

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 30th August, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos. 26, 29, 36, 46, 47, 48 and 49 were originally set down for answering on 22nd August, 2013)

26. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-04-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state the steps taken by the National Disaster Management Authority for the rehabilitation of the torrential rain affected people in the country including the Gilgit Baltistan region during the year 2013?

Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division:

Government, Semi-Government Organizations Authorities:

- (a) National Disaster Management Authority(NDMA), Islamabad
- (b) Earthquake Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA), Islamabad
- (c) Provincial Disaster Management Authority, PDMA (Punjab)
- (d) Provincial Disaster Management Authority, PDMA (Sindh)
- (e) Provincial Disaster Management Authority, PDMA (KPK)
- (f) Provincial Disaster Management Authority, PDMA (Baluchistan)
- (g) FATA Disaster Management Authority (FDMA), Peshawar
- (h) State Disaster Management Authority(SDMA) Muzaffarabad, AJ&K
- (i) Gilgit Baltistan Disaster Management Authority (GBDMA), Gilgit

(j) District Disaster Management Authorities.

(k) Rescue 1122, Punjab

Cells:

(a) Emergency Relief Cell, Cabinet Division, Islamabad

Commissions:

(a) National Disaster Management Commission (NDMC), Islamabad

(b) Provincial Disaster Management Commission (PDMC) Forces:

- (a) Army
- (b) Navy
- (c) Air Force

Societies:

Detail annexed at Annex-B.

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

@75. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 25-04-2013 at 1:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

(a) *the total amount of domestic and foreign loans outstanding against PIA present; and*

(b) *the purpose of obtaining the said loans by PIA and the progress thereon?*

@Transferred from Defence Division.

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) The details of total amount of domestic and international loans obtained by PIAC as on 31st July, 2013, are as follows:—

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Loan type</i>	<i>Loan (PKR In billion)</i>
(i)	Domestic Loans	86.850
(ii)	International Loans	73.147
	Total:	<u>159.997</u>

(b) Out of total loans of PKR 160 billion, PKR 50 billion are outstanding on account of loans taken for aircraft purchase.

Remaining loan of PKR 110 billion has been injected into the working capital of the airline.

29. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-04-2013 at 10:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) the present production of wheat, sugar and rice in the country;*
- (b) whether the present production of the said food items is insufficient to meet the domestic demand; and*
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of the said food items during the years 2011 and 2012?*

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: (a) Present production of wheat (2012-13) is 24.3 million tons; sugar (2012-13) 4.8 million tons and rice (2012-13) production is 4.5 million tons.

(b) Present production of sugar and rice is sufficient to meet domestic demand. Wheat present production, along with last years carryover stock, is at par with our domestic requirements. However; in view of increasing wheat price trend in the domestic market, private sector is importing wheat. This will help stabilize domestic wheat prices.

(c) Government has taken the following steps during 2011-12 to increase production of wheat, sugarcane and rice:

- (i) Research system in the country developed during 2011-12 high yielding varieties of wheat (8) rice (1) and sugarcane (2) which were approved and released for production.
- (ii) Provincial Agriculture Departments disseminated information through farmers' contacts and electronic and print media for adoption of good agricultural production practices for productivity enhancement of these crops.
- (iii) The supply of agricultural inputs and agriculture credit was ensured to growers.
- (iv) Federal Government increased wheat support price from Rs. 950 to Rs. 1050 per 40 kg for wheat crop (2011-12).

(v) Provincial Governments enhanced sugarcane indicative price for sugarcane crop as follow:

- In 2010-11 for Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from Rs.100 to Rs.125 per 40 kg and Sindh from Rs. 102 to Rs. 127 per 40 kg.
- in 2011-12 for Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from Rs.125 to Rs.150 and Sindh from Rs. 127 to Rs. 155 per 40 kg.

36. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 14-06-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that development work in Sector G-13 has not been completed so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which the said work will be completed, and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that street lights have not been installed in most of the area in the said sector, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be installed?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The development work of the sector G-13 has been completed by M/s FWO in 2008 and the sector is now under routine maintenance.

(b) 32% work of installation of street lights have been completed in the sector. The remaining work could not be completed due to litigation between the CDA and contractor M/s Shaheen Enterprises in the civil court. The remaining work will be completed after decision of the case by the court.

@18. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 26-06-2013 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the strategy of the Government regarding industrial waste management in the country; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to ensure implementation of the said strategy?*

Reply not received.

