

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 28th February, 2014

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

Questions Nos. 42, 43 and 49 originally set down for answering on 7th February, 2014 (101st Session)

42. (Def) ***Mrs. Suriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 11:10 am)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to impose ban on import of edible items from Japan to avoid negative effect of radiation in those items, if so, its details?

Reply not received.

43. (Def) ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:10 am)

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released under the head of textile rebates during the last five fiscal years with year-wise break-up; and

(b) the amount released under the said head during the current fiscal year so far?

Minister for Textile Industry: (a) The first ever Textile Policy was approved by the Cabinet in August, 2009. The Textile Policy envisages enhancement of export performance of Textile Industry to the target of \$25 billion over the period of five years. This is to be achieved through a set of *immediate short term support measures* and medium & long-term initiatives aimed at infrastructure & skills development.

The Textile Industry Division has issued the following Orders in addition to the SRO issued by the Federal Board of Revenue for duty free import of textiles machinery:—

1. Drawback of Local Taxes and Levies (DLTL) Order, 2009.

2. Export Finance Mark-up Rate Facility (EFS) Order, 2009.
3. Markup Rate Support for Textile Sector Order, 2009.
4. Reimbursement of EOBI Contribution Order, 2009.
5. Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme Order 2010.
6. Past Claims of R&D Support Scheme.
7. PTA Monetization.

Rs. Billion

| | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Funds released by Finance Division | 9.75 | 7.5 | 6.0 | 2.0 |

It is pertinent to mention that Cabinet while approving the Textiles Policy 2009-14 approved financing plan of Rs. 188.6 billion, however, during first four years of the Textile Policy only Rs. 25.25 billion were released by the Finance Division.

(b) During current financial year Rs. 3.5 billion are provided by the Finance Division so far against the approved financing plan of Rs. 35 billion.

49. (Def) ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 07-01-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year in which the last audit of accounts of Federal Government Educational Institutions in Islamabad was conducted; and*
- (b) *whether any irregularity was surfaced in the reports of the said audit, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the light of those reports, separately in each case?*

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.

45. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 18-11-2013 at 02:10 pm)

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

- (a) *the number of buildings presently hired by the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA) indicating also the location, purpose of hiring and rent in each case; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for hiring the said buildings?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) At present, only one building *i.e.*, H. No. B-92, Upper Chatter Housing Scheme, Muzaffarabad has been hired by PTA to accommodate its Zonal Office at Muzaffarabad at rent of Rs. 90,000/- per month.

(b) A suitable office accommodation was required with the features like easy access to general public, acceptable location, well known & developed area with the availability of basic amenities. For the purpose, Zonal Head Muzaffarabad selected the said building after thorough search with the help of a local dealer. In view of the recommendations and suitability with respect to requirements of PTA for effective operation of Zonal office Muzaffarabad, the case was subsequently recommended by DG (Enforcement) and vetted by PTA Internal Audit Division. A proper Tenancy Agreement on judicial paper was finally executed after concurrence of Member (Finance) and approval of the Chairman, PTA.

46. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 20-11-2013 at 09:00 am)

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

- (a) *the number of booking and other offices of China Southern Airlines in Islamabad;*
- (b) *the number of foreigners working in the said offices; and*
- (c) *whether Pakistani visas were issued to the said foreigners on the recommendations of the Aviation Division, if so, whether security clearance was obtained from any agency in the country before issuing those visas, if not, its reasons?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) As per available record, China Southern Airlines has only one office in Islamabad having address:

Shop # 15-16, Saeed Plaza,
Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad, Pakistan

(b) The Board of Investment (BOI) had requested issuance of NOC of only one Foreign National to work at China Southern Airlines namely:

Mr. Jingfeng Ma, Chinese National, holding Passport # G51370824
employed by M/s China Southern Airlines.

(c) Pakistani visas are issued to the Chinese by Pak Mission in China.

47. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-11-2013 at 12:00 pm)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the budget provided to the Federal Directorate of Education for female schools in Islamabad during financial year 2011-12?

