

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Friday, the 17th January, 2014**

70. **\*Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 20-12-2013 at 01:15 pm)

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state:*

- (a) the budget allocated for Pakistan National Council of the Arts during the last two years and details of its utilization;*
- (b) the details of cases of financial corruption surfaced in that Council during the said period;*
- (c) whether any inquiry was conducted into the said cases, if so, the findings thereof and the details of action taken against the persons found involved in those cases; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to control corruption in that Council?*

**Mr. Pervaiz Rashid:** (a) Budget allocation for the Council during the FY 2011-12 and 2012-13 is as follows:

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	Financial Year (Rs. in million)	
	2011-12	2012-13
Budget Allocation	136.404	136.464
Budget released	136.404	132.677

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Detail of utilization of funds for the FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 is as follows:

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Head of Expenditure	Financial Year (Rs. in Million)	

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	2011-12	2012-13
Employees related expenses	74.634	79.393
Other operating charges	43.631	43.306
Repairs	0.861	1.776
Programming Activities	22.538	11.243
<b>Total</b>	<b>141.664</b>	<b>135.718</b>

Expenditure includes expenditure against federal grant & self generated funds.

(b) NIL.

(c) NIL.

(d) Financial control is observed through the measures defined in the system of financial control and budgeting, general financial rules, and manual of accounting policies published by Controller General of Accounts. Following measures are undertaken during the period:

- i. Financial rules, regulations and procedures of the Federal Government have been observed to ensure financial propriety and internal control over fraud, irregularities and waste of funds.
- ii. Standard Operating Procedures have been prepared and put into practice for procurements, internal business operations and security of goods and assets.
- iii. PPRA Rules, 2004 are being strictly observed for procurement of goods and services.
- iv. Internal audit by the Controlling Ministry is being carried out to check irregularities, fraud and waste of funds/ resources in terms of FR-13.
- v. External audit of the Council's annual accounts is conducted by the Auditor General of Pakistan every year.

71. **\*Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 20-12-2013 at 01:15 pm)

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in Pakistan National Council of the Arts during the last two years with province-wise breakup?*

**Mr. Pervaiz Rashid:** A total of 10 employees were appointed in Pakistan National Council of the Arts during the last two years. Detail of the posts along with province-wise breakup is as follows:—

Sr.	POST & BPS	Nature of Service	Province
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1.	Draftsman BPS-11	Contract	AJK
2.	Chowkidar BPS-01		KPK
3.	Dance Teacher	Artist on	Punjab
4.	Senior Puppeteer	contract	Punjab
5.	Puppeteer		KPK
6.	Puppeteer/ Dancer		ICT
7.	Puppeteer/ Dancer		Punjab
8.	Musician		Punjab
9.	Puppeteer/ Dancer		Punjab
10.	Puppeteer/ Dancer		Punjab

The employees against posts at Sr. No. 1 and 2 were appointed on contract basis upon in-service death of his father under the Prime Minister Package for deceased families of government employees.

72. **\*Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:** (Notice received on 20-12-2013 at 02:30 pm)

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

- (a) *the acreage of land owned by Cantonment Board Bannu;*
- (b) *the details of constructions made by the cantonment board on the said land so far; and*
- (c) *the details of construction being made by the said board at present indicating also the details of technical staff supervising those constructions?*

**Khawaja Muhammad Asif:** (a) THE ACREAGE OF LAND OWNED BY CANTONMENT BOARD BANNU;

- i. Class 'C' ; land owned by Cantt Board = 63.61 acres
  - ii. Class 'B-3' land owned by Cantt Board = 0.67 acre
- Total = 64.28 acres**

(b) THE DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTIONS MADE BY THE CANTONMENT BOARD IN THE SAID LAND SO FAR; AND

The detail of construction made by Cantt Board on the said land so far is annexed herewith as Annexure-A.

