

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 25th February, 2014

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

Questions Nos. 2, 3 and 6 originally set down for answering on 4th February, 2014 (101st Session)

2. (Def.) ***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: Yes, in General Elections, 2013 Magnetic Ink Stamp Pads were used for obtaining thumb impressions on the Electoral Rolls against the photograph of each voter. During the said elections 445,334 magnetic ink stamp pads were got manufactured from PCSIR Lab., Karachi according to the recommended specifications of NADRA and supplied to all Provincial Election Commissioners, who further disseminated the same to the District Returning Officers/ Returning Officers and Presiding Officers through their Regional Election Commissioners / District Election Commissioners. In this regard, specific directions to use the Magnetic Ink Stamp Pads for getting thumb impressions of the voters on electoral rolls against the photograph of the voters were also issued and confirmation to the fact that the instructions have been conveyed to the District Returning Officers/Returning Officers and Presiding Officers were also obtained.

3. (Def.) ***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?

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed: Election Commission of Pakistan has replied that as per Section 7 of the Delimitation of Constituencies Act, 1974, the allocation of the Seats of the National Assembly is on the basis of population and the seats for each Province, the

Federally Administered Tribal Area and the Federal Capital are allocated as per table given below:

Sl. No.	Province/Area	General Seats	Women Seats	Total
1.	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	35	08	43
2.	FATAs	12	—	12
3.	Federal Capital	02	—	02
4.	Punjab	148	35	183
5.	Sindh	61	14	75
6.	Balochistan	14	03	17
Total :-		272	60	332

Provided that in addition to the number of seats referred in the above table there shall be in the National Assembly ten seats reserved for non-Muslims as defined in Article 260 of the Constitution. Furthermore, Pursuant to Article 51(3) of the Constitution, the seats in the National Assembly allocated to each Province, FATA and the Federal Capital on the basis of population in accordance with the last preceding census officially published. As no Population Census was carried out by the Population Census Organization in the country since, 1998 the last General Election was held on the basis of constituencies delimited previously.

2. On the advice of Election Commission of Pakistan, opinions of Law and Justice Division were also sought on the question, which are as under: -

- i. The issue in this case is whether delimitation of constituencies for any election process/election without a new population census is legal/permissible under the law of the land and the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan?
- ii. In this connection reference may be made to the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Delimitation of Constituencies Act, 1974 (XXXIV of 1974) [hereinafter referred to as the Act] wherein the seats in the National Assembly for each Province, the Federally Administered Tribal Areas and the Federal Capital have been allocated on the basis of population. The expression “population “ has been defined in clause (c) of section 2 of the Act and means the population in accordance with the last preceding census officially published.
- iii. Therefore, delimitation of constituencies for any election will have to be made on the basis of the population in accordance with the last preceding census officially published. Therefore, the issue is answered in the negative.

6. (Def.) ***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.

1. ***Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the details (registered names and addresses) of the persons / firms etc. who were provided support / benefits / subsidies from the Agricultural Support Fund since 2000?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: The question does not concern the Ministry of National Food Security and Research.

2. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 21-01-2014 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of motorways and national highways in Pakistan; and*
- (b) the names and length of motorways and national highways proposed to be constructed in the country in near future?*

Minister for Communications: (a) The total length of national highways & motorways in Pakistan is 12,132 km.

(b) Details of Names and length of national highways & motorways proposed to be constructed in the country in near future is at **Annex-A.**

3. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 21-01-2014 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the details of facilities being provided to international shipping lines and other concerned companies by Port Qasim Authority?

Mr. Kamran Michael: Following facilities are being provided to International Shipping lines:—

- (a) Docks, Wharves, quays, stages, mooring, jetties, piers and anchorages by ships.
- (b) Storing and keeping of any goods in any premises belonging to the authority.

- (c) Any services to be performed by the Authority or its servants in respect of any vessels or goods.
- (d) Use of any works or appliances to be provided by the Authority.
- (e) Carrying of passengers and their personal effects on vessels belonging to, or hired by the Authority.
- (f) Towing of and rendering assistance to any vessels, tug, or other boat or their equipment, within the limits of the Port Area or outside those limits for the purpose of saving or protecting life or property.
- (g) Pilotage services.
- (h) Salvage services will be rendered by the Port Qasim Authority within the Port limits on terms specially agreed in each case as regards un-abandoned vessels. And at the authority discretion in the case of abandoned vessels.