44. ***Mian Raza Rabbani:** (Notice received on 15-07-2013 at 00:00)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and position/designation of the persons appointed in PIA since 5th June, 2013, indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them; and*
- (b) *the names and position/designation of the PIA employees who have been promoted during the said period?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) No appointment has been made by PIAC since 5th June 2013.

(b) The requisite information regarding names and position/ designation of the PIAC employees who have been promoted during the said period is attached as **Annexure-A.**

@Transferred from Ministry of Industries and Production.

46. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 22-07-2013 at 11:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the acreage/measurement of land purchased by CDA in sectors D-13, D-14, D-15, D-16 (East of G.T. Road), E-13, E-14, E-15, (East of G.T. Road), F-13, F-14, F-15 (East of G.T. Road), G-12, G-15 (East of G.T. Road) H-13, H-14, and H-15 (East of G.T. Road), Islamabad indicating also year of purchase and acreage/measurement of land in possession of CDA at present out of the same in each case; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that CDA has not taken over possession of the said land so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be taken over?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The Deputy Commissioner, CDA has acquired only sectors G-12, D-13, E-13 & F-13 under DC, CDA awards dated 28-04-1985 and 22-08-2008. The total acquired area is measuring 31925 Kanals-05 Marlas but possession of the land is not with CDA. The Sectors D-14, D-15, D-16, E-14, E-15, F-14, F-15, G-15, H-13, H-14 & H-15 have not been acquired so far.

(b) The CDA has not taken over the possession of acquired sectors because the Built-up property has not been acquired so far. The CDA is going to carry out the survey of the Built-up Property but the affectees are creating hindrances and placing different demands for acquisition of Built-up Property. The specific time cannot be given.

47. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 22-07-2013 at 11:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that land mafia is purchasing land in sector, G-12, Islamabad, through non registered stamp papers and carrying out haphazard construction thereon without approval of the competent authority, if so, the action taken by CDA in this regard; and*
- (b) *the time by which CDA will take possession of land in the said sector and develop it?*

Reply not received.

48. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 01-08-2013 at 2:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of families / women compensated under Benazir Income Support Programme during the last four years with year-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the amount spent under the said programme during the said period with year-wise breakup?*

Reply not received.

49. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 01-08-2013 at 2:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the overall financial losses of PIA at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the overall performance and financial position of the said airline?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:

(a) **Financial State:**

S. No.	Description	PKR in Billion
i.	Accumulated loss as per published Financial statement till 2012	151.914
ii.	Loss from Jan-Jun 2013 (Unaudited)	18.007
iii.	Overall financial loss as at June 30, 2013	169.921

(b) **Strategy of the Govt:**

- The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet in its meeting held on July 12, 2013 approved a bail-out package of PKR 12.7 Billion for PIAC, to mitigate its critical liquidity condition. This amount includes PKR 7 billion for payment to designated vendors and 5.7 Billion for repayment of EXIM Bank / GOP guaranteed loan.
- ECC earlier directed the Aviation Division to obtain a viable business plan from the PIA for submission through a summary to the ECC for consideration. The business plan development is under process and will be presented to ECC after approval from the newly constituted PIAC board. The business plan will include the Financial Restructuring Proposals.

Revenue Enhancement & Cost Cutting Measures:

- Fleet Replenishment Plan has been prepared and advertisement for the acquisition of new fuel efficient narrow body aircraft has been published in the press.
- Fuel efficiency measures are being adopted.
- H.R Rationalization.
- Closure of un-productive International/Domestic stations.
- Ban on Recruitment.
- Privatization of Strategic business units (SBVS) through PPP – public private partnership mode.
- Re-rationalization of domestic/international routes on economic viability/technical feasibility.
- Enhancement of revenue through the aggressive marketing, I.T solutions, efficient management & by plugging the loopholes.
- Restructuring of MRO and Engineering Department.

110. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 29-04-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- the category of licenses being issued by PTA; indicating also the number of such licenses issued by PTA during the last three years; and*
- irregularity, if any, noticed in issuance of the said licenses?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The detail of categories of licenses alongwith their numbers, issued by PTA, during last three years is given hereunder:

S.No	License Category	Number of Licenses Issued
1.	Wireless	65
2.	Aircrafts	30
3.	Amateur	19
4.	Inmarsat	5
5.	Class Value Added Service (CVAS)	209
6.	Infrastructure	04
7.	Tower	Nil
8.	Fixed Local Loop (FLL)	Nil
9.	Long Distance International (LDI)	Nil
10.	Cellular Mobile Telephony	Nil
11.	Wireless Local Loop	Nil
TOTAL		332

