

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*

**Wednesday, the 8th July, 2015**

@\***Question No. 101. (Def) Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:**  
(Notice received on 22-04-2015 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to start quality assessment and accreditation of the schools/colleges affiliated with the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** F.B.I.S.E. has well defined set of Rules relating to the grant of an Affiliation / Accreditation duly approved by the Statutory bodies, identifying the need of infrastructure (Class Rooms, Laboratory(s), Library, Play Grounds, space for conduct of examination, administrative staff, etc. and required Human Resources (Qualification and Experience of the faculty members) for different level of classes (SSC / HSSC). The Affiliation is granted provisionally on the recommendations of Affiliation Committee constituted for the purpose as per proviso of the relevant rules, which is renewed for each session after satisfying that minimum requirement are met by the institution. Regarding Quality Assessment, the F.B.I.S.E. has well defined qualification and experience for a paper setter and examiner. However, F.B.I.S.E. has initiated a number of initiatives like, Training of Paper Setters, Supervisory Staff (responsible to conduct the examination) and the examiners evaluating the Answer Scripts. To Strengthen the process, the Federal Government has sanctioned a project titled “Modernization of Examination System” amounting to Rs.50 millions for the purpose.

\***Question No. 17. Maulana Atta Ur Rehman:**  
(Notice received on 26-05-2015 at 07:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to dualize the Gandhi Khan Khel-Dara Adam Khel section of Indus Highway, if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Communications:** Yes, NHA is considering the dualization of Gandhi Khan Khel Dara Adam Khel section of Indus Highway. Currently procurement of Consultant for Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for Dualization of Gandhi Chowk to Sarai Norang (Old Bannu Road) KM 1040+00 TO KM 1050+00 of N-55 is being carried out on priority basis. The project is also included in PSDP 2015-16 with an allocation of Rs. 300 Million.

**\*Question No. 18. Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi:**

(Notice received on 20-05-2015 at 07:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of post offices in the country at present with province-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the number of post offices closed down in Balochistan during the last five years; and*
- (c) *the number of new post offices established in the said province during that period?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) at present, 12,035 post offices are functioning throughout the country. Province wise break up of post offices is enclosed as Annexure-“A”.

(b) during the last five years, 05 post offices were closed in Balochistan Province, the detail of which is enclosed as Annexure-“B”.

(c) during last 05 years, 44 new post offices have opened in Balochistan Province, the detail of which is enclosed as Annexure-“C”.

**\*Question No. 19. Mr. Ahmed Hassan :**

(Notice received on 21-05-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Peshawar-Kohat section of the Indus Highway is in dilapidated condition, if so, the time by which the same will be repaired/ carpeted?*

**Minister for Communications:** The total length of Peshawar - Kohat Section of N-55 (Indus Highway) is 71 Kilometer. 36 Kilometer of this road is in Fair State, whereas 35 Kilometer is in Poor Condition.

The Measures taken to improve the road condition are as bellow;

*Rs in Million*

AMP	Periodic Maintenance	Routine Maintenance	Highway Safety	EM/SM & Others	Total
2012-13	142.788	29.915	0	54.79	227.49
2013-14	96.740	38.402	0	20.451	155.59
2014-15	0	54.808	0	0	54.808
<b>Total</b>	<b>239.528</b>	<b>123.125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>75.241</b>	<b>437.89</b>

**\*Question No. 20. Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 21-05-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to increase the production of tea in the country; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make arrangements for cultivation of tea plants in Districts Swat and Dir, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:** (a) The following steps have been taken by the Government to increase the production of tea:—

1. National Tea Research Institute (NTRI) was established at Manshera in 1985-86 under Pakistan Agriculture Research Council to work on research, development and promotion of tea plantation in Pakistan.
  2. NTRI made tremendous efforts to collect tea germplasm from different countries like Sri Lanka and China etc.
  3. NTRI established tea garden on 34 acres at the institute and 50 acres at farmer's field in Manshera district.
  4. GOP also installed a tea processing plant with the capacity of one ton per day at NTRI.
  5. Presently, the following two development projects are underway for the promotion of tea in the country.
    - (a) **Participatory Development of Tea Value Chain around Mansehera Area under Agricultural Linkages Programme (ALP).**
    - (b) Mechanization of tea production and promotion of green tea to improve profitability under Research for Agricultural Development Programme (RADP)
- (b) Yes; PARC has established a tea nursery at Swat to provide tea plants to the farmers.