4. ***Hafiz Hamdullah:** (Notice received on 21-01-2014 at 01:25 pm)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the basic qualifications prescribed for appointment against the posts of Clerks, Stenotypists and Key punch Operators in the Election Commission of Pakistan; and*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for appointment against the said posts?*

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed: (a) The Election Commission has made applicable the rules/criteria of the Federal Government for the posts of Clerks, Stenotypist and Key punch Operators.

(b) No separate criteria has been laid down for appointment against the said posts instead the procedure prescribed by the Federal Government in ESTACODE and other relevant instructions/rules is being followed.

5. ***Hafiz Hamdullah:** (Notice received on 21-01-2014 at 01:25 pm)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the criteria / procedure prescribed for appointment of officers of other departments on deputation basis and their absorption in the Election Commission of Pakistan?

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed: The Election Commission (Officers & Servants) Rules 1989 have no specific provision regarding criteria/procedure prescribed for appointment of officers from other departments on deputation basis and their absorption in the Election Commission but the terms and conciliations of deputation as laid down in ESTACODE are applicable under the Rule 5(1)(b) of the above rules.

6. ***Hafiz Hamdullah:** (Notice received on 22-01-2014 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the officers of Election Commission of Pakistan are sent abroad in international missions, if so, the criteria laid down for selection of officers for that purpose?

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed: The Election Commission does not send that officers abroad in International Missions but in the past some officers got themselves enrolled with the United Nations as (UNVs) at their own and subsequently they were selected for various missions by the UN. They were granted leave for working in UN missions after fulfillment of necessary administrative requirements. Since the Election Commission does not send the nominations to the International Mission, no criteria has been laid down for selection of officers.

However, it is pointed out here that after 2010, in view of the exigency of services of ECP officers in connection with preparation of fresh Computerized Electoral Rolls followed by General Elections, Senate Elections and Local Government Elections, none of the officers has been allowed to proceed on missions abroad.

7. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 22-01-2014 at 03:00 pm)

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

- (a) the number of cases decided / disposed off by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) so far;*
- (b) the number of persons convicted in the said cases indicating also the cases in which they were convicted;*
- (c) the amount recovered by that Bureau from offenders and deposited in public exchequer so far; and*
- (d) the number of cases presently lying pending with NAB?*

Reply not received.

8. ***Mrs. Khalida Parveen:** (Notice received on 22-01-2014 at 03:30 pm)

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

- (a) the names, educational qualification, place of domicile, experience and expertise of the teachers, Deans and head of departments who are teaching the students of MA in literature of all languages and MA in Social Sciences including Education in National University of Modern Languages (NUML);*
- (b) whether it is a fact that some of the teachers who are teaching the students of M Phil and Ph. D in the said university are themselves doing M Phil, if so, the names of such teachers; and*
- (c) whether teaching by the students of M Phil to the other students of M Phil is permissible under the standards of higher education laid down by HEC?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) A consolidate list containing the names, educational qualification, place of domicile, experience and expertise of teachers, Dean and head of department who are teaching the students of MA in literature of all languages and MA in Social Science including Education in National University of Modern Languages (NUML) is attached herewith at **Annex-A**.

(b) No, there is no such case. However, there are number of teachers improving their qualification (doing M.Phil. and Ph.D.) but they are not allowed to teach M.Phil. and Ph.D. They teach at lower level classes.

(c) Higher Education Commission (HEC) has not prescribed any such criteria. Students of MS/M.Phil. can assist the University faculty as teachers assistants, however, they cannot teach independently.

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

9. ***Mrs. Khalida Parveen :** (Notice received on 22-01-2014 at 03:30 pm)

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

- (a) the number of public and private Universities awarding M. Phil and Ph. D degrees in Islamabad;*
- (b) the number of students who were awarded M. Phil and Ph. D degrees by the said universities during the last five years;*

(c) *the names and educational qualification of the teachers who supervised the thesis of students; and*

(d) *whether the local and foreign degrees of the said teachers have been got verified, if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

10. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 23-01-2014 at 09:30 am)

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

(a) *the names of new varieties of major crops which have been developed in the country during the last two years; and*

(b) *the increase made in the yield of those crops as a result of that development during the said period?*

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: (a) Varieties/hybrid developed and released during last two years:

Province	Crop/Variety Wheat
Punjab	AARI-11 Millat-2011 Punjab-2011 Dharabi-2011 AAS-2011
Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa	Shahkar-13 NIFA Lalma Pirsabak-2013

