

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 27th February, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

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| (i) | Questions Nos. 42 and 47 | : Set down for answering on 19th December, 2012 |
| (ii) | Question No. 5 | : Set down for answering on 22nd January, 2013 |
| (iii) | Question No. 60 | : Set down for answering on 31st January, 2013 |

42. ***Mr. Nisar Muhammad:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the cost of losses suffered by the country during war against terrorism; and*
(b) *financial help received by the Government in this regard?*

Reply not received.

47. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether accounts of Pakistan Railways have been audited during the last five financial years, if so, the details of irregularities, if any, pointed out in audit reports; and*
(b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in those irregularities and action taken against them?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) Accounts of Pakistan Railways are audited annually by the office of Auditor General of Pakistan through the Director General of Audit Railways. Financial/Procedural irregularities are reported through Audit Paras printed in Railway Audit Reports.

The observations are thereafter discussed in the Departmental Accounts Committee (DAC) meetings on a regular basis.

These reports invariably include a large number of irregularities and most of these are invariably dropped at the DAC Meeting after satisfactory explanations and documentation are furnished by the respondent agency. Only serious cases are then reported to the Public Accounts Committee.

(b) Names & Designations	Action Taken
i. Mr. Shamshad Audit Para # 5540/2012 Sub Store Keeper (BS-13) of DCOS / General Karachi under Chief Controller of Stores.	Rs.16624.80 have been recovered from Mr. Shamshad and Rs.38791.30 have been recovered from Mr. Naeem. Both the officials were also awarded punishment of withholding of increment for 2 years. The case has been disposed off.
ii. Mr. Naeem Audit Para No. 5540/2012 Ward Keeper (BS-10) of ACOS / Diesel Karachi under Chief Controller of Stores	
iii. Mr. Anwar-ul-Haque Audit Para No.5240/2011 Depot Store Keeper/Mughalpura (Lahore) BS/16 under Chief Controller of Stores.	Disciplinary action under process.
iv. Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Audit Para No. 5.28/2011 Naib Qasid	Recovery of Rs. 0.210 million has been made from his settlement dues. And the case has been disposed off.
v. Beacon House Schools Audit Para No. 1.1 (2005-2006) MIS Educational Services Ltd on account of short recovery of Railway dues owing to irregular adjustment School fund.	The matter of recovery of Rs.12.742 Million is in civil court and also reported the under to the standing committee of National Assembly.
Names & Designations	Action Taken
vi. Mr. Muhammad Ahmed Audit Para. No. 5008/2010-11 Ex Divisional Telecom Engineer / Multan, now Executive Engineer/ Signal Project.	
vii. Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Taj Audit Para No.5008/2010-11 Divisional Telecom Engineer / Multan.	Enquiry has been conducted and Show cause Notice is being issued to take up the responsible officers.

5. ***Begum Najma Hameed :** (Notice received on 07-01-2013 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the amount spent on traveling and stay of PIA employees in Saudi Arabia in connection with Hajj operation, 2012, with head-wise break-up?

Syed Naveed Qamar: According to PIAC, around 300 employees were sent on Hajj posting in the year 2012. Out of which, TA forms of only 92 employees have so far been settled and an amount of PKR 27.438 million has been incurred thereupon so far. The total amount spent under this head will be tabulated on settlement of entire claims before close of financial year.

60. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-01-2013 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of cases of dacoities, robberies, thefts and suicide attacks committed in the country, province wise in the last three years, year-wise; and*
- (b) *the remedial steps taken so far, to prevent such incidents in future?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) Answer may please be seen at **Annexe-A.**

(b) Answer may please be seen at **Annex-B.**

1. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Regulations and Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government for upgrading for Pharmacy service in the country;*
- (b) *the role of Pharmacy Council of Pakistan in upgrading the said services;*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to revamp the Pharmacy Act and harmonization of Drug Sales Rules; and*
- (d) *whether the provincial governments have been taken on board for the said purpose?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) Pharmacy Services are looked after by DRAP. For this purpose recently a Directorate of Pharmacy Services has been set up in the DRAP. The said Directorate has started working and is being strengthened by adding the required human resource to deliver the expected results

(b) The Pharmacy Council is mainly responsible for regulating the standards of Pharmacy education. The Council is working hard as it has developed standards for pharmacy education and has revised the Pharmacy curricula in collaboration with HEC to meet the local and global needs.

(c) The Ministry is working on a proposal to revamp the Pharmacy Act through a bill or an ordinance. The drug Sales Rules are however, a provincial governments subject.

(d) Sale of Drugs is regulated by the provincial governments for which they have framed and notified their Drug Sale Rules. Efforts are being made to harmonize the same and develop “Uniform” Drug Sale Rules by taking on board all the Provincial Governments.

2. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 13:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of cases of murder, kidnapping and dacoity registered in the police stations falling within the jurisdiction of City Circle, Islamabad, during the last five years;*
- (b) *the number of persons arrested in the said cases;*
- (c) *the number of the said cases challans of which have been submitted in the courts;*
- (d) *the number of the said cases decided by the courts and details of punishments awarded to the culprits; and*
- (e) *the number of the said cases the investigation of which have not been completed so far and the reasons not completing the investigation?*

Reply not received.

3. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 13:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of complaints regarding obnoxious calls received in the police stations falling within the jurisdiction of City Circle Islamabad, during the last five years with year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the number of FIRs registered on the said complaints and the details of action taken so far in each case?*

Reply not received.

4. ***Mrs. Rubina Khalid:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 13:12 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) whether broadcasting / telecasting channels in the country are allowed to broadcast / telecast foreign dramas, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to save local drama industry from losses on account thereof; and*
- (b) the affects of the said dramas on Pakistani culture?*

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: (a) Private satellite TV channels licensed by PEMRA are allowed to telecast 10% of foreign content as per their license terms & conditions. This foreign content may include dramas, magazine program, feature film etc. Whereas, channels are obliged to relay 90% of indigenously produced content which indeed protects local talent and drama industry. 10% content is being reviewed in consultation with the relevant stakeholders. If there is a requirement for change in the Law, it will be made in due course.

(b) The world has turned into a global village hence it is difficult for the regulator to restrict its airwaves for the foreign media/content. If foreign dramas are not shown on Pakistani satellite TV channels, the viewers are at liberty to watch them through illegal means. As far as policy of allowing foreign content on Pakistani satellite TV channels is concerned, the same is being reviewed.

It may be mentioned that opening up of private media under PEMRA Ordinance was aimed at providing greater choice to the people in getting information, entertainment etc.

5. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 13:15 p.m.)

Will the Ministry of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the statutory mandate of Pakistan Railway Advisory and Consultants Services (PRACS) and Rail Corp;*
- (b) the purpose for which the said subsidiaries were established indicating also the goods achieved during the last five years;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that Railway reservation and Inquiry Offices in Rawalpindi, Lahore and Karachi stations are being run by PRACS, if so, the reasons for awarding such operation to PRACS;*
- (d) the names, expertise and tenure of appointment / posting of the members of Board of Directors of PRACS and Rail Corp; and*
- (e) the appointing authority of the said members?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) PRACS

As to statutory mandate, Pakistan Railway Advisory & Consultancy Services is incorporated under Companies Ordinance, 1984, as a public company limited by shares with the main object **“To provide consultancy & Advisory Services in the execution and operation of rail-related projects in Pakistan and abroad”**.

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As to statutory mandate, Pakistan Railway Constructions Pakistan Limited by Shares (The Companies Ordinance 1984) is incorporated under Companies Act, VII 1913.

(b) In pursuance of its statutory mandate, M/s PRACS have completed over 250 projects pertaining to Commercial, Mechanical, Civil, Electrical, Telecommunication and Signaling Engineering disciplines covering Feasibility Studies, Field Surveys and Project Management. The international assignments were undertaken in Saudi Arabia, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Senegal, Syria, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Iran.

RAIL COP was registered August 09, 1980 and taking in hand many projects within country and outside country.

(c) it is a fact that almost 24 Railways Reservation and Inquiry offices are being operated by PRACS including those of at Rawalpindi, Lahore and Karachi. PRACS is operating these offices in accordance with its objects as laid down in its Memorandum of Association. The other booking agencies authorized by Pakistan Railway to sell its tickets are given upto 6% service charges, whereas, PRACS is given only 4% service charges on the amount of tickets sold. It has provided 17 personnels to Pakistan Railways at Lahore and Karachi Reservation Offices free of charges. Furthermore, Railway inquiry offices at Lahore and Rawalpindi are also manned by PRACS staff (53 personnel) free of cost.

(d) The detail of PRACS Board of Directors is as under:—

S.#	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Arif Azim	Secretary/Chairman Railways
2.	Mrs. Parveen Agha	Member Finance
3.	Mr. Muhammad Junaid Qureshi	General Manager/Operations
4.	Mr. S. Shahid Ahmad	General Manager (M&S)
5.	Post Vacant	General Manager/Development
6.	Mr. Asad Ehsan	Addl. General Manager/Mechanical
7.	Mr. Abdul Razzaq Shah	Addl. General Manager/Traffic
8.	Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Qureshi	Addl. General Manager/ Infrastructure
9.	Mr. Muhammad Javed Anwar	Managing Director/PRACS

The detail of RAILCOP Board of Directors is as under:

S.#	Name & Address	Designation
1.	Mr. Arif Azim Secretary/Chairman Railways, Ministry of Railways, Islamabad.	Chairman B.O.D.
2.	Mrs. Parveen Agha, Member Finance, Railway Board, Islamabad	Director
3.	Mr. Muhammad Junaid Qureshi General Manager (Operations) Pakistan Railways, Lahore	Director

S.#	Name & Address	Designation
4.	Mr. S. Shahid Ahmad General Manager(M&S), Pakistan Railways, Lahore	Director
5.	Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Qureshi, Add., General Manager/Infrastructure,	Director

Pakistan Railways, Lahore

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| 6. | Mr. Anjum Pervaiz,
Director General/Walton,
Pakistan Railways Academy, Lahore | Director |
| 7. | Post Vacant
Managing Director/RAILCOP | Director |
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(e) All the Members of Board of Directors of PRACS and RAILCOP are *ex-officio* holding the above posts/position in Pakistan Railways.

