

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 4th February, 2014

1. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 24-12-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the governing body of Workers Welfare Fund is constituted for two years;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the present governing body of the said fund was constituted in 2009, if so, the law under which the same is continuing so far; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said body will be reconstituted?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) Yes. It is a fact that a member other than the Chairman shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of the notification appointing him a member of the Governing Body.

(b) Present Governing Body was constituted on 28-02-2009 except following 4 members who were notified in the GB in place of their successors as under:—

S#	Name	Date of Notification
1.	Mr. Asim Raza Ahmad (Federal Employers' Representative)	13-10 2010
2.	Mian Misbah-ur-Rehman (Employers' Representative from Punjab)	13 10-2010

S#	Name	Date of Notification
3.	Mr. Aijaz Ali Balouch (Employers' Representative from Sindh)	13 10-2010

4. **Mr. Rahim Shoro**
(Workers' Representative from Sindh)

27-06 2013

The existing Governing Body notified in 2009 is continuing so far owing to Rule 3 (1)&(2) of Workers Welfare Fund Rules 1976, which is reproduced as under:—

“(1) a member other than the Chairman shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of the notification appointing him a member of the Governing Body and shall be eligible for re-nomination:

Provided that an outgoing member may continue in office until the appointment of his successor is notified.

(c) The process of re-constitution of Governing Body of WWF is in process. Recently all the Provinces and ICT Administration have submitted their nominations. A summary for approval of the Prime Minister is in process.

2. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether magnetic ink was used for thumb impressions of voters in general elections of May, 2013, if so, its details?

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed: During the General Elections, 2013 445,334 magnetic ink pads were got manufactured from PCSIR Lab., Karachi according to the recommended specifications of NADRA and supplied to all Provincial Election Commissioners, who accordingly disseminated the same to the District Returning Officers/Returning Officers and Presiding Officers through their Regional Election Commissioners / District Election Commissioners with the directions to use the magnetic ink pads for getting thumb impressions of the voters on electoral rolls against the photograph of the voters during the process of elections. The confirmation regarding the receipt of magnetized ink pads was obtained from the PECs who confirmed the receipt of required number of magnetized ink stamp pads from PCSIR Lab., Karachi and its further distribution to the DROs/ROs and POs.

3. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether delimitation of constituencies for any electoral process / elections without a new population census is legal /permissible under the law of the land and Constitution of Pakistan?

Reply not received.

4. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 11:20 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that due to overloaded trucks and heavy trawlers the roads are badly damaged, if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Minister for Communications: Yes, it is a fact that overloaded trucks are causing damage to the roads.

In order to save the National Highway Network from the menace of overloading, NHA has installed permanent weigh stations at strategic locations of National Highways and Motorways. Details are as under:

Phase	Planned	Installed	Operational
I	42	42	37
II	34	20	20
III	37	Yet to start	
Total	113	62	57

NHA has also deployed 20 Nos mobile weigh stations at critical locations.

In order to forestall overloading of trucks at source, a meeting was held with Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh [**Annex-A**] whereby all stakeholders were brought on board to reduce and ultimately end overloading.

Annexure-A

Subject: IMPLEMENTATION OF AXLE LOAD POLICY ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS & MOTORWAYS.

A meeting was held in the office of Chief Secretary Sindh on 25-9-2013 to review the implementation status of Axle load regime with a view to end the damage to the National Highways & Motorways. Following attended:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Communications. Government of Pakistan.
2. Chairman, National Highway Authority (NHA)
3. Member(Finance), National Highway Authority (NHA)
4. All Commissioners Government of Sindh.
5. Representatives of United Goods Transport Alliance.
6. Representatives of Car Carrier Trucks Association.
7. Representatives of Cement Manufacturing units of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtoon Khawa. (KPK).
8. Representatives of Karachi Port Trust (KPT)
9. Representatives of Pakistan Steel Karachi.

10. Representatives of Port Qasim Karachi.

2. The meeting started with Member (Finance) NHA's presentation regarding the background, importance and issues in the enforcement of Axle Load policy for the National Highways & Motorways.

3. Representatives of Transporters, Car Carriers and Cement Manufacturers appreciated such stakeholders meetings for implementation of axle load regime and to control overloading. They gave their inputs with regard to the problems being faced by them in the implementation of axle load regime. They assured the house that if these problems are removed they would willingly participate in the implementation of the axle load regime. These included:—

- a. Installation of weigh stations on all entry and exit points of every big city through reputable companies. All cement and fertilizer units before exit from their premises should clearly indicate weight being carried by that truck/vehicle. Port authorities including dry ports should be advised to enforce axle load control regime through establishment of weigh stations at their entry and exit points. All unauthorized weigh stations be removed.
- b. NH & MP to manage and assure maximum checking of vehicle at the weigh stations in line with NHSO-2000 and vehicles with excess load should be fined accordingly.