Province	Crop/Variety Wheat
Sindh	Benazir - 13 Hamal - 13
PARC	NARC-2009 NARC-2011 Pakistan-2013

Sunflower

PARC

PARSUN-3

Canola

Punjab

Faisal Canola

Sugarcane

Punjab

CPF-246

CPF-247

Details of varieties/hybrids in pipeline (PARC/NARC)

Crop	Numbers	Varieties/Hybrids
Wheat	2	NR-378 and NR-379
Sugarcane	3	HOTH-300; HOTH-127 and HOTH-326
SRI, AARI, Faisalabad	2	CPF-248, S-2003-US-633
Cotton	5 (Hybrid)	MNH-456; MNH-886; CIM-595; CIM-598; and FH-114
Tomato	4 (Hybrid)	NTT 05-08; NTT 04-08; NTT 06-08; and NTT 07-08
Maize	3 (Hybrid)	(53-56)x13; (57-60)x(9-12) and (25-28)x(9-12)
Sunflower	2 (Hybrid)	SMH-0916; and SMH-0932
Canola	3 (Hybrid)	CRH-101, CRH-119 AND C,RH-148
Fodder	2 (Hybrid)	NARC-Hyb-2 and NARC-Hyb-4
Chickpea	1	CMC-2011-F
Mung	1	NMC-257-2
Citrus	4 (Hybrid)	NARC 05-18; NARC 05-17, NARC 05-14 and NARC 05-6

(b) During the period of 2010-11 and increasing trend in area and production of major crops in the country was observed. Similarly, per acre yield has also shown an increasing trend for these crops. However, during 2011-12 a decreasing trend in yield per acre was observed. This was due to the, heavy rains and devastating/flash floods damaging all the crops through the country. (*Pakistan Economic Survey 2011-12*).

11. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 24-01-2014 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps taken / being taken by the Government to decrease Pakistan's dependence on imported wheat and Palmolive?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: Steps taken/ being taken by the government to decrease dependence on imported wheat and palm oil are as under:—

WHEAT

- i. Development and promotion of new high yielding wheat varieties.
- ii. Ensured supply of farm inputs for wheat production.
- iii. Dissemination of good agricultural practices through provincial agricultural department using field visits and electronic and print media.
- iv. Wheat Productivity Enhancement Programme (WPEP) initiated at NARC and Provincial Research Institutes.
- v. Wheat productivity enhancement competition among small to medium scale farmers at Provincial level.

PALMOIL

- i. An Oilpalm Development Pilot Project was launched in 1996 by Pakistan Oilseed Development Board (PODB) to promote oilpalm cultivation in coastal areas of Sindh and Balochistan.
 - ii. Another project titled "Oilpalm Development Project" was launched by PODB in 2005-11 at a total cost of Rs.113.08 million for oilpalm cultivation on 12,000 acres.
 - iii. Government of Balochistan also launched a project on oilpalm cultivation at a total cost of Rs.326.371 million for a period of five years (2007-2012) for oilpalm cultivation on 12,000 acres.
 - iv. Oilpalm seedlings have been provided to growers at subsidized rates.
 - v. Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL) had fixed a loan of Rs.5, 000/- per acre to growers having oilpalm plantation on their field.
 - vi. The oilpalm project staff provided technical assistance to growers for land development, planting and maintenance of oilpalm plants.
 - vii. Present government is in process of negotiation with Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA) of Malaysia which has shown interest in large scale oilpalm plantation in coastal areas of Sindh and Balochistan.
12. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-01-2014 at 10:15 am)

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

- (a) *the details of cases pending in the Anti Terrorism Court, Islamabad indicating also the reasons for pendency in each case;*
- (b) *the expected time by which trials of the said cases will be completed; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the efficiency of the said Court?*

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: (a) There are 22 regular cases in total excluding miscellaneous matters which are under trial regularly and would be decided shortly.

(b) Some cases are at final stage and will be decided at the shortest possible time and rest of the cases will also be decided shortly.

(c) Federal Government is keen to improve the standard of the Court. In this regard it is proposed that the aforesaid Court would be granted each and every possible financial and administrative facility for early disposal of litigation. The new ATC Court is established in new Judicial Complex established for Special Courts situated at G-11, Islamabad.

13. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-01-2014 at 10:15 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in the National Highways Authority;*
- (b) *the number of persons appointed in the said Authority during the period from March, 2008 to November, 2013;*
- (c) *the procedure adopted for the said appointment;*
- (d) *whether the educational certificates / degrees of the said persons have been verified, if so, its details;*
- (e) *whether it is a fact that a number of irregularities were committed in those appointments, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (f) *whether any inquiry has been conducted in the said irregularities, if not, the time by which the same will be conducted?*

Reply not received.

14. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 24-01-2014 at 11:20 am)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the post of Chairman, Federal Services Tribunal, is lying vacant for the last several months, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be filled in?

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: The post of Chairman, Federal Service Tribunal is lying vacant since 13-8-2013 due to the reason that the Supreme Court of Pakistan *vide* its judgment dated 25-3-2013 passed in C.P No.53/2007 and 83/2012 had held Section 3(1),3(3), 3(3) (b), 3(4) and 3(7) of Federal Service Tribunal Act, 1973 as void and unconstitutional and ultra vires to the Constitution regarding appointment/qualification of Chairman and Members of Federal Service Tribunal and proposed certain amendments in the Service Tribunal Act, 1973. The draft bill is pending with the Standing Committee of National Assembly.

15. ***Mrs. Suriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 30-01-2014 at 02:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state the amount of foreign assistance and donations received by the Higher Education Commission on account of stipends for students since 2009 and details of its utilization with year-wise and head-wise break-up?

Reply not received.

16. ***Mrs. Saeeda Iqbal:** (Notice received on 30-01-2014 at 04:35 pm)

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

(a) *the procedure / criteria laid down for appointment against the post of Chairman Higher Education Commission; and*

(b) *the procedure adopted for appointment of present Chairman of that Commission?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) According to Section 5(i) of the Ordinance No.LIII of 2002 The Controlling Authority shall appoint a person of international eminence and proven ability who has made significant contribution to Higher Education as teacher, researcher or administrator, as Chairperson on such terms and conditions as it may determine and in section 6(5) the term is specified as four years.

(b) The present Chairman has been appointed in accordance to Section 8 (iii) of the Ordinance No. L-III of 2002, on acting charge basis, which, states that “in case of vacancy occurring in the office of the Chairperson, the Controlling Authority may nominate any Member of the Commission to act as Chairperson for a maximum period of

three months during which period the Controlling Authority shall fill in the vacancy by appointing of regular Chairperson.

17. ***Mrs. Saeeda Iqbal:** (Notice received on 30-01-2014 at 04:35 pm)

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

- (a) the monthly house rent being paid by the International Islamic University for the residence of their president; and*
- (b) the rules under which the said rent is being paid and the head under which that expenditure is met?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) The International Islamic University Islamabad is not making any payment on account of house rent for the residence of President of the University

(b) In view of above, not applicable.

18. ***Mrs. Saeeda Iqbal:** (Notice received on 31-01-2014 at 09:30 am)

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

- (a) the educational qualifications and experience prescribed for the post of Chairman / Chairperson of Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education;*
- (b) the educational qualifications and experience of the present incumbent of the said post; and*
- (c) the procedure adopted for appointment of the present Chairman of the said board?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) As per F.B.I.S.E Employees (Service) Regulations, 2005, the post of Chairman, F.B.I.S.E is of BS-20. The terms and conditions for appointment of Chairman are not available in the said Regulations because it is a tenure post to be filled in by the Federal Government initially for a period of three years extendable for a second term not exceeding three years on deputation basis.

(b) Educational qualification and experience of the present incumbent is as under:

- Ph.D from University of Karachi

- M.A (political Sciences) from University of the Punjab Lahore.
- M.A (Physical Education), University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Experience

- The present incumbent Joined Higher Education Commission in BS-17 during 1985.
 - Promoted to BPS-20 on 20-04-2004.
 - Appointed on deputation basis to the present position on 19-09-2008.
- (c) i. The appointment of Chairman in FBISE, is purely the prerogative of the Federal Government as per FBISE Act, 1975 on such terms and conditions and for such period as the Federal Government may deem fit. Usually, post is filled on deputation basis from amongst the Government officers of BS-20.
- ii. The Chairman shall hold office for a term of three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second term not exceeding three years:

Provided that notwithstanding the expiry of the terms of his / her office, he / she shall continue to hold office until his / her successor is appointed and enters upon his / her office.

19. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 31-01-2014 at 10:00 am)

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

- (a) *the amount in EOBI fund at present; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the pensions of retired Employees of the Old Age Benefit Institute have not been increased since long, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) EOBI has a fund Rs.251.4 billion as on 31-1-2014.

