

**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*

**Tuesday, the 15th April, 2014**

**DEFERRED QUESTIONS**

- (i) Question No. 6 : Originally set down for answering on 4th February, 2014 (101st Session)
- (ii) Questions Nos. 7,9,13,15 and 21 : Originally set down for answering on 25th February, 2014 (102nd Session)

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?*

**Mr. Pervaiz Rashid:** (a) This matter was enquired by NAB in the years 2000-2002. After finalization of inquiry, it transpired that the element of corruption and corrupt practices lacks trial-worthy evidence. Secondly, the proceedings also established that the process of privatization and subsequent development in handing over the management to the successful bidder falls under the ambit of State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), being regulator of the Sector.

Keeping the above facts in view, a meeting was held in the M/o Finance on 13-05-2002, which was attended by:

- (i) Mr. Shaukat Aziz, Finance Minister
- (ii) Mr. Altaf Saleem, Privatization Minister
- (iii) Dr. Ishrat Hussain, Governor SBP
- (iv) Lt. Gen. Munir Hafeez, Chairman NAB

In the above meeting, it was decided that the record of inquiry proceedings should be transferred to SBP (being regulator) for necessary action. Accordingly, NAB's interim inquiry

report was forwarded to Governor SBP, Karachi, on 30-07-2004, for appropriate action.

- (b) Thus, after transfer of this matter to SBP, the matter was closed/ never processed by NAB.

7. (Def.) **\*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?*

**Mr. Parvaiz Rashid:** (a) Following are the number of cases decided / disposed off by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) so far:—

- i. Number of cases decided through Courts, Voluntary Return, Plea Bargain & Transfer to other departments: **3518**
- ii. Number of cases Disposed off / Closed: **3014**

(b) Number of persons convicted through courts /plea bargain are **1770**. These include cases of corruption, misappropriation, criminal breach of trust, misuse of official position and causing loss to the state exchequer.

(c) The following amounts have been recovered by NAB from offenders and deposited in public exchequer so far (excluding bank loan default, amounts disbursed among affectees and amount directly paid to the other organizations).

- i. Amount recovered from the offenders: Rs. 2 58.392 Billion
- ii. Amount deposited in public exchequer so far: Rs. 6.251 Billion

(d) Following are the number of cases presently lying pending with NAB at each stage:

- i. Inquiries **648**

ii. Investigations	243
iii. References	576

9. (Def.) **\*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?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) A total of twenty (20) Public and Private Universities/Degree Awarding Institutes (DAIs) in Islamabad are offering M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees in different programs. A List of these Universities/DAIs is attached at **ANNEX-A**.

(b) A total of thirteen thousand and sixty eight (13068) students were awarded M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees by the said universities during the last five years. The detail is attached at **ANNEX-B**.

(c) A consolidated list containing the names, educational qualification and degree verification status of said teachers (local and foreign) who supervised the thesis of students is attached at **ANNEX-C**.

- (d) The said information is available in the list at **ANNEX-C**.

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

13. (Def.) **\*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 certificated / 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?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) 3684 x employees are working in the National Highway Authority.

(b) Total 2321 persons have been appointed/working in National Highway Authority (NHA) during March 2008 to November 2013.

(c) 2321 persons of different categories have been appointed during the period in question. Details of the procedure adopted for appointment in each category are at **[Annex-A]**.

(d) Out of 1345 certificates/degrees of the employees, 1277 were found to be genuine whereas 68 more found fake/bogus.

(e) Appointments are made in NHA through advertisement of vacancies and conducting interviews in accordance with Appointment and Promotions Rules 1995 approved by National Highway Council/National Highway Executive Board. However, a Scrutiny committee has been constituted at NHA to scrutinize appointments mentioned at (b) above **[Annex-B]**.

(f) 26 fake degree/certificate holders have been dismissed whereas disciplinary proceedings are in process against 42 persons.