4. After detailed deliberations on the various issues the following decisions were taken:—

- a. All unauthorized weigh stations shall be removed, immediately.
 - b. Cement manufacturers and exporters must desist from overloading their cargo beyond permissible limits.
 - c. Length of car carrier trucks to be defined and formulized by the concerned ministry/department to avoid road damages.
 - d. The issue of the tax levied by the government will be taken up with FBR by Ministry of Communications.
 - e. Port authorities would start to enforce and implement axle load control regime.
 - f. 50% of the concession in allowed weight; to be withdrawn on 14th October, 2013 as per earlier decision, will now be implemented with effect from 01-11-2013. Withdrawal of remaining 50% will be implemented *w.e.f.* 15-04-2014, as per earlier agreement.
5. The meeting ended with a round of thanks for the participants for contributing in solving of this important national issue.

5. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:**(Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 11:20 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in grades 1 to 20 in post offices in Balochistan during the last five years with grade wise and district wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of new post offices established in that province during the said period with district wise break up?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Cadre / Scale wise detail of employees appointed in BPS-1 to 20 during the last live years in Balochistan Province is placed at **Annex-A**.

(b) 92 New Post Offices have been established in Balochistan during last five years. District wise break up is placed at **Annex-B**.

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

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the NAB conducted an inquiry into privatization of Muslim Commercial Bank, if so, the findings thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government in the light of said inquiry report /findings?*

Reply not received.

7. ***Hafiz Hamdullah:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 12:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the names and date of present appointment of the officers working on contract and re-employment / extension basis in the Election Commission of Pakistan?

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed:

8. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 02:55 pm)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the demand for Pakistani workers received from the Middle East countries during 2011 and 2012;*
- (b) *the number of Pakistani workers sent to the said countries during that period; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to enhance the capacity of Pakistani workers?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) During the year 2011 and 2012 demand for 827258 Pakistani workers was received from Middle Eastern countries through overseas employment promoters (year-wise break up is at Annex-I).

(b) During the year 2011 and 2012, total 1077499 Pakistani workers proceeded to Middle East countries through Overseas Employment Promoters and direct employment. (Annex-II).

(c) Training institutions and vocational authorities, functioning under the administrative control of Federal and Provincial Governments are responsible to provide the skills and training to Pakistani workers/manpower. Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development, is, collaborating with Overseas Employment Promoters (OEPs) and NGOs to initiate technical training skills institution. The Bureau of Emigration & Overseas Employment is also in touch with NEVTEC AND TEVTAS to train manpower.

9. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 02:55 pm)

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

- (a) *the names of NGOs in the country which are providing diagnostic services and medical treatment to the patients of HIV /AIDS and hepatitis; and*
- (b) *the details of medical facilities being provided to the said patients in the Federal Government Hospitals?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) The Ministry of National Health Services Regulation & Coordination has established 18 centres in all over the country through National AIDS Control Programme and also support through following organizations (NGOs) to providing screening for HIV (rapid test only), under the support of Round 9 Global Fund Grant:

- Naizindagi,
- New Light AIDS Society,
- Pak Plus,
- Beacon Foundation For Research and Development (BFRD),
- KhandoKor,
- Socio-Pak,
- Pakistan Society,
- Al-Nijat,
- Sukkar Blood Donor & Drugs Society.
- Bridge Consultants

(b) The Ministry through its Programme (NACP) is providing following facilities at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS):—

- diagnostics for HIV screening, confirmation and treatment:
- Anti-retroviral Treatment (Treatment)
- Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission of HIV (PPTCT).

10. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of students who were granted scholarships for study abroad since 2002; and*
- (b) *the number of the said students who are presently serving in Pakistan after completing their studies abroad?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman: (a) 5174 scholars were awarded scholarship since 2002 under 23 development projects implanted directly by HEC. Scholarships of 185 scholars were cancelled after award owing to different reasons. 4989 scholars proceeded abroad for studies.

(b) 2145 scholars are serving Pakistan in higher education institutions, public and private sector as well as R&D organizations after completing their studies abroad.

11. ***Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the mechanism adopted by the Government for fixing prices of various crops prior to devolution under 18th amendment in the Constitution, post devolution and by the present Government, separately?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: Prices are not fixed by Government. Only the Minimum Guaranteed Price (MGP) of wheat is announced, for which study by Agriculture Policy Institute (API) about the cost of production, import/export parity and consultation with Provincial Governments are carried out.

Prior to Devolution, Provincial consultation was not necessary, which has now become imperative.

12. ***Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the amount earmarked and utilized for channel dredging and maintenance of various ports during last ten fiscal years with year-wise break up?