(c) THE DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION BEING MADE BY THE SAID BOARD AT PRESENT INDICATING ALSO THE DETAILS OF TECHNICAL STAFF SUPERVISING THOSE CONSTRUCTIONS”

At present, following construction works are in progress under the supervision of CEO and Overseer and, by AGE (army) under the special directions of PCB;

- i. Construction of foot path along Tufail Shaheed Road and Tariq Shaheed Road.
- ii. Construction of Kerb stones along Sarwar Shaheed Road.
- iii. Construction of office, rooms on 1st floor of Cantt Board shops in supply lines, Tochi Road.
- iv. Construction of plaza at the site of Old Regal Cinema, Svy No.173, Tochi Road.

The project mentioned above at Sr. No. iv has been designed by M/s MASCOT Consultant, Siyal Flats Abdara Chowk, Jamrud Road, Peshawar and will be supervised by the consultant.

73. **\*Mr. Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @Aajiz:** (Notice received on 23-12-2013 at 10:00 am)

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of sanctioned posts in Pakistan National Council of the Arts with grade-wise and province-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the number of the said posts lying vacant at present with grade-wise and province-wise breakup?*

**Mr. Pervaiz Rashid:** (a) There are 243 sanctioned posts in Pakistan National Council of the Arts. Grade-wise and province-wise breakup of those posts is placed at **Annex-I**.

(b) Twenty three (23) posts are vacant in the Council, which are to be filled by direct recruitment. Out of which 18 posts belong to BS-17 and above. Grade-wise and quota-wise breakup is placed at **Annex-II**.

74. **\*Mir Muhammad Yousuf Badini:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 11:25 am)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the names, BPS, and place of present posting of the persons working in NADRA who belong to Balochistan?*

**Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan:** Presently, 945 persons hailing from Balochistan are working in NADRA. The names, BPS and place of present posting is attached as Annex-A.

*(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library.)*

75. **\*Mr. Saeed Ghani :** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 11:30 am)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:*

*(a) the amount paid by the Federal Government to NADRA for carrying out its functions during the last five years with year-wise breakup; and*

*(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the said authority during the said period with year-wise breakup?*

**Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan:** (a) The amount paid is as under:—

Period	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Total Rs. In million
Grant to NADRA (AFIS Up gradation) (Rs. in million)	Nil	Nil	106.60	52.76	Nil	159.36

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned by NADRA is as under:—

Period	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Total Rs. In million
Foreign Exchange US\$ in million	5.02	8.07	12.71	8.33	9.68	43.81
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(Rs. in million)	(406.86)	(685.95)	(1092.97)	(782.83)	(949.03)	(3917.64)

76. **\*Mr. Saeed Ghani:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 11:30 am)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state whether NADRA is fully autonomous and statutory Authority with an independent legal status or an attached department of the Ministry of Interior?*

**Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan:** a. NADRA is established under Section 3 of the NADRA Ordinance, 2000 as a statutory Authority with a body corporate status.

b. National Commission for Government Reforms, Prime Minister's Secretariat Government of Pakistan categorized NADRA in the list of "Autonomous Bodies" under the caption of Interior Division (Annex-A).

77. **\*Mrs. Suriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 11:35 am)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that some police personnel of Islamabad have been suspended on graft charges;*
- (b) *if so, the names of the police personnel proven guilty with detail of charges and action taken against them?*

**Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan:** (a) It is fact that some police personnel of Islamabad having corrupt reputation have been suspended on graft charges;

(b) 13 officers / official proved guilty have been awarded major / minor punishment. **(Annex-A).**

78. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 02:00 pm)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the business of Pakistan Railways has been decreasing day by day, if so, the losses suffered by that department during 2012;*
- (b) the amount presently outstanding against various departments on account of transportation charges indicating the amount outstanding against each department; and*
- (c) the amount recovered by Pakistan Railways under the said heading since 2011?*

**Khawaja Saad Rafique:** (a) Yes, it is a fact that the business of Pakistan Railways decreased, day by day, over the last three years. The loss suffered by the Department during the Financial Year 2012-13 (July, 2012 to June, 2013) amounts to Rs. 30.504 billion.