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division: The budget provided to the Federal Directorate of Education for female schools in Islamabad during financial year 2011-2012 was Rs. 1,366,205,000/-

48. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 27-11-2013 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the amount charged by the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA) from various operators and mobile phone companies during the last five years and details of its utilization with head-wise break-up?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: 1. PTA charges Initial License/Spectrum Fee and Annual Fees which include Annual License Fee (ALF), Annual Radio Frequency Spectrum Fee (ARFSF), Annual Spectrum Administrative Fee (ASAF), Annual Numbering Charges, and Radio Based Licensed Fee (RBS) from various operators including Mobile Operators. Such fees charged during the last five years amounts to Rs. 50 billion. Head-wise breakup of fees is attached at **Annexure A**. Surplus of receipts of these fees after adjusting PTA approved expenditure is transferred to Federal Consolidated Fund (FCF) as per section 12(3) of the Act.

2. Apart from above annual fees PTA also charges from the operators annual Universal Service Fund (USF) Contribution, annual Research & Development (R&D) Fund Contribution, and Access Promotion Contribution Charge (APC) for USF on behalf of USF and R&D Funds which are managed by MoIT. Such contributions received by PTA amount to Rs. 10.98 billion. These receipts are transferred by PTA to Government of Pakistan's Public Account GA 11288 maintained by Ministry of Finance (MoF) as per MoF's directions. PTA has to-date paid a total of Rs. 11.89 billion into the Public Account.

3. The detail of PTA's utilization during the last five years along with head-wise breakup is attached as **Annexure-B**.

4. PTA's books of accounts (receipts as well as expenditure) are audited annually by DG Audit, Pakistan Telephone & Telegraph (PT&T), as well as by a well reputed chartered accountant firm.

Annexure-A

a. Detail of Amounts Collected from Mobile Operators and Other Companies During the Last Five years:

| S. No. | Nature of Fees | Total Rs. |
|--------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Initial License Fee | 34,054,775,520 |
| 2. | Initial Spectrum Fee | 2,219,000,000 |
| 3. | Annual License Fee-Basic Telephony | 1,359,823,179 |
| 4. | Annual License Fee- Mobile Operators | 8,115,920,062 |
| 5. | Annual License Fee-Others | 637,430,803 |

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| 6. Annual Spectrum Administrative Fee (ASAF) | 1,365,698,394 |
| 7. Annual Radio Frequency Spectrum Fee (ARFSF) | 626,890,532 |

| S. No. | Nature of Fees | Total Rs. |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8. | Annual Numbering Charges | 907,000,046 |
| 9. | Annual RBS Dues | 750,937,536 |
| Grand Total | | 50,037,476,071 |

b. Detail of Amounts Collected from Operators on Behalf of USF and R&D Funds During the Last Five years:

| S. No. | Nature of Fees | Total Rs. |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1. | Access Promotion Charges for USF | 6,002,033,063 |
| 2. | Universal Service Fund Contribution (USF) | 3,613,175,858 |
| 3. | Research and Development Fund Contribution (R&D) | 1,371,724,680 |
| Grand Total | | 10,986,933,601 |

Annexure-B

Utilization of Funds from July 2008 to June 2013 (5 Years) with Head Wise break-up

| S. No. | Nature of Expense | Rupees |
|----------|--|---------------|
| 1 | Operating Expenditure | |
| 1a | Salaries and benefits | 2,149,028,405 |
| 1b | Repairs and maintenance | 52,788,694 |
| 1c | Utilities | 56,857,565 |
| 1d | Fuel, petrol, oil and lubricants | 92,798,166 |
| 1e | Communication cost | 58,525,678 |
| 1f | Printing and stationery | 45,543,031 |
| 1g | Seminars, conferences and staff training | 13,942,541 |
| 1h | Advertising, marketing and surveys | 31,494,383 |
| 1i | Traveling and conveyance | 31,825,922 |
| 1k | Office rent | 7,699,200 |
| 1l | Consultancy and legal | 74,881,663 |

| S. No. | Nature of Expense | Rupees |
|--------|-------------------|--------|
|--------|-------------------|--------|

| | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1m | Rabta ghar expenses | 2,951,653 |
| 1n | Expenses on special activities including ITU and others | 26,479,399 |
| 1o | Audit fee | 1,500,000 |
| 1p | Financial charges | 13,642,082 |
| 1q | Others | 21,424,861 |
| Sub Total | | 2,681,383,243 |
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| 2 | Taxes Paid | |
| 2a | Deductions at source | 169,826,197 |
| 2b | Paid as advance, with return or recovered | 34,967,807,173 |
| 2c | Recovered by FBR on behalf of USF/R&D funds | 5,679,308,849 |
| 2d | Federal Excise Duty | 947,519,379 |
| Sub Total | | 41,764,461,598 |
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| 3 | Capital Expenditure | |
| 3a | Land | 14,083,820 |
| 3b | Building | 44,601,784 |
| 3c | Vehicles | 28,404 |
| 3d | Furniture and fixtures | 741,771 |
| 3e | Computers | 14,713,012 |
| 3f | Machinery and office equipment | 137,623,803 |
| 3g | Telephone exchange | 35,000 |
| 3h | Software | 4,296,295 |
| 3i | Professional books | 388,646 |
| 3j | Long term loan repaid | 60,695,191 |
| Sub Total | | 277,207,726 |
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| 4 | Funds Transfers | |
| 4a | Funds Transferred to Frequency Allocation Board for their budget as per section 42(2) of the Act | 1,636,687,424 |
| 4b | Transferred to Federal Consolidated Fund | 3,750,000,000 |
| Sub Total | | 5,386,687,424 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Grand Total | | 50,109,739,991 |

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

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

- (a) *the action taken by the Aviation Division / concerned authorities on the recommendations of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence regarding holding an inquiry against General Manager Marketing and Planning, Mr. Rashid Aziz; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that despite serious allegations against the said officer and instructions of that Committee, the said officer has been given additional responsibilities / charge of General Manager Passenger Sales Division?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: As per available record with the Aviation Division no such directive of the Senate's Standing Committee on Defence for holding an inquiry against Mr. Rashid Aziz, the then General Manager Marketing & Planning has been received, therefore, no action against the officer is pending.

- (b) No additional responsibility has been assigned to the officer.

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

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the CDA has not acquired / taken possession of land for green belt between sectors G-13 and F-13, Islamabad, if so, the steps taken in this regard so far; and*
- (b) *the time by which land will be acquired / occupied for the said purpose and trees will be planted there?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The green belt between the sector G-13 & F-13 is 600 ft wide. The 300 ft has been acquired by the Housing Foundation through Collector Islamabad and possession taken over by them, whereas the other portion of 300 ft has been acquired in Sector F-13 by the Deputy Commissioner, CDA under award dated 22-08-2008. The Built-up Property (BUP) existing on the said portion of land has not been acquired so far and arrangements are being made to acquire the BUP. As and when the same is acquired, the possession of the area will be taken over.

b) The CDA is making arrangements to acquire the BUP. As and when the award is announced by the Deputy Commissioner, CDA, the possession will be taken over and trees will also be planted at the site.

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

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 116, replied on 5th November, 2013 and state:

(a) *the steps taken by the Government to acquire and take possession of land for construction of Ibn-e-Sina Road in Sector G-12, Islamabad; and*

(b) *the time by which CDA will take possession of the said land and construct that road?*

Reply not received.

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

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

(a) *the number of persons presently posted in CDA Inquiry Offices in Sector G-6, Islamabad; and*

(b) *the details of complaints lodged in each of the said Office regarding collapse of walls of Government residences / quarters during the last rainy season and the action taken thereon?*

Reply not received.

53. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:50 am)

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

(a) *the number of vacant posts of Section Officers in the OMG Group in the Federal Secretariat as of 30th December, 2013;*

(b) *the number of the said posts earmarked for appointment on promotion basis through the FPSC Promotional Examination for the Posts of Section Officers; and*

(c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to fill those posts from amongst the qualified candidates beyond S.No.50 who qualified the said examination conducted by the FPSC in 2012 instead of conducting new examination, if so, its details?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:

| | | | |
|---------|--|---|----|
| (a) (i) | Direct Quota (2/3rd) (BPS-17) | = | 72 |
| (ii) | Promotional Quota (1/3rd) (BPS-17) | = | 44 |
| (iii) | Vacancy position of Section Officers (BS-18/OMG) | = | 81 |

(b) The number of the said posts earmarked for appointment on promotion (BS-17) basis through the FPSC Promotional Examination for the posts of Section Officers is 44 which became available due to promotion of BS-17 OMG officers to BS-18.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to fill these posts from amongst the qualified candidates beyond S./No.50 who qualified the said examination conducted by the FPSC in 2012.