Mr. Kamran Michael: The amount earmarked and utilized for channel dredging and maintenance during last 10 years in respect of Karachi Port Trust, Port Qasim Authority, Karachi and Gwadar Port Authority is as under:—

KARACHI PORT TRUST, KARACHI

S. No.	Year	Budget Provision	Utilization	Quantity Dredged (Cu.m)
1.	2003-2004	271,250,000.00	109,338,805.00	3,637,251.00
2.	2004-2005	339,850,000.00	165,226,114.00	2,688,268.00
3.	2005-2006	447,500,000.00	56,079,010.00	2,926,567.00
4.	2006-2007	241,850,000.00	81,403,066.00	3,577,455.00
5.	2007-2008	525,850,000.00	104,967,482.00	6,417,770.00
6.	2008-2009	510,000,000.00	296,019,475.00	6,162,232.00
7.	2009-2010	800,000,000.00	189,577,418.00	5,454,992.00
8.	2010-2011	540,000,000.00	317,844,378.00	3,828,507.00
9.	2011-2012	500,000,000.00	376,282,274.00	2,788,590.00
10.	2012-2013	850,000,000.00	185,242,917.00	5,710,523.00
Total		5,026,300,000.00	1,881,980,939.00	43,192,155.00

PORT QASIM AUTHORITY, KARACHI

(Rs. in million)

S. No.	Year	Budget Provision	Utilization	Remark
1.	2003-2004 Dredging firm	553	235.03	Dredging through International
2.	2004-2005	855	639.36	-do-
3.	2005-2006	996	691.85	-do-
4.	2006-2007	1104	973.69	-do-
5.	2007-2008	2288	1316.03	-do-
6.	2008-2009	2570	1727.79	-do-
7.	2009-2010	3900	1361.57	-do-
8.	2010-2011	3300	2516.41	-do-
9.	2011-2012	5700	4204.77	-do-
10.	2012-2013 Dredger procured on three years	1997	406.32	Dredging through PQA own dredger.
12.316				installment amounting to Rs. million US\$ per year

GWADAR PORT AUTHORITY, GWADAR

Gwadar Port Authority has utilized an amount of Rs. 232.204 million once *i.e.* during the year 2010-2011 only.

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

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of ships with the National Shipping Corporation; and*

(b) *the profit earned or loss suffered by the said Corporation during the last five years?*

Mr. Kamran Michael: (a) Total No. of ships as at present are Nine, with the following fleet mix:

- Three Oil Tankers
- Six Dry Bulk Carriers.

(b)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	
REVENUE	Rs. (Million)	Rs. (Million)	Rs. (Million)	Rs. (Million)	Rs. (Million)
OPERATING REVENUES	11,474.349	7,889.942	9,293.169	8,875.322	12,252.934
OTHER OPERATING REVENUES	825.417	888.895	1,055.964	823.344	900.918
TOTAL	12,299.766	8,778.837	10,349.133	9,698.666	13,153.852

2008-09

EXPENSES					
FLEET EXPENSES	8,411.781	6,431.835	7,231.597	6,779.676	8,961.723
ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL EXPENSES	519.807	623.353	631.646	608.494	823.137
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	319.113	253.206	196.303	514.133	211.876
FINANCE COSTS	54.154	20.912	264.435	1,071.405	714.958
TAXATION	682.069	481.707	392.210	(28.197)	450.819
TOTAL	9,304.855	7,329.306	8,323.981	8,945.511	11,162.513

14. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 09:45 am)

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

- (a) *the quantity of wheat available in the country at present with province-wise break-up;*
- (b) *whether the said quantity is sufficient to meet the requirements of the country, if not, the steps being take by the Government to meet the requirements;*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to import or export wheat, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the hoarding of wheat in the country?*

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: (a) At present, the quantity of wheat with the public sector with province-wise break-up is given as follows:—

Province/ Agency	Current wheat stocks As on 10-1-2014 (Fig. in million tons)
Punjab	1.906
Sindh	0.562
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	0.121
Balochistan	0.083
PASSCO	12,364
4.036	

Total:

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) The Provincial Government under their relevant laws is taking care of the problems of hoarding and profiteering.

15. *Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan: (Notice received on 02-01-2014 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Pakistan National Commission for UNESCO (PNCU) has been placed under the administrative control of the Ministry of Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education despite the fact that all other matters relating to UNESCO are dealt by the Economic Affairs Division, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the name and designation of officers who have been serving in the said Commission since 2000?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman: (a) Yes, it is fact that Pakistan National Commission for UNESCO is working under the administrative control of M/o ET&SHE. Pakistan joined UNESCO on September 14, 1949 and initially a liaison office was established within then M/o Education. PNCU was established on 1st July, 1985 as an autonomous body and it was categorized as sub-ordinate office of the M/o Education (defunct) on December 29, 2004, as per Supreme Court Judgment for autonomous bodies, created without act of Parliament, but through resolution of controlling Ministry.