(b) Department wise current detail of outstanding bills receivable on account of transportation charges up to November 30, 2013 is as under:

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Sr. No.	Particulars	Amount Outstanding (Rs.)
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**Government Departments**

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1.	Post Master General	31,020,985
2.	State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi	3,869,225
3.	Chief Controller of Stamp	485,653
4.	Defence (Military Warrants & Concession Vouchers)	258,670,665

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**Total Amount Outstanding**                      **294,046,528**

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(c) Department wise recovery by Pakistan Railways from July 1, 2011 to November 30, 2013 is as under:

Sr. No.	Government Departments	Amount Recovered (Rs.)
<b>Government Departments</b>		
1.	Post Master General	97,438,101
2.	State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi	42,333,103
3.	Chief Controller of Stamp	1,721,438
4.	Defence (Military Warrants & Concession Vouchers)	1,013,329,649
<b>Total Amount Recovered</b>		<b>1,154,822,291</b>

79. **\*Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 09:15 am)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the ratio of PSP officers versus Provincial / local Police Officers in each province, AJK, and FATA?*

**Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan:** Details may please be seen at **Annex-A.**



80. **\*Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 09:50 am)

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Air Force auctioned a VIP Boeing aircraft in 2008, if so, its make, model / year of manufacturing, date of purchase, purchase price, book value at the time of auction, minimum reserve price and the price at which the same was auctioned?*

**Khawaja Muhammad Asif:** Point wise reply to the above question is as follows:—

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| (a) Model of aircraft                                 | Boeing 707-320C (351 B)  |
| (b) Year of manufacture                               | May 1968   |
| (c) Date of purchase by PAF                           | 28 June 1986   |
| (d) Purchase price (Used aircraft purchased from PIA) | US\$ 3.27 Million  |
| (e) Book value at the time of auction.                | Rs.8.40 Million  |
| (f) Minimum reserve price (75% of book value)         | Rs.6.30 Million  |
| (g) Auction price                                     | Rs.7.30 Million + Rs.1.168 Million (16% GST) Total auction price = Rs.8.468 Million. |

81. **\*Mr. Saeed Ghani:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 12:20 pm)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state that:*

- (a) *the details of educational qualifications and experience of the present Chairman NADRA;*
- (b) *the national and international awards conferred on the said Chairman; and*
- (c) *the period of service rendered by him in NADRA before assumption of charge as Chairman?*

Reply not received.

81-A. **\*Mr. Saeed Ghani:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 12:22 pm)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state that:*

- (a) *the number of private and official foreign visits, separately, undertaken by the present Chairman NADRA during the period of his Chairmanship; and*
- (b) *the authority which granted approval /permission for the said visits?*

**Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan:** (a) As per record provided by NADRA Chairman NADRA has made 08 official and one private foreign visits during the period of Chairmanship from 17th July, 2012 to December, 2013.

(b) Prime Minister has granted approval / permission for the official visits, whereas permission for private visit was not granted by the Competent Authority.

81-B. **\*Mr. Saeed Ghani:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 12:25p.m )

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the outstanding amount of NADRA against the Office of the Immigration and Passports and Finance Division on account of free CNICs; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government for recovery / payment of the said amount to NADRA?*

**Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan:** (a) The outstanding amount of NADRA against the office of Immigration & Passports and Finance Division on account of free CNICs is as under:

Details	Amount in Rupees
Outstanding amount against I&P Department	Rs. 521 million
Outstanding amount against Finance Division (Free CNICs)	Rs.1,996 billion
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2.517 billion</b>

(b) Detailed break-up of the outstanding amount has been obtained from NADRA and the matter is under process in consultation with Finance Division. Meetings has also been conducted between NADRA and DG (I&P) on the issue.

81-C. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 09:30 am)

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

- (a) *the details of luggage trains operational in the country at present;*
- (b) *the number of locomotives presently being used for luggage transportation; and*

(c) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the luggage train service in the country?*

**Khawaja Saad Rafique:** (a) Presently, no luggage train is running over the system.

(b) No locomotive is used for luggage train.