- (b) In fact the pension of EOBI's pensioners has been increased as under:
- From Rs.1,500/- to Rs.2,000/- (33.33% increase) w.e.f July 1, 2008.

- From Rs.2,000/- to Rs,3,000/-(50% increase) w.e.f July 1, 2010
- From Rs.3,000/- to Rs.3,600/- (20% increase) w.e.f January 1, 2012

20. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 04-02-2014 at 09:20 am)

Will the Minister for National Health Service, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the time by which Pakistan will become polio free country?

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: • Polio Eradication Initiative has been declared as a National Health Emergency by the Government of Pakistan.

- National Emergency Action Plan for polio has been prepared with a clear goal of arresting poliovirus transmission **by the end of 2015.**

21. ***Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:** (Notice received on 06-02-2014 at 09:30 am)

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

- whether it is a fact that the Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad has adopted the Federal Government rules for appointment, promotion, regularization and retirement of its employees;*
- the details of persons working in the said university whose services have been regularized under the said rules during the last five years; and*
- the details of the persons working on contract and daily wages basis in that university whose services have not been regularized so far indicating also its reasons?*

Reply not received.

22. ***Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:** (Notice received on 10-02-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state the names, date of first appointment, date of promotion and length of service of the persons promoted as D.G. and above in the Higher Education Commission (HEC) during the last two years indicating also the length of service required for those promotions?

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: No person has been promoted as D.G. and above in Higher Education Commission (HEC) during the last two years.

23. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 11-02-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the acreage of land of Karachi Port Trust sold during the last five years indicating also the names of purchasers and the price at which the same was sold?

Mr. Kamran Michael: No land of Karachi Port Trust has been sold during the last 05 years.

24. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 12-02-2014 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) present status of the project of construction of Expressway (E-35) from Hassanabdal to Mansehra; and

(b) whether land has been acquired / purchased for the said project?

Minister for Communications: (a) National Highway Authority (NHA) has planned construction of E-35 in the following two phases:—

1. **Hassanabdal to Havellian (58 Km)**

2. **Havellian to Mansehra (51 Km)**

Loan agreement negotiations are in advance stage. Construction work will begin shortly after signing of loan agreement. Some delay in start of project occurred due to following reasons:

- a Shortage of Funds for Land Acquisition
- b ADB restrictions for financing the project

Construction of E-35 Phase-I is planned to be completed in four years subject to approval of PC-1 and counterpart allocation of funds.

(b) **Current Status Phase-I.**

- Land Acquisition process in **Package-I** (KPK Portion) is completed, whereas in Punjab portion, it will take at least 3 months to complete.

- **Package-II** of Phase-I *i.e.* Jarikas-Sari Saleh is ready for construction purpose subject to loan negotiations and fulfillment of conditions as imposed by ADB
 - In **Package-III**, Land Acquisition in 14 out of 15 villages has been completed, while remaining 1 village is in process.
- Land Acquisition Funds (Phase-I)

(Rs. In million)

a. Funds required	2828.50
b. Fund Released	1953.78
c. Addl funds required	375.00
d. ADB allowances required	180.42

Current Status Phase-II

This section is planned to be executed on BOT basis.

Commencement of Construction Work

Construction of Phase-I is expected in **October 2014**, subject to release of balance funding for land acquisition, approval of PC-1 by ECNEC and loan signing with ADB.

25. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 12-02-2014 at 04:55 pm)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount allocated for construction and repairing of motorways and National Highways in the budget 2013-14; and*
- (b) *the amount utilized out of the same so far indicating also the details of works on which the same has been spent?*

Minister for Communications: (a) **Construction** Details of project-wise allocations/releases/utilization for the period FY 2013-14 is at **Annex-A**.

Repair/Maintenance. For maintenance and repair of national highways and motorways, NHA prepares an Annual Maintenance Plan for FY 2013-14 amounting to Rs.17,930 million based on net estimated revenue of Rs.17,943.5 million including GoP maintenance grant of Rs.1,553.5 million. The details are as under:

(Rs. In million)

	Amount
GoP maintenance grant	1,342.854
GoP maintenance grant for Jaglor-Skardu (S-1)	48.300
GoP maintenance grant for Thakot-Khunjerab (N-35)	162,400
Total (GoP maintenance Grant)	1,553.554
Net estimate revenues (NHA's own resources)	16,390.004
Grand total	17,943.558

Detail of releases is at **Annex-B**

(b) As above.

ISLAMABAD :
The 24th February, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.