15. (Def.) **\*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?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** Higher Education Commission (HEC) has received an amount of Rs.487.160 million as Foreign Assistance since 2009 for five (5) projects.

An expenditure of Rs.401.006 million had been incurred. Out of which amount Rs.171.780 million were earmarked for stipend. The year-wise and head-wise break-up of its utilization is attached at **Annex-A**.

21. (Def.) **\*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:*

- (a) 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;*
- (b) the details of persons working in the said university whose services have been regularized under the said rules during the last five years; and*
- (c) 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?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) No. Allama Iqbal Open University was established under Act, No. XXXIX of 1974. The university has its own recruitment rules by virtue of the said Act. The University has a high powered Selection Board which selects the officers. Posts are publically advertised and people are selected after test and interview as per rules.

(b) No employee has been regularized during the last five years, as the recruitment rules do not allow the university to regularize the services of contract employees.

(c) Number of persons working on contract and daily wages basis is as under:

Cadre	Number of Employees
Academics	27
Administrative	42
Staff	515
<b>Total</b>	<b>584</b>

The detail of five hundred and eighty four persons is attached at **Annex-A**.

As indicated in Part (b) the recruitment rules do not allow the University to regularize the services of contract employees. However, daily wages /contract employees are also eligible to apply afresh against these posts.

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

1. **\*Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 01:55 pm)

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

- (a) the date on which work was started on Lowari Tunnel Project;*
- (b) the original estimated completion date of the said project; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that completion of the said project has been delayed, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will now be completed?*

**Minister for Communications** (a) The work on Lowari Tunnel Project was started on 19th September, 2005.

(b) The original time of completion was 18th September, 2008.

(c) The Revised Completion date of Project 9th October, 2017, subject to provision of funds at the tune of 4,000 Million/year.

The work on Lowari Tunnel Project commenced on September, 2005. The excavation of 8510 Meter was achieved on 14th January, 2009 and that of 1900 Meter Tunnel on 2nd October, 2010. Delay in Project was made owing to following reasons.

- i. Revision of Design after introduction of Revised Building Code (Seismic Provision) after 2005 Earthquake.
- ii. Suspension of Project Work at site for one year owing to military operation in Malakand Division.
- iii. During 2009 Government of Pakistan directed to convert Rail into Road Tunnel, thus profile of tunnel and design changed Revised PC-I at cost of Rs.18.32 Billion got approved from ECNEC by 11th November, 2011.

2. **\*Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 01:55 pm)

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

- (a) the date on which project for construction/widening of Dir-Chakdara-Chitral road was launched;*

- (b) *the estimated cost of the said project indicating also the amount released for the same so far with year-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *the percentage of work completed on that project and the time by which the remaining work will be completed?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) On federalization and taking over of N-45 from Frontier Highway Authority in year 2004, improvement / widening of **Timargarah-Akhagram** road, a section out of Chakdara-Dir-Chitral road was ongoing. This work was completed in November 2009.

(b) The cost of improvement/widening of **Timargarah-Akhagram** road section was assessed as Rs..570 million, however, the works got completed at a cost of Rs. 548.756 million, year wise detail is as under:

Year	Expenditure
1. 2006-07	148.776
2. 2007-08	80.899
3. 2008-09	103.631
4. 2009-10	116.383
5. 2010-11	69.180
6. 2011-12	29.887
<b>Total</b>	<b>548.756</b>

(c) All the works under improvement / widening of Timargarah - Akhagram road project have since been completed.

3. **\*Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 01:55 pm)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that maintenance and repairing work of Chakdara-Timargar road was carried out in 2012-2013;*
- (b) *whether it is also fact that the said work was sub-standard and the condition of that road has become deteriorated again;*
- (c) *whether any inquiry has been conducted into said sub-standard work, if so, the findings thereof and*
- (d) *whether any action has been taken against the contractor concerned and officers responsible for the said sub-standard work, if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Chakdara – Timargarah section (km 88 to km 131) of National Highway N-45 is 43 km long. 5 x rehabilitation works from km 89+000 to 98+500 amounting to Rs. 75 million were carried out during FY 2012-13.