(c) At present, no luggage train is operative over the system and will be restored only after ensuring that it will fulfill the customers demand to their satisfaction.

81-D. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 09:30 am)

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

(a) *the number of operational locomotives in the country;*

(b) *the number of locomotives which are out of order but are repairable and the time by which the same will be repaired; and*

(c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to purchase new locomotives, if so, its details?*

**Khawaja Saad Rafique:** (a) 180 Locomotives on average are operational in the country.

(b) 285 Locomotives are out of order at present out of which 200 locomotives are repairable. The repair plans of these locomotives are as under:—

- i. 70 Locomotives are being repaired against the PSDP Project of “150 Locomotives Special Repairs” and will be completed within two years.
- ii. 27 Locomotives are being rehabilitated through PSDP under the project “rehabilitation of 27 HGMU-30 Locomotives” and will be completed by December, 2015.
- iii. 50 Locomotives are Planned to be repaired through PSDP for which PC-I is under process which envisages completion by 2015-16.
- iv. Besides, efforts are being made to repair the locomotives through revenue budget also.

*Note:* To put the repaired locomotives in operation is a stop gap arrangement. For sustainable operations Pakistan Railways will have to induct new locomotives.

(c) For procurement of new Locomotives, the following plans/projects are under way:—

- i. Procurement of 150 Locomotives is under process. The case is however, subjudiced in Court of Law.
- ii. Procurement of 75 Locomotives is under process through PSDP.
- iii. Contract agreement for manufacturing/assembling of 5 Locomotives at Pakistan Locomotive Factory, Risalpur has been signed and LC established. Material kits for the locomotives will be supplied in May, 2014 and manufacturing/ assembling will be completed by December, 2014.

81-E. **\*Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 12:05 pm)

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

- (a) *the number of buildings constructed by Peshawar Cantonment Board during the last three years;*
- (b) *the details of contracts of over 10 million rupees awarded by the said board during the said period; and*
- (c) *whether PEPPRA rules were followed in awarding the said contracts?*

**Khawaja Muhammad Asif:** The point wise reply is as under:—

(a) The number of buildings constructed by the Peshawar Cantonment Board during the last three years is 19 No.

(b) The details of contracts of over 10 million rupees awarded during the said period are as under:—

**During 2010-11**

S. No.	Description of work	Actual Cost (Rs. in M)
1.	Construction of Flats for Senior Staff at Shami Road	13.566

**During 2011-12**

S. No.	Description of work	Actual Cost (Rs. in M)
1	Construction of Remunerative Project at 26 - Saddar Road	17.648

**During 2012-13**

S. No.	Description of work	Actual Cost
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		(Rs. in M)
1	Construction of 37 shops on 1st floor at CB Shops, Rehman Baba Road, Dabgari Garden	16.559
2	Construction of 2nd Floor & 3rd Floor at R-Sheen Plaza, Arbab Road	21.399
3	Construction of 2nd floor at CB Plaza (Old Fish Market), Fakhr-e-Alam Road	25.219
4	Construction of 3rd Floor at Green Shadi Hall Plaza, Fakhr-e-Alam Road	32.682
5	Construction of 06 x staff flats for RHQ & MEO staff at Gulberg Colony	11.000
6	Construction of 04 x staff flats for CB staff at Chotti Lalkurti	15.000
7	Construction of Begum Anwar Sultan Umme Haji Adeel Memorial Block In Cantt General Hospital, Psc	50.000 (in progress)

(c) Yes. PEPRA Rules were followed in awarding above mentioned contracts.

81-F. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:10 am)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 169, replied on 7th November, 2013 and state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the persons acquiring nationality / citizenship of United States of America declare on oath that they absolutely and entirely renounce, adjure allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate or sovereignty of whom or which they have been a subject or citizen; and*
- (b) *whether a Pakistani citizen after acquiring US nationality / citizenship by taking that oath of allegiance can legally remain a citizen of Pakistan at the same time, if so, its details?*

**Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan:** (a) Those, who intend to acquire Nationality/Citizenship of USA are required to abide by their laws and rules, declaration and oath.