54. ***Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 03-01-2014 at 09:30 am)

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

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to grant / issue more licences for private airlines in the country; and*

(b) *whether open skies policy is still being implemented or otherwise?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) Following companies have applied for Regular Public Transport (RPT) licences which are under consideration by the Government:—

| <u>S. #</u> | <u>Name of Airlines</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 01. | M/s Vision Air |
| 02. | M/s Air Pakistan |
| 03 | M/s Fly Pakistan Air |

(b) (i) Cargo operations is being conducted under Open Sky Policy for the designated airlines of the partner countries.

(ii) Selective Open Sky Policy is followed for passengers operations on the principles of reciprocity.

55. ***Mr. Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:** (Notice received on 22-01-2014 at 02:00 pm)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the water filtration plant installed in Jahangir Market, Sector G-9/2, Islamabad, about one year ago has not become operational so far, if so, the time by which the same will become operational; and*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that the water filtration plant installed near Multani Market in the said Sector is out of order, if so, the time by which the same will be repaired?*

- Reply not received.
56. ***Mr. Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:** (Notice received on 22-01-2014 at 02:00 pm)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that survey for Benazir Income support Programme (BISP) has been conducted / completed in sector G-9/2, Islamabad, if so, the names and addresses of the deserving persons of that sector who have been identified in the survey and are being benefited from that programme;*
- (b) *the time by which the next survey for the said programme will be conducted in the country; and*
- (c) *whether any quota has been reserved for disabled persons in the said programme, if not, the time by which the same will be reserved?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The survey activity in sector G-9/2 has been completed by BISP. The names and addresses of the beneficiaries in the said sector are enclosed as Annex-A.

(b) BISP is planning a re-survey.

(c) There is no quota reserved for disabled persons in BISP. Disability is already incorporated in BISP's eligibility criteria, as given blow:

Normal Cut of Score: "16.17".

One(01) disabled person in the family cut of Score: "20".

Two (02) disabled persons in the family cut of Score: "25".

Annexure-A

Survey progress in G-9, Islamabad

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| TOTAL G-9 SECTOR | 7934 |
| TOTAL MEMBERS G-9 SECTOR | 41628 |
| TOTAL HH COVERED G 9-2 | 14 |
| TOTAL MEMEBERS G 9-2 | 70 |

Names and Adresses of Beneficiaries of Sector-G-9/2, Islamabad

| Sr. No. | Name | Head Name | Gender | Address |
|---------|------|-----------|--------|---------|
|---------|------|-----------|--------|---------|

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|----|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Shameem Bibi | Mushtaq Ahmed female | Fl#12 Block 9 Sector-G-9/2, Islambad |
| 2. | Sadaf Bibi | Mushtaq Ahmed female | Fl#12 Block 9 Sector-G9/2, Islambad |
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57. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 23-01-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the criteria laid down for creation of a new ministry/division?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: In exercise of the powers conferred by rule 3(2) of the Rules of Business, 1973 the Prime Minister may, whenever necessary, constitute a new Ministry consisting of one or more Divisions.

58. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 23-01-2014 at 11:40 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the names, grades and place of domicile of the officers in BPS-20 and 21 who are presently serving as Federal Secretaries on current / additional charge basis indicating also the date since when working as secretary and reasons for assigning current / additional charge in each case?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: A. list containing the names, grades and place of domicile of the officers who are serving as Federal Secretary on current/additional charge basis, duly indicating the date(s) from which they are working, is enclosed at **Annex-I**.

59. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 23-01-2014 at 11:40 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the names and date of present appointment of the officers who are working on deputation basis in the Establishment Division?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: Twenty-six (26) Ex-cadre officers (BS-19=1, BS-18=9 & BS-17=16) are working as Deputy Secretary / Section Officers in Establishment Division on deputation basis. A list containing names and date of their present appointment is annexed.