(b) No irregularities have been noticed in issuance of above licenses.
 111. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 03-05-2013 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the acreage and location of CDA land in Islamabad Capital Territory presently under illegal occupation; and*
- (b) *the action being taken by the Government to get the said land vacated?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:

(a) & (b) Total Land in Adverse Possession 15264 Acres Approx
 as per CDA Record
 Land retrieved after Oct, 2005 5942+2503=8445
 Acres Approx

Balance land under Adverse 6819 Acres Approx

possession

- (i) Package deal signed for retrieval of 3000 acres land in Kurri & Rehara but the same is not yet cleared from FIA/NAB.
- (ii) Negotiations with the affectees of E-12 for retrieval for land falling in Malpur, Noorput Shahan, Pindori etc.
- (iii) The Engineering Wing has been tasked to erect pillars in I-11, I-12, I-17 and H-16 and acres of Zone-IV.

The Sector H-12 was allotted to NUST and the problem of possession is over now the land of Sector G-12 and F-12 has been acquired during 1985, While the Built up Property (BUP) is still un-acquired, the satellite survey of these sectors with the help of Suparco is in progress to know the exact quantum of existing house/structure. This survey is meant for all types of structure which are constructed illegally and yet to be acquired. After this survey the acquisition process of Built up Property (BUP) of Sector G-12 and E-12 will be started.

Latest Developments:

- (i) The development work has already been started on the retrieved land of Sector I-14, I-16 & D-12.
 - (ii) Package deal of retrieval of 3000 acres of land with the locals of Kurri Village has been signed, but still not implemented due to investigation being carried out by FIA/NAB. Negotiations with the locals of Malpur are being conducted for retrieval of 5000 acres of land.
 - (iii) Pillars would only be erected in retrieved land where development activities may not be initiated immediately.
 - (iv) Recently CDA arranged an aeronautical survey of Islamabad regarding Built up property (BUP) structures and land under adverse possession and encroachment.
 - (v) Through this survey the exact quantum of Built up Property (BUP) will be known of land encroached by the illegal occupants.
112. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 06-05-2013 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of applications received for the use of radio frequency spectrum during the last five years;*
- (b) *the number of licenses issued during the said period and the names of the persons / organizations to whom the licenses were issued; and*
- (c) *the procedure adopted for the issuance of licenses?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The detail of applications received for the use of radio frequency spectrum during the last five years are given hereunder:

S. No.	License Category	Number of Applications Received
1.	Wireless	425
2.	Aircrafts	88
3.	Amateur	45
4.	Inmarsat	6
TOTAL		564

(b) The number of licenses issued during the said period are tabulated below, where as the list containing names of persons / organizations is attached as **Annex -I:**

S. No.	License Category	Number of Licenses Issued
1.	Wireless	109
2.	Aircrafts	43
3.	Amateur	33
4.	Inmarsat	6
TOTAL		191

(c) PTA has adopted a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for issuance of licenses.

113. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 01-07-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the names, designations and service group / department of the Government servants in BPS 18 and above having dual nationality indicating also the names of countries nationality of which they have acquired?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: The information was called for from **49** Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments out of which **35** Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments have replied. On the basis of the received information **22** Government Servants in BS-18 and above possess dual nationality. Details are at **Annex-I**.

The names of Ministries/ Divisions who are yet to reply are at **Annex-II**. As soon as the pending information is received, it will be submitted in the House.

114. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 10-07-2013 at 10:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state the names of the 10 biggest import items being imported in Pakistan indicating also the import cost during the last three years with year-wise break-up in each case?

Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:

Pakistan's top ten imports during 2011-12

		Value in Million US\$		
S. No.	Commodities	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1.	Petroleum & petroleum products	10028.9	12085.5	15247.2
2.	Palm oil	1310.1	2020.7	2374.8
3.	Road motor veh. (Build unit, CKD/SKD)	1207.0	1370.9	1656.2
4.	Plastic material	1219.3	1511.5	1529.1
5.	Iron & Steel	1295.8	1203.9	1395.6
6.	Telecom	760.1	1023.9	1268.1
7.	Fertilizer	951.1	537.6	1185.8
8.	Power generation machinery	1436.3	1038.3	1039.0
9.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	671.0	793.4	811.6
10.	Medicinal products	717.1	688.7	697.0

Source: FBS

115. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 17-07-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state whether the NARC and PARC is in the process of developing new cotton seed or cotton varieties?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: ● Yes.

116. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 23-07-2013 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that CDA has not prepared and enforced any master plan for zone-V, Islamabad, so far;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that haphazard development is being carried out by several housing societies in the said zone; and*
- (c) the time by which a master plan for the said zone will be prepared and enforced?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) CDA prepared and approved a Master Plan of Zone-V, Islamabad, in 1993. It was partially enforced, however, it could not be fully implemented due to non-acquisition of right of Way of road network.