(b) The said maintenance works were carried out as per NHA specifications however, due to recent high intensity rains, damages/defects at few locations have occurred which shall be rectified through respective contractors against their defect liability period.

(c) MoC has constituted an inquiry committee to investigate the pathetic condition of 313 km long Nowshera - Chitral road (N-45). The committee inspected the road in Feb-2014 and reported that 10 km road portion in Chakdara - Timargarah section rehabilitated in FY 2012-13 is in trafficable condition. The rehabilitated portion is still in defect liability period and the damages/defects if any shall be rectified accordingly during the maintenance period by the concerned contractor. The conclusions made by the committee for N-45 excluding Chakdara – Timargarah section are:—

- a. Due to lack of PM activities on the road surface, the condition of the road from Chakdara to Dir excluding project area has been converted into bad condition.
- b. Since 2010 no major maintenance works under Annual Maintenance Program were carried out. The field office remained dependent on RM works which also found lacking in quality and quantity.
- c. The deplorable road sections are required to be rehabilitated through launching of construction projects.
- d. Emphasis should be given to improve the road surface rather Geometric Improvement (GI) works.

(d) No action has been recommended by the committee against officers of NHA. The contractors of Chakdara – Timargarah rehabilitation works have been instructed to rectify the damages within defect liability period at no cost to NHA.

4. **\*Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 00:00 )

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that as per law / rules is compulsory to hold the meeting of Drug Regulatory Board once in a month; and*
- (b) *the date on which the last meeting of the said Board was held?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) No. Section 10(2) of the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012 provides that meetings of the Policy Board shall be held twice a year or more



as and when required. A special meeting may also be called at any time to deal with any urgent business.

(b) Last meeting of the Policy Board of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan was held on 16th January, 2014.

5. **\*Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 00:00 )

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the number of applications for registration of new drugs pending before the Drug Registration Board at present indicating also the date since which each application is pending?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) There are 292 applications of new drugs pending for consideration of Drug Registration Board. The detailed list indicating the date of filing is attached at **Annex-I**.

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

6. **\*Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 09:10 am)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the details of criteria laid down by PMDC for establishment of new medical colleges in the country?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) The criteria laid down by PM&DC for establishment of new medical college is available on the PM&DC web site [www.pmdc.org.Pk](http://www.pmdc.org.Pk). However , the following are the required steps for application to PMDC:—

#### **Application on prescribed form**

- Evidence of title of ownership or 33-year lease for land on which college and hospital is built.
- Consent letter from university having legal authority (Federal/Provincial) that it will grant affiliation if college gets recognition under the Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962.
- Two Bank guarantees and evidence of establishment of endowment fund and working capital as required.
- Letter from the applicant that students will not be admitted until applicant gets NOC from the Council.
- Design for college and hospital building according to laid down specifications of the Council from a certified architect. Maps of the site and buildings certified by the

architect and building control authority, that buildings are constructed according to specification certified earlier.

- Copy of the registered deed alongwith memorandum of the association of the corporate body (company / societies / trust).
- Undertaking that transfer of ownership of private institution will not take place after recognition without prior approval of the Council.
- Library (please see website: [www.pmdc.org.pk](http://www.pmdc.org.pk)) inventory list of books and journals; proof of internet connectivity and purchase of required number of computers.
- Equipment (please see website: [www.pmdc.org.pk](http://www.pmdc.org.pk)): verified inventory of necessary equipment, for college and hospital.
- That the institution / constituent or affiliated college of university shall submit the detail of available teaching staff with documentary evidence of their appointment letter and agreement letter.
- Faculty registration certificates issued by the Council.
- Individual department information.
- MOU in case of partnership.

7. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 01:15 pm)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that per acre yield of major crops i.e. wheat and cotton in the country is less than the average yield of the same in the world, if so, its reasons;*
- (b) *whether any study has been conducted or being conducted to in this regard, if so, its details; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to bring the yield of those crops at par with international standards?*

**Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:** (a) Yes, the low yield of wheat and cotton compared to world average is due to differences in research and development investments, climatic conditions. There is also differences in farmers profiles and ability to adopt modern crop production practices.

(b) The agriculture research institutes in the Country regularly identify reasons for low yield of these crops and give recommendations for initiating programs for solutions of those problems.

(c) The steps being taken by the Government to bring the yield of those crops at par with international standards are given as follows:—

- Improvement in wheat and cotton research programs, for development of new high yielding varieties and hybrids.
- Promotion of Bt cotton varieties to attain high productivity in cotton crop.
- Ensured supply of farm inputs including agri credit for production of these various crops.
- Dissemination of good agricultural practices through provincial agricultural department using field visits and electronic and print media.

8. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 13-03-2014 at 09.15 am)

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

- (a) *the acreage of land owned by Port Qasim Authority; and*
- (b) *the details of the said land allotted/leased out to public and private societies, firm or persons etc. so far indicating also the details of allottee and land allotted in each case?*

**Mr. Kamran Michael:** (a) STATUS OF LAND OWNED BY PQA

- Acquired Land from Government of Sindh on payment.
  - Govt. Land- 9487.10 acres.
  - Private Land- 1010.38 acres
  - Bulk Water- 204.09 acres
  - Housing Complex/Mai
  - Access Road- 822.00 acres
- Notified Areas as per SROs 1973-74 for Port funding.
  - Government of Pakistan transferred Federal Government land to PQA comprising of many islands like Khipriawal, Muchak, Bundal & Bunddo etc measuring 350,000/- approximately. Survey General of Pakistan till to date has surveyed/verified an area measuring 31000 acres available on above.
- Land under transfer to PQA:
  - Govt. of Sindh – 1250 acres land in Distt. Thatta

- Pak Railways – 220.37 acres land in NWIZ
- Port Qasim Authority has paid all dues for these two areas.

(b) List of details allottees are attached as Annexure-A.

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

9. **\*Hafiz Hamdullah:** (Notice received on 13-03-2014 at 01:15 pm)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of ongoing projects for construction of roads in the province of Balochistan indicating also the date of launching, amount spent so far with year-wise break-up, percentage of work done and expected date of completion in case of each project?*

**Minister for Communications:** Relevant Detail of ongoing projects in Balochistan is at **Annex-A & B.**

10. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 14-03-2014 at 09:00 am)

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

- (a) *the details of assistance received from foreign countries for health sector during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the names of project being funded by the foreign countries in that sector?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) The details of assistance received from foreign countries for health sector during last three years for various programmes under M/O NHSR&C are as under:—

<b>National AIDS Control Programme</b>			Year
US\$ Million	Name of donor agency		
2010-11	1.167	Global Fund	
2011-12	Nil		
2012-13	1.583		
2013-14	1.472		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4.222</b>		

**National TB Control Program Pakistan**

Amount US\$ Million		Name of donor agency	Year
2010-2012	19.279	Global Fund	
2012-2013	54.596		
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.876</b>		

#### **Directorate of Malaria Control (DoMC)**

Amount US\$ Million		Name of donor agency	Year
2011	0.00	Global Fund	
2012	7.60		
2013	8.60		
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.20</b>		

#### **Expended Programme Immunization**

Amount in Rupee Million		Name of donor agency	Year
2013-14	477.000	Global Alliance for Immunization (GAVI)	
Vaccine &			

#### **National Maternal Neonatal and Child Health Programme**

Amount in Rupee Million		Name of donor agency	Year
2013-14	1046.219	Department for international Development (DFID), UK	

(b) The Name of the Projects being funded by the foreign Countries:

- (1) National AIDS Control Programme.
- (2) National TB Control Program Pakistan.
- (3) Directorate of Malaria Control (DoMC).
- (4) Expended Programme Immunization.