**\*Question No. 21. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 21-05-2015 at 09:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and designation of the persons working in Pakistan Embassy / Missions in Malaysia;*

(b) *the names and designation of the said persons against whom complaints have been received during their present posting indicating also the action taken in each case; and*

(c) *the names and designation of the said persons who have completed their tenure of posting in the said Embassy / Missions indicating also the time by which they will be transferred / called back?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The requisite information, to the extent of the officers and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is as follows:—

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	
	Syed Hassan Raza	High Commissioner	1.
2.	Dr. Ali Ahmed Arain	Deputy High Commissioner	
3.	Malik Muhammad Farooq	Counsellor	
4.	Murad Ali	First Secretary	
5.	Shahid Hussain Bhatti	APS	
6.	Aurangzeb	Additional Assistant	
7.	Qazi Jamil-ur-Rehman	Accountant	
8.	Shamsher Khan	Assistant	
9.	Shahid Hussain Khokhar	Stenotypist	
10.	Shah Khalid	LDC	

(b) The information on some of the complaints received against the officers/officials of the Mission is as under:

- In the past, some complaints have been published in the print media in 2014 regarding the consular services provided by the Mission. Copies of these stories were also sent to the Human Rights Cell of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. However, according to Pakistan High Commission in Malaysia, the replies given by the Mission were accepted by the Supreme Court and no further action was taken by its Human Rights Cell.
- Some complaints about the consular matters have been registered against Syed Azhar Hashmi, Community Welfare Attaché of the Mission. However, upon investigation, the Mission found that such complaints were unsubstantiated.

- In response to a news item published by Daily “Johan” of 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 that some people had protested in front of the Mission, the High Commission for Pakistan clarified that no such incident had taken place.
- Mrs. Rahila Khalid, MPA, Punjab Assembly has recently alleged that the High Commissioner for Pakistan, Syed Hassan Raza did not treat a delegation of MPAs well. The MPAs were visiting Malaysia under parliamentary exchange programme last December. Nonetheless, due courtesies were extended to the delegation.

(c) None of the Mission’s officers/officials has completed his tenure in the Mission except Commercial Counselor, Mr. Wajihullah Kundi. The officer has been asked to continue in his position until selection of a new commercial officer by the Ministry of Commerce.

**\*Question No. 22. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice Received On 21-05-2015 at 09:45 a.m.)

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

- the names and designation of the persons working in Pakistan Embassy / Missions in Mongolia;*
- the names and designation of the said persons against whom complaints have been received during their present posting indicating also the action taken in each case; and*
- the names and designation of the said persons who have completed their tenure of posting in the said Embassy / Missions indicating also the time by which they will be transferred / called back?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** It may kindly be noted that Pakistan has not established its Embassy in Mongolia.

**\*Question No. 23. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 21-05-2015 at 09:45 a.m.)

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

- the names and designation of the persons working in Pakistan Embassy / Missions in Morocco;*
- the names and designation of the said persons against whom complaints have been received during their present posting indicating also the action taken in each case; and*

(c) *the names and designation of the said persons who have completed their tenure of posting in the said Embassy / Missions indicating also the time by which they will be transferred / called back?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The requisite information, to the extent of the officers and staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is as follows:

S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Muhammad Waheed-ul-Hasan	Ambassador
2.	Mrs. Momina Bandey	Minister
3.	Mr. Safdar Hussain	Assistant Private Secretary
4.	Mr. Masood Ahmed Qureshi	Accountant
5.	Mr. Umer Farooque	Additional Assistant

(b) No complaint of a serious nature has been received in the Mission. However, minor complaints/issues are dealt with and resolved at the Mission's level. A Pakistani national had sent a complaint about non-issuance of visa to a Moroccan applicant that he had invited. He was informed that the visa was not being refused but advice of the Ministry of Interior had been sought. The visa in question will be issued on receipt of Interior Ministry's approval.

(c) None of the above officers/officials has completed his tenure in the Mission.