(b) CDA is regulating the Planning and Development of private housing schemes in Zone-V under the provision of ICT (Zoning) Regulation, 1992 and the Modalities and Procedures framed there under.

(c) Consultants will shortly be hired for preparation of revised Master Plan of Zone-V.

117. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 23-07-2013 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the period during which CDA received applications for allotment of plots in sector E-12, Islamabad;*
- (b) the number of allottees in the said sector who have died and their plots transferred to their legal heirs; and*
- (c) the time by which the said sector will be developed and possession of plots handed over to the allottees?*

Reply not received.

118. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 23-07-2013 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the period during which CDA received applications for allotment of plots in sector I-15, Islamabad;*
- (b) the number of allottees in the said sector who have died and their plots transferred to their legal heirs; and*
- (c) the time by which the said sector will be developed and possession of plots handed over to the allottees?*

Reply not received.

119. ***Mr. Saleem Mandviwalla:** (Notice received on 07-08-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to remedy the financial implications of the decisions of the last Advisor of PIA;*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to address the charter licenses issued to RAS under directive of the last Advisor;*
- (c) the status of the directives issued by the last Advisor particularly for the damage in revenue from rental income;*
- (d) the present status of the 6 months time period granted by ECC and Rs.7 billion bail out for PIA; and*
- (e) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the mandate of turning PIA into a profit earning organization and meet the terms and conditions spelled out in the bailout granted by ECC?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) No such decision was taken by the last ex-Adviser during his brief period from June till August 2011 which has resulted into financial implications on the airline.

(b) The charter license for RAS airline is being processed by CAA within the ambit of law.

(c) Ex-Adviser has not given any such directive.

(d) The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet in its meeting held on 12th July, 2013 approved an amount of PKR 12.7 billion for PIAC, to mitigate its critical liquidity condition. This amount includes PKR 7 billion for payment to designated vendors and 5.7 billion for repayment of Exim Bank/government of Pakistan guaranteed loan. So far, Ministry of Finance has released PKR 6.89 billion to PIAC which includes PKR 6.1 billion for payment to vendors and PKR 0.789 billion for repayment of Exim Bank/government of Pakistan guaranteed loan installments of July 2013.

Accordingly PIA had released the installment of Exim Bank/Government of Pakistan guaranteed loan of USD 7.676 million and about USD 22 million has been paid to designated vendors. Remaining amount would be paid as and when Ministry of Finance will accord PKR to dollar conversion approval.

(e) The ECC of the Cabinet in its meeting held on 22nd February, 2013 and 12th July, 2013 has directed PIA to provide timeline for repayment of loans and also directed the Aviation Division to obtain a viable business plan from the PIA for submission through a summary to the ECC for consideration.

The business plan will be presented to ECC after approval from the newly constituted PIAC Board. The Business Plan will include the financial restructuring proposals.

120. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 13-08-2013 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to upgrade the small airports in the country and to improve facilities on those airports?

Reply not received.

121. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 13-08-2013 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to purchase or obtain on lease aeroplanes for PIA, if so, the details thereof?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: PIA has recently invited bids for dry lease of upto 10 narrow body aircraft and wet lease of upto 04 narrow body aircraft. The advertisements for the same appeared in the Daily Dawn and Daily Jang on 21st August, 2013. In addition, the advertisements were also placed on PIA and PPRA websites. The last date for submission of bids is 23rd September, 2013.

122. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 13-08-2013 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the number of applications received by the Federal Directorate of Education for deputation under the Wedlock Policy of the Government indicating also the names of applicants, dates of applications and steps taken thereon?

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division: The information is being collected from the Quarter concerned. It will be placed on Floor of the House as and when received.

123. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 13-08-2013 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that plots are allotted by CDA to the officers / officials working on deputation basis in that authority, if so, the details of plots allotted to such persons so far?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Yes, it is a fact that CDA allotted plots to the officers/officials working on deputation basis in the authority. The detail of plots allotted to such persons is placed at **Annexure- "A" & "B"**.

Annexure-A

ALLOTMENT OF PLOTS TO DEPUTATIONISTS IN 1991.