(5) National Maternal Neonatal and Child Health.

11. \* **Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 14-03-2014 at 09:00 am)

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

- (a) *the main functions of the Ministry of Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education after devolution of the subject of education to the Provinces after 18th amendment in the Constitution; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve literacy rate and standards of education in the country?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) Main functions of the Ministry are as under:—

- To devise policies, plans and programmes for ensuring mass education and integrated professional, vocational and technical training in sync with national needs and international requirements.
- To supervise /oversee the implementation of National Education Policy -2009.
- To make proposals for legislation, rules and code of conduct for official business concerning education, professional training and skill development.
- To formulate proposals/recommendations for increased public expenditure on education, professional development and vocational & technical training.
- To nominate/recommend eminent persons for national awards in the fields of education, professional and technical training.
- To coordinate with other ministries/ organizations for optimal utilization of professionals and trained manpower.
- To liaise with International donors and organizations in the field of education and trainings.
- To develop, coordinate and regulate curricula, schedules , Institutes and examination/certification bodies for the relevant trainings.
- To coordinate efforts to achieve education related MDGs and EFA targets.
- To make arrangements for effective utilization of youth bulge by imparting vocational and technical training.

- To administer and regulate the affairs of the attached departments, sub-ordinate offices and autonomous organizations.

(b) The following steps have been taken by National Commission for Human Development(NCHD) to improve literacy rate:

- Established 21,639 feeder schools to provide schooling for the un-served population.
- Provision of 13,606 additional teachers in existing government schools, where the enhanced enrollment adversely affected the teacher student ratio.
- NCHD in collaboration with different district education departments re-opened 3300 schools through provision of additional teachers (feeder teachers); these schools were closed due to non-availability of teachers.
- BECS project established 13,000 community schools for under-served children.

Minister of State for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education sent a proposal to Provincial Chief Ministers for constituting National Curriculum Commission whose membership will be drawn both at the Provincial and Federal level and the Chair will be headed by Federal and Provincial Governments on rotation basis. The Commission will try to establish minimum standards of education in the country. The matter was also discussed in Inter Provincial Education Ministerial Conference (IPEMC) held on 11th February,2014 under the Chairmanship of Mr Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning and Development. It was decided that a National Curriculum Council may be established which will directly report to IPEMC. The TOR's of the Council will be proposed by a Committee to be constituted with membership drawn from Provinces and Federal Government.

12. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 17-03-2014 at 09:30 am)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that WHO has shown its concern over 800% increase in polio cases in Pakistan, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** No.

The present government is very much aware of polio situation in the country and has declared emergency to tackle this issue on priority basis.

The factual position is being stated that in 2013 globally, 407 polio cases were reported, 160 from three endemic countries (Pakistan 93, Nigeria 53 and Afghanistan 14) and 247 from non-endemic countries mostly from Somalia where outbreak was declared and 194 polio cases were detected. In this year so far Pakistan has reported 41 polio cases and Nigeria only one and Afghanistan 4 polio cases.

The rise in number of polio cases has been seen after killing incidents of polio workers in polio reservoir areas mostly FATA. Central Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Karachi. Last year out of 93 polio cases 65 were reported from FATA and out of 41 polio cases 34 from FATA in this year due to barrier between polio teams and children. The break-up of polio cases during 2013 and 2014 are

Province/ Area	Polio cases in 2013	%	Polio cases in 2014	%
FATA	65	70%	34	83%
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	11	12%	6	15%
Sindh	10	11%	1	02%
Punjab	7	07%	—	—
<b>Total :</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>—</b>

However, several steps have been taken to control polio situation in the country including strengthening of transit vaccination strategy, cordoned off polio campaigns in Peshawar and Karachi as well as special arrangements are being made to provide vaccination to the children in inaccessible areas of FATA support of local notables, religious institutes and law and enforcement agencies.

13. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 17-03-2014 at 10:05 am)

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

- whether it is a fact that Pakistan has become a wheat importing country from wheat exporting country during the last four years, if so, its reasons; and*
- the quantum and value / cost of wheat imported by Pakistan during the current financial year?*

**Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:** (a) No.

(b) Government has not imported any wheat.

14. **\*Mir Muhammad Yousuf Badini:** (Notice received on 17-03-2014 at 12:40 pm)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No.84 replied on 3rd December, 2013 and state whether the work on Gawader-Ratodero road has restarted, if not, its reasons and the time by which the same will be restarted and completed?*

**Minister for Communications:** M-8 from Gwadar to Ratodero is divided in the following three sections:—



(a) Gwadar-Turbat-Hoshab Section	240 Km
(b) Hoshab Awaran-Khuzdar Section	410 Km
(c) Khuzdar-Wangu Hills Ratodero Section	242 Km
<b>Total:</b>	<b>892 Km</b>

(a) **Gwadar-Turbat-Hoshab Section (240 Km)**

The first section is further subdivided into three sub sections each. Date of commencement of each section is given below:—

Nalient-Dasht, Sec-I, Pkg-IIA	54 Km	Sep 15, 04
Dasht-Turbat, Sec-I, Pkg-IIB	63 Km	Sep 15, 04
Turbat-Hoshab, Sec-IIA	76 Km	Oct 1, 04
Left Over Works, Sec-IIA		Dec 21, 10

Negotiation with M/ s FWO for award of balance works is under process which is likely to be finalized shortly.

(b) **Hoshab - Awaran - Khuzdar Section (410 Km)**

Work on the second section has not been initiated because NHA is improving a parallel route *i.e.* Hoshab-Surab Road, N-85.

(c) **Khuzdar-Wangu Hill Ratodero Section (242 Km)**

Sec-III Khori-Wangu Hills	50 Km	Oct, 04
Sec-IV, Wangu Hills	42.5 Km	Apr, 04
Sec-V, Wangu Hill-Quba Saeed Khan	55.6 Km	Jun,06

Contractors are mobilized on all above three sections and work is expected to be completed in June 2015.

15. **\*Begum. Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 18-03-2014 at 10:00 am)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the annual fee structure during the last three years of private Medical Colleges, approved by the PMDC, in the country with year wise and college wise break up?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** 1. According to PM&DC Regulation 2010 the medical or dental institution training for MBBS / BDS in the private sector shall charge tuition fee not more than five Lacs per annum per student. This fee shall exclude University examination fee, taxes,

hostel fee, transport fee and the one time admission fee. Copies of all receipts shall be submitted to PM&DC.

- The fee for foreign seats in private colleges can be in foreign currency and shall not exceed more than fifteen thousand dollars per annum.

(Copy of Regulation 2010 at Annex-A)

2. The admission regulations were amended in 2013 and till that the medical or dental institution training for MBBS/BDS shall charge tuition fee not more than Six Lacs per annum per student. This fee shall exclude University examination fee, taxes, hostel fee, transport fee and the one time admission fee which shall be not more than Rupees fifty Thousand only. Copies of all receipts shall be submitted to PM&DC.

- The fee for foreign admission in private or public colleges can be in foreign currency and shall not exceed more than eighteen thousand dollars per annum all inclusive and not even one dollar over this will be charged on any pretext.