6. ***Mr. Nisar Muhammad:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of appointments made in NADRA against key / executive posts like Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Directors General, General Managers etc. since 2008 indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible in each case; and*
- (b) *the details of foreign visits under taken by the said persons so far indicating also the expenditures incurred in each case?*

Reply not received.

7. ***Mr. Nisar Muhammad:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of drone attacks Made on Pakistan soil since 2008 with year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the number of civilian casualties and the number of terrorists killed in the said attacks with year-wise break up?*

Reply not received.

8. ***Mr. Nisar Muhammad:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state details of funds allocated for Malakand Division on account of war against terrorism since 2008 with district-wise break-up?

Reply not received.

9. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 11-02-2013 at 09:19 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of deaths penalties announced since 2002 with province-wise break-up;*
- (b) the number of the said penalties consummated so far with province-wise break-up; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to convert the death sentence into life imprisonment, if so, when?*

Reply not received.

10. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 11-02-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian TV channels are banned in the country by Pakistan Electronic Media and Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) on the orders of the Supreme Court of Pakistan;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the private channels in the country have been allowed to telecast Indian contents, if so, its reasons;*
- (c) whether the said channels have sought prior approval from PEMRA for telecasting such foreign contents; and*
- (d) the mechanism to ensure censorship of the said contents?*

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: (a) It may be clarified that PEMRA has not received any direction/orders from honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding banning on Licensing of Indian Satellite TV channels. No ban on the licensing of Indian channels has been imposed.

(b) PEMRA was established to regulate electronic media in Pakistan, under PEMRA Ordinance-2002 as (Amendment) Act 2007, one of the objective of PEMRA is as per PEMRA Ordinance-2002 /PEMRA Act 2007 under:

to enlarge the choice available to the people of Pakistan in the media for news, current affairs, religious knowledge, art, culture, science, technology, economic development, social sector concerns, music, sports, drama and other subjects of public and national interest;

To achieve the objective, Private satellite TV are allowed to telecast 10% of foreign content as per their license terms & conditions. Breakdown of 10% foreign content is as under:

- 6% Indian Content
- 4% Content in any other foreign language

(c) As explained above, the licences 10% of foreign content as per license terms & conditions, therefore the channels doesn't require sought prior approval from PEMRA for telecasting such foreign contents.

(d) The PEMRA regulates the contents under the regulatory frame work. PEMRA is not a censoring body. However, PEMRA monitored the contents of private satellite TV channels under the provisions of Code of Conduct and PEMRA Laws. Moreover, on receiving complaints on the content, PEMRA takes cognizance as per law.

11 ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 12-02-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of PIA aircrafts refurbished since January, 2008; and*
- (b) *the names of firms which were awarded contracts for carrying out the said work?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) No aircraft was sent abroad for refurbishment since January 2008.

(b) Not applicable.

11-A ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 13-02-2013 at 10:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the number of SIMS verified by NADRA so far with company-wise break-up?

Reply not received.

11-B ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 13-02-2013 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons killed and injured in the incidents of terrorism in the country since 2002 with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the amount paid to the heirs of the said persons as compensation;*
- (c) the number of terrorists arrested during the said period?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 26th February, 2013.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Wednesday, the 27th February, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No. 1 was set down for answering on 20th November, 2012
(87th Session) but was deferred)

1. **Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Adda fee is being charged from public transport vehicles on GT Road at Rawat which is situated in ICT, if so, its reasons?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: 12 Union Councils have been notified in the rural area of Islamabad. The Union Councils are governed under Capital Territory Local Government Ordinance, 1979. The Union Councils are empowered to levy taxes in their respective jurisdiction under section 64 of Capital Territory Local Government, 1979 (**Annexed**).

The Union Council Rewat auction right of collection of Lorry Adda Fee falling in the jurisdiction of Rewat adjacent G.T. Road since 1981. Public Service vehicles like buses, mini buses, coasters, wagons Suzuki pick ups, Suzuki carry, taxi, etc. are paying lorry adda fee to the notified contractor. The income generated from the taxes is being used for the approved development projects of the Union Council.

ISLAMABAD :
The 26th February, 2013.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.