Name	Designation	Plot No.	Size	Sector
Mr. Bilal Ahmed	Ex-Member (admin)	194	Cat-I	I-8
Mr. Ahmed Waqar	Ex-M(Finance)	124	Cat-I	I-8
Mr. Rafiq Ahmed	Ex-Member (E)	131	Cat-I	I-8
Mr. Iqbal Jaffar	Ex-Chairman, CDA	202	Cat-I	I-8
F.I.Malik	Ex-Chairman	201	Cat-I	I-8
Mian Ahmed Saeed	Senior Special Magistrate	503	Cat-II	I-8

124. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 15-08-2013 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there were frequent delays in PIA flights during the last one year, if so, its reasons and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and*
- (b) *the percentage of PIA flights which were on schedule/in time during the said period, month-wise?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) Yes, frequent delays in PIA flights occurred during the last one year *i.e.* 2012. The major reasons for frequent delays were;

- (i) Lack of sufficient number of aircraft on PIA fleet.
- (ii) Ageing fleet that resulted in technical delay.
- (iii) Ground handling limitations abroad.
- (iv) To minimize the percentage of delays, PIAC is planning to induct 10+4 new fuel efficient narrow body aircraft on dry lease and wet lease respectively. The tender notice to invite suitable bids has already been advertised. Further, uneconomical operations have been suspended till the availability of sufficient number of aircraft.

(b) The percentage of PIA flights, which were on schedule/intime during the year 2012 was 78.15% (on average).

125. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 15-08-2013 at 11:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that the Staff Welfare Organization has increased room rent, electricity and gas charges since 16th May, 2013, for the Government employees residing in the hostels being run by that organization, if so, its details;

- (b) *the reasons for the said increase;*
- (c) *the competent authority which approved the said increase;*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to withdraw the said increase; if so, when;*
- (e) *the comparison of room rent, electricity and gas charges being charged from the said employees prior to 15th May, 2013, and after that?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) Yes the rates/charges on account of rent electricity and gas is revised in the rules which are affective from 16-05-2013. Its detail is as below:

Previous Room Rent (2007)			Revised Room rent (2012)		
S#	Category	Rent per day per room on double occupancy basis	S#	Category	Rent per day per room on double occupancy basis
1.	BS-1 to 08	Rs. 25/-	1	BS-1 to 16	Rs. 100/-
2.	BS-9 to 16	Rs. 30/-	2	BS-17 to 19	Rs. 150/-
3.	BS-17 to 19	Rs. 60/-	3	BS-20 and above	Rs. 300/-
4.	BS-20 to 22	Rs. 100/- on single occupancy basis.		<i>Note:</i> For BS-18 and above the authority may allow accommodation on single occupancy basis and in that case rent on double rate of the category is payable	
5.	Others	Rs. 70/- on double occupancy basis.			

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES CHARGES (2007) EXCLUDING AIR CONDITIONER

- (i) Electricity and gas bill are paid by the government and nothing is charged on use of TV or Radio and Computer. However, for other appliances when used, the amount of Rs. 30/- per day per room was payable by each allottee. So when the room is a shared one then the charges comes to Rs. 15/- per allottee per day.
- (ii) AIRCONDITIONER CHARGES Rs. 1000/- per room per month from 1st May to 15th September.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES CHARGES (2012) EXCLUDING OTHER CHARGES

- (i) The Electricity and Gas bills are paid by the Government. Nothing is charged on account of television, Radio and Computer. However for other electric appliances when it is used, an amount of Rs.50/- per day per room is payable by the allottee so when the room is a shared one then the share of each allottee come to Rs.25/- per day.
- (ii) AIR CONDITIONER CHARGES (2012)

Rs. 6000/- per month, per unit is charged when an allottee is desirous of installing and using personal Air Conditioner during the period May to September of the calendar year..

(iii) GAS CHARGES (2012)

The actual Sui Gas bills are paid by the Government. However each allottee is required to pay Rs.50/- per day during the period 1st November to the end of February of the calendar year. For other period of the year Rs.20/- is charged per day from each allottee.

(b) The rates of the utility bills have been increased manifold in the past few years, therefore the revision was necessitated. Similarly it is a shelter accommodation which the allottees have turned as permanent abode by not availing the facility being provided by the Estate Office or the facility of hiring of accommodation through respective Ministries/ Divisions/Departments/Offices. Resultantly new entrants in the Government services or those transferred from other stations are deprived of the facility of the hostel.

(c) The rates were revised in the new rules which were approved by the Establishment Division with the concurrence of Finance Division.

(d) No proposal is under consideration. The allottees are defaulters on account of non payment of the Government dues and they have also filed a civil suit in the court of Civil Judge West, Islamabad. As such the matter is now *sub-judice*.

(e) As at 'a' above.

ISLAMABAD :
The 29th August, 2013.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.