(Copy of Regulation 2013 at Annex-B)

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

16. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 19-03-2014 at 01:30 pm)

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

- the details of hybrid seeds of various crops produced / developed by Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) during the last five years indicating also per acre yield of each of the same;*
- the details of those hybrid seeds which were introduced in the domestic market;*
- whether it is a fact that PARC has failed to introduce those seeds in the domestic market, if so, the reasons thereof, and*
- the steps being taken by the Government to ensure introduction of the said seeds in the domestic market?*

**Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:**

(a) **Hybrids Approved/Developed by PARC**

<b><u>Crops</u></b>	<b><u>Hybrids</u></b>	<b><u>Potential Yield per Acre</u></b>
Sunflower	PARSUN-3	1300 kg (32 Monds per acre)
Canola	PARC Canola	1200 kg (30 Monds per acre)

### Hybrids in Pipeline (PARC)

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Hybrids</u>
Cotton	3 (Hybrid)	HSP-1, HSP-2 and HSP-3
Maize (white)	1 (Hybrid)	NARC-2704,
Sunflower	3 (Hybrid)	SMH-0917; SMH-0925 and SMH-0926
Canola	3 (Hybrid)	CRH-101, CRH-119 and CRH-148
Fodder (Sorghum Sudangrass)	2 (Hybrid)	NARC-Hyb-2 and NARC Hyb-4
Citrus	4 (Hybrid)	NARC 05-18; NARC 05-17, NARC 05-14 and NARC 05-6
Tomato	4 (Hybrid)	NTT 05-08; NTT04-08; NTT 06-08; and NTT 07-08

(b) Indigenous Hybrid Seed Produced/Introduced in the Domestic Market.

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Hybrids</u>	<u>Hybrid Seed Produced (tons)</u>
Sunflower	PARSUN-3	2
Canola	PARC Canola Hybrid	30

(c) No.

- (d) 1. The Indigenous Hybrid Seed Development and Production under National Agricultural Research System (NARS)
2. Introduction of Exotic Hybrid of *Different Crops*

17. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 19-03-2014 at 01:30 pm)

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

- (a) *the statutory mandate of Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) after the passage of 18th amendment in the Constitution;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that PARC and the Provincial Government do not have proper coordination with regard to initiating projects of agricultural research; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to redefine the role of PARC to ensure coordinated agricultural research and development amongst the Federal and Provincial Governments?*

**Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:** (a) No change in mandate.

(b) A well structured co-ordination mechanism exists in PARC with Provincial Departments and Research Stations.

(c) PARC has established following fora at PARC since 2012 to date for the purpose:—

- (a) Revival of Inter Provincial Coordination Committee (IPA.RCC)
- (b) Establishment of Vice Chancellor Forum
- (c) Vice Chancellor Forum inter Ministerial Coordination Committee
- (d) Federation of Farmers Association
- (e) Women in Agriculture Forum

18. **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 20-03-2014 at 01:40 pm)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Army Welfare Trust (AWT) has paid cost of construction of motorway interchange near their housing scheme at Sangjani, Sector D-18, Islamabad, if so, the amount paid by them for that purpose;*
- (b) *the present status of the said project; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said interchange will be completed?*

Reply not received.

18-A **\*Begum. Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 20-03-2014 at 11:45 am)

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

- (a) *whether the project of Gawadar Port has been completed, if not, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said project will be completed?*

**Mr. Kamran Michael** (a) The Gwadar Deep Water Port Project (Phase-I) has been completed on 30th June, 2010.

(b) Nil.

19. **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 21-03-2014 at 09:20 am)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the number of patients of Hepatitis B and C, Tuberculosis (TB) and HIV/Aids in the country at present with province-wise and District-wise breakup?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) **Hepatitis B and C:**

Program has been devolved. Provinces have been requested to provide the information.

(b) **Tuberculosis (TB)**

T.B. case detection Province & District-wise for the year 2013 in the country placed at **Annexure-A.**

(c) **HIV/ AIDS**

HIV/AIDS patients till January, 2014 in the country Province-wise, placed at **Annexure-B.**

20. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 25-03-2014 at 09:30 am)

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

(a) *whether it is fact that the construction work of Larkana-Qambar road was started last year; and*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that the said work has not been completed so far; if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the construction work of the said road will be completed?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Construction/rehabilitation of Larkana-Kamber road commenced in September 2009 with the original completion in September 2010.

