

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 22nd November, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions No. 11 and 14 were set down for answering on 13th November, 2012 but were deferred)

11. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of new motorways under construction;*
- (b) *the amount allocated for each of the said motorways in the current budget; and*
- (c) *the amount spent so far on each of the said motorways?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Work on following Motorways is ongoing:—

Section	Km	Progress	Construction Period
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Faisalabad – Multan (M-4)

1. Faisalabad - Gojra	58	28%	2010—13
2. Khanewal - Multan	57	6%	2012—15

Gwadar – Turbat – Hoshab & Khuzdar – Ratodero (M.-8)

Section	Km	Progress	Construction Period
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3. Gwadar-Turbat- Hoshab;	193	68%	2004—13
4. Khori-Quba Saeed Khan	143	73%	2004—13

PSDP 2012-13 includes following allocation:—

(Rs in Million)

Section	FC*	LC*
1. Faisalabad - Gojra	4000	500
2. Khanewal Multan	2000	400
3. Gwadar - Turbat - Hoshab	—	3302
4. Khori - Quba Saeed Khan	—	1100

* Foreign Currency

*Local, Currency

Following expenditure incurred upto Oct-2012:

(Rs in Million.)

Section	FC	LC
1. Faisalabad - Gojra	655.234	81.987
2. Khanewal - Multan	243.125	14.556
3. Gwadar - Turbat - Hoshab	—	8610.32
4. Khori - Quba Saeed Khan	—	7788.91

14. ***Mrs. Nasreen Jalil:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

(a) *the names, designation and names of departments of the officers/ officials of the Federal and Provincial Governments against whom cases of corruption were registered with NAB from 2008 to 2011 and the amount embezzled by each of them; and*

(b) *the steps taken by NAB to recover the said amount?*

Reply not received.

72. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons who are receiving amount from enazir Income Support Programme through post offices in Rawalpindi Region with post office-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the number of complaints received against the employees of the said post offices in connection with delivery / provision of that amount to the said persons indicating also the names of employees against whom the complaint was received and action taken against them?*

Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij: (a) The number of persons who are receiving amount from Benazir Income Support Programme through the Post Offices in Rawalpindi Region is 137,225 (Approximately). Post office wise break up of persons receiving amount through the Rawalpindi Region is attached as **Annexure-A**.

(b) Total No. of BISP complaints received against the Post Office officials	= 171
No. of complaints settled	= 168
No. of complaints under process	= 03
No. of complaints proved against the officials of Post Office	= 36

Names of officials against whom complaints were received and action taken against them is attached as **Annexure-B**.

Annexure-A

In reply to the question moved by Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood, Senator regarding the number of BISP Money Orders' beneficiaries, it is submitted that the exact number of beneficiaries cannot be given by the Post Office Department as the same vary in each installment. In some installments 3 to 4 Money Orders in favor of one beneficiary were issued. Moreover, many of them, whom Money Orders were issued in initial installments, were dropped later on.

However, the number of Parliamentary beneficiaries and Poverty Score Card beneficiaries received payment through the Rawalpindi Regions is approximately 137,225 detail is given below:—

S.No.District / Name of GPO	Number of beneficiaries received payment through the Rawalpindi Region
1. Attock	21,461
2. Bhakkar	26,667
3. Chakwal	15,531
4. Jhelum	13,369
5. Rawalpindi	60,197
Total:	137,225

73. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 25-10-2012 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the financial losses suffered by the country on account of road damages caused due to NATO supply during the last 4-1/2 years with year-wise break-up and steps taken to arrange finances for repairs thereof?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Following routes are frequently used by overloaded vehicles of NATO/ISAF/American Transit freight. Annual Condition Survey-2011 revealed the condition of these routes, as indicated:—

	Description	Road	Km	Good-Fair	Poor
1.	Karachi- Khuzdar - Quetta - Chaman	N-25	813	72%*	28%*
2.	Karachi - Hyderabad	M-9	136	64%	36%
	Kotri - Shikarpur - DG Khan - Kohat - Peshawar	N-55	1265	74%	26%
3.	Karachi -Thatta - Hyderabad - Lahore	N-5	1272	65%	35%
	Lahore - Islamabad	M-2	350	97%	3%
	Islamabad - Peshawar - Torkham	N-5	204	70%	30%

Total/Average

4040 74% 26%

*Represents only surveyed length of 577 km out of total 813 km as remaining sections are under construction.

Estimated rehabilitation cost of NHA network frequently used by overloaded vehicles of NATO/ ISAF/American Transit freight over the years is approx US \$ 1463.66 million.

The USAID has agreed to finance rehabilitation of Peshawar – Torkham Road (N-5) at a cost of US \$ 67 million. Negotiations with the USAID are in hand for financing improvement and rehabilitation cost of Kalat - Quetta - Chaman (N-25) (balance works).

74. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-10-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of roads and bridges destroyed due to floods in the country during 2010, 2011 and 2012; and*
- (b) *the amount earmarked and spent on reconstruction / repair of the said roads and bridges so far?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Flood Damages-2010. The superfloods damaged various sections of 13 national highways, 4 x motorways and 2 x strategic roads. The damage was as follows:—

Damaged	Roads (Km)	Bridges (No.)
Completely	410	20
Partially	383	26
Total	793	46

Flood Damages-2011. These floods affected following 7 road sections:—

Section	Road	Total (km)	Affected (km)
1. Karachi- Kot Sabzal	N-5	608	110
2. Kuchlac - Qila Saifullah - Zhob	N-50	310	02
3. Kotri - Kashmore	N-55	495	07
4. Hyderabad-Mirpurkhas -	N-120	220	88

Umarkot - Khokhrapar

Total		1,633	207	
<u>Flood Damages-2012.</u> These floods affected following road sections:—				
Road	Section	Total (km)	Affected (km)	
1.	N-35	Hasanabdal-Batagram	145	05
2.	N-50	Near Qila Saifullah	02	02
3.	N-55	Near Taunsa	01	01
4.	N-65	Dera Allah Yar - Dera Murad Jamali	35	10
5.	N-70	Vadoor - Qila Saifullah	343	05
Total		526	23	

(b) Flood Damages-2010. NHA has planned / undertaken reconstruction of these damages through Asian Development Bank's loan. (US\$ 245 million) and Chinese grant (US\$ 190 million) in total 46 contract packages. Nine packages at a cost of Rs 4,27 billion have been awarded and remaining are in the process of procurement. All the works are expected to be completed by Sep-2014.

Flood Damages-2011. These damages were restored through ongoing routine maintenance contracts under Annual Maintenance Plan 2011-12 at a cost of Rs 2.236 billion.

Flood Damages-2012. Measures for rehabilitation of flood damages have been taken on emergent grounds to open the roads for all types of traffic and an amount of Rs.121 million has been committed so far. Damage need assessment is also in hand to ascertain the magnitude of damages after which the cost of damages will be known for long term restoration works to be undertaken.

75. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-10-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to plant lives and palm saplings in the country during the next plantation drive, if so, its details; and*
- (b) *the number of saplings planted in the country during the last five years with location-wise breakup?*

Rana Mohammad Farooq Saeed Khan: (a) There is no proposal under consideration for planting Olive and Palm saplings by the Ministry of Climate Change at Federal level.

(b) The details of total number of saplings of all species planted during the last 5 years is as under:—

(Saplings in million)

Year	Spring	Monsoon	Total
2008	73.31	38.12	111.43
2009	55.77	35.96	91.73
2010	57.72	34.54	92.26
2011	53.38	33.89	87.27
2012	43.88	Under progress	43.88

76. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 31-10-2012 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education and Trainings be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No.48, replied on 12th October, 2012 and state:

- (a) *the authority which approved the transfer of an amount of Rs.794.127 million to a private account titled “Basic Education Community Schools Project” in NBP, Aabpara Branch, Islamabad;*
- (b) *the date of opening of the said account; and*
- (c) *whether it is fact that rules and regulations do not allow transferring of such amount in a private account, if so, the action taken against the persons responsible for the same?*

Sheikh Waqas Akram: (a) The said account maintained in NBP Aabpara Branch, Islamabad is an official account of BECS Project. Government of Pakistan released the funds on 30th June 2011 for the payment of liabilities including salaries and operational cost of BECS Project upto 30th June 2011 of the devolved Ministry of Education. Brig (R) Siraj-Ud-Din, Project Director, BECS has approved the transfer of funds amounting to Rs.794.127 million to this official account of BECS Project.

(b) Date of opening of the said account is 29th June, 2011.

(c) Rules and regulations do not allow transferring of such amount in a private account, however the said account is an official account of BECS Project not a personal account of any employee. These funds were transferred in public interest and to pay the

salaries and liabilities of the project upto 30-06-2011. In this regard Finance Division convened a meeting under the chairmanship of the Additional Finance Secretary (Budget) on issues of opening of account and disbursement of liabilities of project. Following decisions were made in the meeting.

- a. Project Director will refer the computerized list pay roll of the employees of the project, BECS to NADRA for verification of the NIC of the officials and will disburse the salaries to the officials only after verification of NICs by the NADRA.
- b. The disbursement of salary to the employees would be made through cheques (payees account only by registered A/D).
- c. A request shall be made to Auditor General to expedite Special Audit of the accounts of the BECS Project, to highlight the irregularities if any.

However the said Project Director has resigned and his case was referred to NAB authorities for further probe/ investigation.

ISLAMABAD :
The 20th November, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.