60. ***Rozi Khan Kakar:** (Notice received on 27-01-2014 at 02:00 pm)

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

- (a) the date on which allotment of plots in phase I and II of Farash Town, Islamabad, was made;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that development work in both those phase of the said town has not been completed so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be completed; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that ownership rights have not been given to the allottees of plots in the said phases of that town, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be given to them?*

Reply not received.

61. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 27-01-2014 at 04:50 pm)

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

- (a) the names and designation of the CDA employees against whom inquiries were conducted in cases of corruption and misconduct since 2008 indicating also the details of charges against each; and*
- (b) the names and designation of the said employees who were found guilty in the said cases and the action taken against them?*

Reply not received.

62. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 27-01-2014 at 04:50 pm)

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Pakistan's cotton crop being sown under bt cottonseed; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to certify bt cottonseed?

Minister for Textile Industry: (a) The area under Bt Cotton and its percentage during 2012- 13 and 2013-14 is as follow:—

| Province | Area 000 acres (%) | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2012-13 | 2013-14 |
| Punjab | 19,133 (82.65) | 18,773 (87.69) |
| Sindh | 441 (83.23) | 492 (86.75) |
| Pakistan | 19,574 (82.99) | 19,265 (87.22) |

(b) The steps taken by the Government to certify Bt Cotton seed are as under:—

1. A joint strategy by Federal Seed Certification and Registration Department (FSC&RD), Ministry of National Food Security and Research and Seed Association of Pakistan (SAP) is being developed for availability of quality cotton seed for Kharif 2014-15. Salient features of the strategy for availability of quality cotton seed are given below:
 - i. Clearance of Provincial Seed Councils (PSC) would be required.
 - ii. National Biosafety Committee (NBC) clearance for commercialization is being sought.
 - iii. On clearance from PSC and NBC, certification cover would be provided by FSC&RD.
 - iv. To put Bt cotton varieties in pedigreed seed production cycle, Breeder Nucleus Seed (BNS) and Pre-Basic crop seed must be offered for crop inspection, so that authentication of source may be verified through bio- technology laboratory in all the later categories of seed from basic to certified and approved seed.
 - v. Due to financial constraints and non-provision of funds in FSC&RD, the applicant/seed company will provide Bt strips/kits for testing of Bt and non Bt traits. At first, Bt cotton seed certification system would be made operative and after meeting necessary regulatory formalities, certification tags will be issued to both public and private seed sectors.
2. Seed monitoring in markets is being activated and violation of Seed Act, 1976 will strictly be dealt with.

3. Eighteen (18) meetings of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and twelve (12) meetings of National Biosafety Committee (NBC), Ministry of Climate Change were held to discuss the submitted cases for approval of laboratory genetic manipulation work, field trial and exempt status of Bt. Cotton varieties and other Genetically Modified crops. Till to date 292 cases related to Genetically Modified crops research and development activities were received, 155 cases so far had been decided by NBC. TAC had recommended 37 cases for NBC decisions for Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and their products related activities. The 55 cases of different activities are under process for next TAC meeting.

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

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names, designation, educational qualifications, place of domicile and date of present appointment of persons working on deputation basis in Capital Development Authority?

Reply not received.

64. ***Syed Zafar Ali Shah:** (Notice received on 03-02-2014 at 06:45 pm)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the accreditation and equivalence status of Fellow Life Management Institute (FLMI- USA) used by the State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan for up-gradation /promotion of its officers to the Managerial positions;*
- (b) *the names and designation of persons working in the said corporation who have got that certificate / status; and*
- (c) *the criteria laid down for awarding conferment of the said certificate / status?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) The Corporation has treated the Fellow of Life Management Institute (FLMI) as professional qualification in the field of insurance and devised up-gradation/promotion policies on acquiring the said qualification with approval of the Board of Directors. The objectives of introducing accelerated promotion scheme on the basis of FLMI-USA qualification is to provide powerful incentive for the State Life employees so that the cadre of professionally qualified and technical employees may be developed to meet the future needs of insurance experts in the Corporation.