(b) After acquiring US nationality/ citizenship, Pakistani nationals can simultaneously remain a citizen of Pakistan as per law (**Annex-I**).

### **Annexure-I**

In terms of Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951, Pakistan has dual nationality arrangements with USA. At the same time citizens of Pakistan can retain nationality of both the countries. The Pakistani nationals after acquiring nationality / citizenship of USA still remain Pakistani Nationals. There is also provision in the Pakistan Citizenship Act that Pakistani national after

acquiring US Citizenship at his own option can renounce Pakistani Nationality as per prescribed procedure laid down in Section 14 (A) of PCC Act, 1951 (**Annex-II**).

The oath of allegiance frame for citizens who acquire citizenship of a particular foreign country are formulated as per requirement of relevant country. However, every citizen of Pakistan is under obligation to remain loyal and faithful to the Pakistan and its constitution and law till the time he remain citizen of Pakistan. Statements made while fulfilling the condition of acquiring citizenship of other countries do not relieve a citizen of Pakistan from his obligations under the constitution by all means he remain faithful and loyal to the Pakistan.

Sd/-  
ALAM ZEB BANGASH  
*Section Officer (P&C).*

## **Annexure-II**

**[14-A. Renunciation of citizenship.** (1) If any citizen of Pakistan residing outside Pakistan, who is not a minor and—

- (a) is also a citizen or national of another country, or
- (b) has been given by the competent authority of another country any valid document assuring him of the grant of the citizenship or nationality of that other country upon renouncing his citizenship of Pakistan,

makes in the prescribed manner a declaration renouncing his citizenship of Pakistan, the declaration shall be registered by the prescribed authority; and upon such registration that person shall cease to be a citizen of Pakistan:

Provided that, if any such declaration is made during any war in which Pakistan may be engaged, registration thereof shall be withheld until the Federal Government otherwise directs.

- (2) Where a male person ceases to be a citizen of Pakistan under sub-section (1)—
  - (a) every such minor child of that person as is residing outside Pakistan shall thereupon cease to be a citizen of Pakistan:

Provided that any such child may, within one year of his completing the age of twenty-one years, make a declaration that he wishes to resume the citizenship of Pakistan and shall upon the making of such declaration become a citizen of Pakistan ; and

- (b) every such minor child of that person as is residing in Pakistan shall continue to be a citizen of Pakistan.]

<sup>2</sup>[**14-B. Certain persons to be citizens of Pakistan.** A person who being a subject of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, has migrated to Pakistan with the intention of residing therein until such time as the relationship between Pakistan and that State is finally determined, shall, without prejudice to his status as such subject, be a citizen of Pakistan.]

81-G. \***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:45 am)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of FC personnel presently deputed for security of foreign organizations in the country indicating also the names of organizations where they have been deputed; and*
- (b) the payment being made by the said organizations to FC for the said services?*

**Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan:** (a) Frontier Constabulary has provided eleven (11) platoons to Foreign Organizations, MOL Oil & Gas Company and five (05) platoons to WAPDA for security of Foreign Organizations.

- (b) These Organizations are paying **Rs. 1,196,491/-** per month, per platoon.

ISLAMABAD :  
The 16th January, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,  
Secretary.

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Friday, the 17th January, 2014**

4. **Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 04:55 pm)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the number of members of phase-2 housing scheme of Accounts Group Officers Cooperative Housing Society (AGOCHS), Islamabad, indicating also the location and area of housing scheme, land in possession, date of approval of layout plan, mortgage deed date with land quantity, transfer deed date with land quantity, date of approval of engineering design, date of issuance of NOC, if any and present status of scheme?*

Reply not received.

5. **Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 04:55 pm)

*Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the number of members of Government Officers Farming Cooperative Housing Society Islamabad indicating also the location and area of housing scheme, land in possession, date of approval of layout plan, mortgage deed date with land quantity, transfer deed date with land quantity, date of approval of engineering design, date of issuance of NOC, if any and present status of scheme?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :  
The 16th January, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,  
Secretary.