After devolution of the erstwhile Ministry of Education, M/o Professional & Technical Training was constituted vide Cabinet Division's U.O. No. 4-10/2011-Min.1, dated 29th July, 2011. PNCU Was placed under Ministry of Professional & Technical Training vide Cabinet Division's Notification No.4-1/2012-Min.1, dated 8th June, 2012. PNCU is the main coordinating body of Govt. of Pakistan with UNESCO and ISESCO.

EAD deals at the level of Policy and agreements with all UN agencies and UNESCO is one of them, while this Ministry deals the operational aspects of UNESCO. ISESCO.

- (b) List of Officers since 2000 is attached, who served in PNCU.

(List)

Name and Designation of officer who have been serving since 2000

S. No.	Name	Period	
		From	To

A. Secretary General (BS-20)

1.	Mirza Muhammad Mushir	05-07-1999	28-11-2000
2.	Mr. Azfar Shahfaqat	07-12-2000	31-08-2001
3.	Mr. Sarfaraz Ahmed Syed	01-09-2001	11-09-2003
4.	Mr. Arif Hussain	12-09-2003	09-10-2004
5.	Mr. Akhtar Ahsan	23-10-2004	03-01-2005
6.	Dr. Mrs. Parveen Shahid	04-01-2005	12-08-2005
7.	Mr. Muhammad Ejaz Chaudhry	13-08-2005	08-08-2006
8.	Dr. Munir Ahmad Abro	09-08-2006	10-10-2006
9.	Brig. (R) Tariq Mahmood	11-10-2006	21-01-2007
10.	Mr. Saqib Aleem	22-01-2007	11.06.2010
11.	Mr. Aurangzeb Rehman	19-07-2010	13-02-2011
12.	Mr. Muhammad Dawood	01-03-2011	26-08-2011
13.	Mr. Muhammad Ikram	27-08-2011	04-11-2012
14.	Mr. Muhammad Dawood	07-11-2012	08-01-2013
15.	:Mr. Iftikhar Hussain	09-01-2013	11-07-2013
16.	Mr. Haroon Ahrred Khan	18-07-2013	26-08-2013
17.	Mrs. Amna Imran Khan	27-08-2013	To date

B. Deputy Secretary General (BS-19)

1.	Dr. Munir Ahmed Abro	01-09-1996	30-10-2006
2.	Mr. Arif Hussain	12-07-2001	09-09-2003
3.	Mr. Mulazim Hussain Mujahid	12-10-2006	31-01-2008
4.	Mr. Firasat Ali Kazi	01-02-2008	01-11-2009
5.	Mr. Muhammad Aslam Malik	14-03-2009	31-03-2009
6.	Mr. Muhammad Dawood	01-04-2009	To date

C. Assistant Secretary General (BS-18)

1.	Dr. Munir Ahmed Abro (Promoted BS-19)	10-09-1989	29-10-2006
2.	Mr. Hasan Mahmood	07-09-1995	To date

S. No.	Name	Period	
		From	To
3.	Mr. Abdul Rashid Ghazi	07-09-1995	11-07.-2005
4.	Ms. Neelofur Hafeez	03-06-2000	05-09-2001
5.	Mrs. Humaira Muneer	12-11-2001	08-02-2003
6.	Mr. Muhammad Dawood	13-08-2008	13-03-2009
7.	Mr. Said Ghulam	01-07-2003	02-03-2005
8.	Mr. Sohail Qasim	22-08-2008	20-09-2010

D. Assistant Secretary General (BS-17)

1.	.Mr. Hasan Mahmood,(Promoted BS-18)	28-01-1987	06-09-1995
2.	Mr. Abdul Rashid Ghazi,(Promoted BS-18)	28-11-1989	06-09-1995
3.	Mr. Sajjad Haider	04-03-2005	15-02-2006
4.	Mr. Niaz Ahmed	11-04-2005	20-04-2007
5.	Mr. Mian Hamid Hassan	08-04-2005	30-09-2005
6.	Mrs. Sajida Nasreen	14-07-2007	To date
7.	Miss. Shazia Munawar	03-01-2013	To date
E. Protocol Officer (BS-16)			
1.	Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz	28-01-1987	22-07-2005
2.	Mr. Tahir Taj	14-04-2007	24-12-2008
F. Administrative Officer (BS-16)			
1.	Mr. Gulzaman Khan	10-08-1988	31-07-2007
2.	Mr. Muhammad Ramzan Basharat	10-06-2010	To date
G. Accountant (BS-16)			
1	Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob	29-06-2012	To date

ISLAMABAD :
The 3rd February, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.