**Reasons for delay:**

- a. Death of senior Management of the contractor in the Air blue plane crash in July 2010 (M/s Al-Mehran).

b. Shortage of funds.

**Present Status:**

- Main carriageway 15 km is completed, however, allied and protection works are in progress.
- City portion of Bero Chandio and Kamber Bypass are yet to be executed.
- PSDP allocation (2013-14) is only Rs. 1.0 million whereas funds required for completion are Rs. 300 million.

21. **\*Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 27-03-2014 at 02:35 pm)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that NA-95 from Chakdara to Fatehpur is in dilapidated condition, if so, the time by which the same will be repaired/ reconstructed;*
- (b) *whether any amount has been allocated in the current budget for repairing of the said road, if so, its details; and*
- (c) *whether any foreign aid is expected for the said project / work?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The national highway N-95 from Chakdara to Fatehpur (Km 0 to 82) is in dilapidated condition. For repair and improvement of this section, 2 x periodic maintenance schemes amounting to Rs. 214.43 million have been committed in Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP) for FY 2013-14 which are under procurement.

b) The detail of periodic maintenance schemes committed in AMP 2013-14 is as under:

Scope of Work	Location (Km-Km)	Allocation under AMP (Rs)	Status
Periodic	00-26	170,078,120	Under Procurement
Maintenance	76-82	44,358,7977	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>214,436,917</b>	

(c) The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) amounting to US\$ 33.90 million as loan to GoP has been arranged for Provincial Reconstruction Rehabilitation and Settlement Authority (PaRRSA) for Infrastructure Development of Malakand Region Project. The rehabilitation of Mingora-Fatehpur road (N-95) will be carried out under the said Saudi Fund.

NHA as executing agency of Mingora-Fatehpur rehabilitation project (N-95) is preparing detailed design and PC-I.

22. **\*Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 27-03-2014 at 02:35 pm)

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

- (a) *the estimated cost of the project for construction of road from Fatehpur to Madain, Swat, and the time by which the same will be completed;*
- (b) *the estimated cost of the project for construction of road from Madain to Kalam, Swat, indicating also the time by which tender of the same will be called and work will be started; and*
- (c) *whether Asian Development Bank has given any funds/grant for the said projects, if so, its details?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The project for rehabilitation of N-95 from Fatehpur to Madain (Km 82- 89 + 700) has been awarded at a cost of Rs. 912.45 million under Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (FERP). The completion date of project is 31st August, 2014.

(b) The project for rehabilitation of N-95 from Km 89 + 700 (Madain) in Km 97 + 310 has been awarded at cost of Rs.861.4 million under FERP with completion date of 30th June 2014. Further, for repair and improvement of N-95 from Madain to Kalam, 2 x periodic maintenance schemes amounting to Rs.266.15 million have been committed in Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP) for FY 2013-14 which are Maintenance Plan (AMP) for FY 2013-14 which are under procurement. The work is expected to commence by the end of June 2014.

(c) A loan agreement has been signed between Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Islamic Republic of Pakistan for FERP. The said FERP projects on N-95 has been funded through ADB Loan No. 2742 Pak.

The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) amounting to US\$ 33.90 million as a grant to GoP has been arranged for Infrastructure Development of Malakand Region Project. The rehabilitation of Mingora-Fatehpur section of N-95 will be carried out under the said Saudi Fund.

23. **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 28-03-2014 at  
am)

09:30

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:*

*(a) the number of persons working in the Election Commission of Pakistan with grade-wise and district-wise breakup; and*

*(b) the number of posts presently lying vacant in the said Commission?*

**Sheikh Aftab Ahmed:** (a) The required information in respect of Election Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad is given hereunder:

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 14th April, 2014.*

AMJED PERVEZ,  
*Secretary.*