The Board of Directors in its 89th meeting held on 22-11-1987 approved the scheme of accelerated promotion for those who acquire the professional qualification in Life Insurance *i.e.* FLMI with the following promotion criteria.

S. No. PROMOTION AS PASSING FLMI EXAMINATIONS

| | | |
|----|-------------------|---|
| 01 | Assistant Manager | On passing/clearing of Seven (07) papers. |
| 02 | Deputy Manager | On passing/clearing of Ten (10) papers. |

The Scheme was withdrawn during the year 1996. However the Board of Director in its 136th meeting held on 10th November 1997 approved the modification in FLMI scheme and the following promotion policy was announced accordingly:

- i. Only 33% of top qualifiers of all ten courses of FLMI will be promoted to the next cadre. Such promotion will be effected after a qualifier has served the Corporation for at least two years after completion FLMI in the following manner.
- ii. Staff will be given one rank promotion *e.g.* Office Assistant to Senior Office Assistant and so on. Staff members are given promotion maximum up to Superintendent. Superintendent be promoted to the post Assistant Manager.
- iii. Officers in the rank of Executive Officer/Assistant Manager to receive one step up promotion.
- iv. Deputy Managers and Managers will be allowed one step up promotion. If they fall in 50% of strength in their respective category, have favorable ACRs and vacancy is available otherwise (3) three special increments will be allowed in their own grades.
- v. Two special increments will be allowed to AGMs/ IDGMs/GMs in their own grades immediately on passing FLMI.

(b) The list containing name and designation of FLMI qualifiers working in the Corporation is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

(c) The fellow of Life Management Institute (FLMI) is a program which award FLMI designation to individuals who pass a series of 10 Examination; this insurance examination covers the following Series of papers.

- (1) Insurance Principle
- (2) Insurance Operation
- (3) Insurance Administration
- (4) Business and Financial Concept
- (5) Marketing
- (6) Law
- (7) Management
- (8) Investments
- (9) Accounting
- (10) Risk Management

65. ***Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:** (Notice received on 04-02-2014 at 09:30 am)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that no medical board and other medical tests of the persons of the age of 60 and above are conducted before their appointment / re-employment in Government service, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to conduct the said tests of those persons, if so, when?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) No, it is not a fact that medical fitness tests of the persons of the age of 60 and above are not conducted before their appointments/ re-employment on contract basis in government service. In fact these tests are conducted by the Civil Surgeon, Federal Government Polyclinic and Postgraduates Medical Institute, Islamabad. A medical fitness certificate to this effect is also issued by the Civil Surgeon.

(b) Medical fitness tests are already being conducted as a routine before the persons are appointed/ re-employed on contract basis after retirement.

66. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 06-02-2014 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of items placed on the negative list for trade with India; and*

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the number of items on the said list?

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Details of items in the negative list for trade with India are as follow;

| Sr. No | Sectors | No. of Tariff Lines |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Agri | 16 |
| 2. | Aluminium | 12 |
| 3. | Auto | 385 |
| 4. | Ceramics | 28 |
| 5. | Chemicals | 33 |
| 6. | Cutlery | 22 |
| 7. | Elect. Appliances | 3 |
| 8. | Elect. Machinery | 54 |
| 9. | Footwear | 7 |
| 10. | Furniture | 16 |
| 11. | Glass | 22 |
| 12. | Jems & Jewellery | 3 |
| 13. | Leather | 19 |
| 14. | Machinery | 37 |
| 15. | Metal Products | 5 |
| 16. | Meters | 6 |
| 17. | Misc. Manfd. Articles | 22 |
| 18. | Optical Fiber | 2 |
| 19. | Paper & Board | 92 |
| 20. | Pharma | 49 |
| 21. | Plastics | 83 |
| 22. | Prefabricated Buildings | 5 |
| 23. | Rubber | 19 |
| 24. | Soap & Toiletries | 7 |
| 25. | Sports | 32 |
| 26. | Steel | 137 |
| 27. | Stone & Marble | 5 |
| 28. | Surgical | 10 |
| 29. | Textile | 74 |
| 30. | Wood | 4 |
| Grand Total | | 1209 |

(b) The Ministry of Commerce is in the process of consulting the stakeholders both from public and private sectors for elimination of Negative List. This Ministry will submit the case to the Cabinet for elimination of Negative List after completion of the said consultation process.

