suspended on his re-employment with Federal or Provincial Government.

Draft bill regarding increase in family pension from 50% to 75% to the widows of Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts is pending in the National Assembly after approval from the Cabinet.

(d) Information is being collected from the Supreme Court and High Courts. The same will be provided to the house as soon as received.

55. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the funds allocated for NHA for the current financial year with project-wise and province-wise breakup?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: NHA's PSDP allocation 2012-13 includes Rs. 24,602 (local currency) & Rs. 26,125 million (foreign currency) components. Province-wise breakup is as under, relevant details are at **Annex- A:-**

(Rs in Billion)

Province	LC*	FC*	Total
a. Punjab	6.330	6.000	12.330
b. Sindh	4.820	4.100	8.920
c. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	4.538	9.500	14.038
d. Balochistan	8.289	2.080	10.369
e. Gilgit-Baltistan	625	4.445	5.070
Total	24.602	26.125	50.727

* Foreign currency * Local currency

56. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012 at 10:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- the total strength of officers / officials on regular, contract and re-employment basis in National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) with province-wise break-up;*
- is there any plan with the NDMA for extending basic trainings in the field of disaster management to the people of the remote areas of the country, if so, the details thereof*
- number of officers have been sent for various trainings to the foreign countries at government expenses during the last five years and the expenses occurred thereon each visit; and*
- the total number of projects for the welfare for the people of various affected areas and the progress of each project so far made during the last five years?*

Rana Mohammad Farooq Saeed Khan: (a) Total staff strength of NDMA is 136 including officers/officials as per details at Annex-A, B & C. None is re-employed.

(b) (i) The National Disaster Management Authority, in collaboration with UN Partners has extended several basic trainings in the field of disaster management to the people of, and Government officials serving in the remote areas of the country (Annex-D).

(ii) NDMA is continuously engaged with the donor agencies and UN partners for conducting more of such trainings with their financial support. NDMA has also established a “National Institute of Disaster Management” to focus on training of disaster management professionals and the communities in Pakistan.

(c) No officer from NDMA has attended foreign training on Government expenses during last five years.

(d) NDMA is not involved in implementation of welfare projects in the affected areas. The Government funded interventions are implemented through provincial line departments; whereas the donor funded projects get implemented through their implementation partners under the supervision of “Provincial Disaster Management Authorities”.

60. ***Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012 at 14:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.34 replied on 5th September, 2012 and state the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of M 3?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Pindi Bhattian - Faisalabad Motorway (M-3) was substantial completed on Nov. 2003. After expiry of three years defect liability period on Nov 2006, the defect Liability Certificate was issued in 2007. Most of the defects cropped up well after expiry of the defect liability period in 2010-11.

An amount of Rs 31 million has been allocated for routine maintenance of M-3 in FY 2012-13. It includes seal coat on cracked surface to improve general riding condition.

61. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 20-09-2012 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of rescue service available on motorways and national highways in the country to meet any emergency and to facilitate the commuters indicating also the location of such facilities?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: A. Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway (M-1)

1. First aid facilities and Trauma Center at Mini Service Area Rashkai Interchange (Northbound) have been established

2. Mobile first aid facilities are also provided by FWO (Frontier Works Organization) at accident spots.
3. 7 x ambulances on eight toll plazas have been provided by FWO & 4 x ambulances by National Highways & Motorway Police (NH & MP) on four Beats.

B. Lahore-Islamabad Motorway (M-2) & Pindi Bhattian Faisalabad Motorway (M-3)

1. Medical facilities are being provided by FWO & NH&MP
2. Rescue operations by FWO:

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. Details of medical staff and ambulances provided by FWO & NH&MP are as under:—

	<i>Description</i>	<i>FWO</i>	<i>NH&MP</i>
(a)	Doctors	07	—
(b)	Para Medical Staff	60	17
(c)	Ambulances	29	17

4. 7x Doctors (alongwith Para Medical Staff) are available 24 hours to provide first aid facilities to injured persons/commuters on different Beats of NH&MP.

	<i>Location</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Doctor</i>
(a)	Sheikhupura	M -2	01
(b)	Bhhera	M-2	01
(c)	Thallial	M-2	02
(d)	Balkasar	M-2	01
(e)	Chak Jumra	M-3	01
(f)	Rashakai	M-1	01
	Total		07

5. Seriously injured commuters are shifted to nearby hospitals available at an average distance of 20 km.
6. A Medical Relief Center has been constructed at Sumbal Camp on M-2 with all necessary medicines, doctors & supporting staff.
7. Construction of a Trauma Center at Pir Khara (M-2) completed and it will be operationalized soon. 7 x doctors & 77 x para medical staff would be available 24 hours (round the clock) to provide first aid facilities.
8. Free of cost relief & rescue facilities can be utilized by commuters by dialing 130 from mobiles or emergency call radios available at each kilometers of M-2 & M-3.

C. **Karachi-Hyderabad Superhighway (M-9)**

1. 1 X Ambulance is available at Nooriabad under NH&MP
2. A Trauma Center established at Nooriabad (M-9). Building is complete and negotiations are underway with different NGOs to make it operational.

D. **National Highways**

The Motorways are access controlled and provision of emergency medical & rescue facilities are essentially needed. However, National Highways traverse through cities, towns and major population centers where Hospitals, Rural Health Centers and Edhi Centers are available at short distances. Therefore, so far, rescue and emergency medical facilities have not been provided on National Highways. However, such facilities can be considered for provision in the long run as and when requisite financial resources are available.

62. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 20-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of USA will provide financial Assistance for the re-construction of Peshawar-Turkham Highway, if so, the amount to be provided by that Government, indicating also the progress made in this case?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Yes, the USAID has agreed to finance the rehabilitation of Peshawar - Torkham Road (N-5) at a cost of US \$ 67 million. The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Economic Affairs Division,

FATA Secretariat, NHA and USAID on Sep 18, 2012. Detailed engineering design is currently under preparation. The work is likely to commence by the next quarter and will be completed in two years.

63. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 24-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of vehicles with Motorway Police and the names and designation of officers / officials under whom these vehicles in use?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Total 917 vehicles are with Motorway Police, Break-up of the same is at **Annex-A**.

64. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-09-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to impose a ban on cutting all kinds of trees in the country, if so, when?

Rana Muhammad Farooq Saeed Khan: Federal Government had already imposed ban on cutting of green trees and commercial harvesting of forests in September 1993 which continues.

65. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-09-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the names, location and length of National Highways in Sindh, the construction of which was started during 2009-10 and 2010-11 indicating also the total cost of project, name of contractor and date of completion in each case?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Total 9 projects were started during FY 2009-10 and 2010-11 in Sindh. Relevant details are given in **Annex-A**.

66. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 25-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the date of completion of M-2; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that some portions of the said road have become bumpy, if so, the action taken in this regard?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) The Lahore - Islamabad Motorway (M-2) was completed and opened for traffic in Nov-1997.

(b) Yes, M-2 has completed its design life and is showing deterioration. Resultantly, the riding quality is going down very fast. Virtually, it demands completed overlay.

NHA has decided to undertake complete rehabilitation/improvement through Public-Private-Partnership under Build-Operate-Transfer arrangement.

Bids have been received and Letter of Support issued. The Concession Agreement is likely to be finalized and signed in Dec-2012.

67. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 25-09-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of housing schemes launched by the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis or Overseas Pakistanis Foundation so far indicating also the location, date of launching, land acquired and possession taken, number of plots developed and allotted to the Members in each case;*
- (b) *the amount deposited by the Overseas Pakistanis in the said scheme; and*
- (c) *whether any of the said scheme has been abolished, if so, the names of such schemes, the reasons for abolition and present status of the money deposited by the Members for those schemes?*

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: (a) OPF has launched eight (8) housing schemes so far. Details asked for in the Senate Question No.67 are given below:—

Location of scheme	Date of start	Land acquired/ purchased and passion		Total Plots	Plots Allotted
		Purchased (Area)	Acquired (Arera)		
OPF Housing Scheme, Raiwind Road, Lahore (Phase-I)	1988	2316 Kanals . purchased directly from land owners	—	1827	1760
OPF Housing Scheme,	3rd June,	1015 Kanals	—	609	266

Raiwind Road, Lahore. Phase-I Extension	2012	purchased directly from land owners			
OPF Housing Scheme Bhibmer Road, Gujrat	1990	296 Kanals	—	277	268
OPF Housing Scheme Moro Road, Dadu	1987	168 Kanals	—	417	398
OPF Housing Scheme Nodero Road, Larkana	1987	228 Kanals	—	454	454
OPF Housing Scheme Budhni Road, Peshawar	1990	945 Kanals	—	815	726
OPF Housing Scheme Chittarpari, Mirpur	1981	5643 Kanals	—	3099	2542
Location of scheme	Date of start	Land acquired/ purchased and passion		Total Plots	Plots Allotted
		Purchased (Area)	Acquired (Aera)		
OPF Housing Scheme Zone V Islamabad	1995- 96	3393 Kanals purchased through contractor	2566 Kanals purchased through land Acquisition Collector	2046	1967

(b) Scheme-wise detail of Receipt upto 30-6-2012

S. No.	Name of Housing Schemes	Installments Received/Deposited by OP's
i.	Raiwind Road-Lahore	241,245,869

ii.	Chatterpari-Mirpur	202,097,075
iii.	Rewat	1,168,275
iv.	Dadu	6,851,321
v.	Larkana	27,826,587
vi.	Gujrat	35,994,751
vii.	Peshawar	163,063,808
viii.	Zone-V Islamabad	1,411,742,751
ix.	Farm House	500,000
Total		2,090,490,464

(c) The OPF Housing Scheme, Faisalabad was launched during the year 1990-91. Due to poor response from the prospective buyers and some other technical reasons the scheme was abandoned/abolished by the Board of Governors in its 85th meeting held on 28th June, 2002. The Board in its 90th meeting held on 13th May, 2004 also resolved to dispose off the land of the scheme through open auction and amount received from the applicants be refunded to them. The Board in its 95th meeting held on 28th April, 2005 had approved for payment of mark up/interest on the with-held amounts of the *ex*-allottees of OPF -Housing Scheme Faisalabad for the period the amount remained with OPF or up to 30th June, 2004. An amount of Rs. 44,866,720/- has been refunded to the 188 *ex*-allottees along with markup. 39 allottees could not be traced at the addresses given by them. OPF tried its best by sending letters and inquiring their whereabouts in person. An advertisement was also placed in print media in this regard. Payments will be made when any body contacts OPF.

ISLAMABAD :
The 11th October, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.