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

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

- (a) the details of contracts awarded for maintenance of roads in Islamabad Capital Territory during the last five years indicating also the cost of each contract with sector-wise break-up;*
- (b) the details of obligations and responsibilities of the contractors under those contracts; and*
- (c) whether any action has been taken against any of the said contractors for negligence in the said obligations /responsibilities, if so, its details?*

Reply not received.

69. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 07-02-2014 at 09 :30 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the pace of construction work on the new Benazir International Airport, Islamabad is very slow, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the same?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: The construction of New Benazir Bhutto International Airport Project is in its advanced stages. Overall physical progress of the project is 71%. Physical progress of the Passenger Terminal Building is 69%. Details at **Annex-A**.

Government of Pakistan has taken numerous proactive measures, through Aviation Division, to monitor the timelines set for completion. A Steering Committee has also been formulated for NBBIAP by Aviation Division, as per the directive of honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan. The target date for operationalization of NBBIAP is October, 2016.

Annexure-A

Overall Financial/Physical Progress (As of 31 Jan, 2014)

- Financial Progress. : 42 %
 - Physical Progress : 71.07 %
 - Physical Progress (excluding PTB) : 85 %
 - Capital Outlay (Till date) : Rs. 36.57 Billion
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Progress : Air/Land Side Infrastructure

Summary:

- Runways & Taxiways : 98 %
- Aprons : 85 %
- Airfield Lighting System : 92 %
- ATC Complex, FCR & RR Bldg : 53 %
- Hydrant Refueling System : 98 %
- Road Network : 82 %
- Cargo Complex : 85 %
- Boundary wall / Fencing/Watchtowers : 80 %
- Overall : 86 %

Time For Completion : June, 2014

Progress : Passenger Terminal Building

- **Overall Physical Progress : 70 %**
- Grey Structure completion : 99 %
- Steel Structure completion : 99 %
- Curtain walls : 55 %
- Equipment installation : Yet to begin

@The local JV partner M/s FWO is considerably behind schedule and is being constantly pushed to enhance pace of progress.

70. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 07-02-2014 at 09:30 am)

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

- (a) *the acreage of land purchased for the new Benazir International Airport, Islamabad so far; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to purchase more land for the said airport?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:

- (a) Land already acquired - 3289 acres
- (b) Land under acquisition for future runway and development of other - 1721 acres

airports services

71. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 13-02-2014 at 12:05 pm)

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

- (a) *the main responsibilities of Pakistan Telecommunications Authority; and*
- (b) *the details of income and expenditure of the said authority during the last three years with year wise breakup?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:

(a) **Section 6. Responsibilities of the Authority.**— In exercising its functions and powers under this Act, the Authority shall ensure that—

- a. rights of licensees are duly protected;
- b. all of its decisions and determinations are made promptly, in an open equitable, non-discriminatory, consistent and transparent manner;
- c. all applications made to it are disposed of expeditiously;
- d. the persons affected by its decisions or determinations are given a due notice thereof and provided with an opportunity of being heard;
- e. fair competition in the telecommunication sector exists and is maintained; Substituted [it encourages, except subject to the exclusive right of the Company in basic telephone service, fair competition in the telecommunication sector; and
- f. the interests of users of telecommunication services are duly safeguarded and protected.

(b) The Summary of Income and Expenditure of PTA during the last three years is as follows:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Income</i> | <i>Expenditure</i> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 2012-13 | 9,277,113,045 | 702,958,223 |
| 2011-12 | 8,158,113,530 | 644,947,030 |
| 2010-11 | 10,607,876,279 | 613,185,457 |

72. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 13-02-2014 at 12:05 pm)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of trade agreements signed by the present Government indicating also the names of countries with which the same have been signed; and*
- (b) *the improvement in trade of the country expected due to those agreements?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: No trade agreements have signed by present Government of Pakistan with any country.

(b) Not applicable

ISLAMABAD :
The 27th February, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.