**\*Question No. 24. Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:**  
(Notice received on 21-05-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to start employment and skill oriented courses in colleges and universities in the country, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to review the on-going programme of Higher Education Commission which supports career oriented add-on courses in colleges and universities in the country, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) Higher Education Commission (HEC) initiated the process of developing & updating curriculum of employment and skill oriented courses in the year 2011-12. For the purpose, guidelines have already been circulated to Universities & Degree Awarding Institutes of the country to initiate **Associate Degree Programs** in 37 predefined market driven subjects on unified template as detailed at Annex-I.

(b) HEC is continuously developing & updating the curricula of all academic degree programs to bring at par with National and International standards keeping in view employability and research needs of the country. HEC is expanding the scope of associate degree and trying to enhance the subjects after consultation from different stakeholders including universities, market, professional accreditation council, etc. In addition, the curriculum of various undergraduate programs in professional and academic degrees are being reviewed and revised periodically by HEC through its respective National Curriculum Revision Committee (NCRC) after every 3 to 4 years, keeping in view the socio-economic needs of the country, ensuring better employability prospects and the latest advancement in the subject. However, no specific proposal for career oriented add-on courses is currently under consideration. Moreover, Government of Pakistan is upgrading National Institute of Science & Technical Education (NISTE), Islamabad to National Skills University of Science & Technology. The PC-I of the project is being developed. The purpose of the project is to develop a university that offer career oriented programs on a research based curriculum.

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

**\*Question No. 25. Mr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi:**

(Notice received on 21-05-2015 at 12:20 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services and Regulation and Coordination be pleased to state whether any mechanism has been devised by the Government for checking the quality of medicines being provided to the patients under TB Control Programme in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, whether there is any proposal to do so?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** The National TB Control Program (NTP), Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination (NHSR&C) Pakistan ensures the availability of Anti TB drugs manufactured by quality assured GMP certified pharmaceutical companies; to each and every TB patients; whether treated at public or private sector is mandatory for successful treatment outcome and control of the disease.

The NTP, as a policy make sure the provision of uninterrupted, regular supply of free of cost quality anti TB medicines to every registered patient in the county. It is essential that the country maintain a sufficient and well managed supply of quality TB drugs procured through Global Drug Facility World Health Organization from WHO prequalified manufacturers to ensure the treatment of increasingly detected TB cases and maintaining the treatment success rates above the Stop TB target of 85%.

Quality assurance is an integral part of NTP and had developed a multi-dimensional strategy to ensure quality of essential anti-tuberculosis drugs and strengthen the drug management system.

More than 80% Anti TB Drugs are received in kind from World Health Organization Pre-qualified international sources, through a competitive international Pooled Procurement Mechanism under the supervision of Stop TB Partnership / Global Drug Facility.

- These medicine are pre-inspected and tested from WHO approved quality control drug testing laboratories.
- Pre shipment is conducted by a stringent inspection committee and shipments are cleared.
- All quality control documents are shared with Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) and permission of import is sought.

National TB Control Program has identified WHO Prequalified and ISO-17025 certified quality control analytical laboratories in Pakistan and in a process to develop a system across the supply chain to get these products tested randomly from these accredited labs.

A comprehensive Quality Assurance Plan has been prepared and under final approvals from the donors to start implementation.

Local anti TB drugs are sent to National Drug Testing Laboratories before these drugs are distributed and dispensed to patients.

**\*Question No. 26. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 22-05-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- whether it is a fact that the Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, was amongst the top 20 Universities in the ranking of Higher Education Commission till 2010;*
- whether it is also a fact that the said University has now been excluded from that ranking, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- whether it is further a fact that the number of students of the said university has been decreased, if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has never been ranked in Higher Education Commission (HEC) rankings, therefore, it cannot be said that AIOU was one of the top 20 universities till 2010.

(b) Yes, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Islamabad has been excluded from the University Rankings published in 2010 & 2015, as universities imparting distance learning education were excluded from the ranking because of incompatibility with formal education system and ranking parameters defined thereof.

(c) No, the number of students of AIOU has not decreased rather it has been on the rise.



**\*Question No. 27. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 22-05-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the length of Kashmor - Jamshoro section of the Indus Highway Sindh; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for proper maintenance of the said Highway?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The length of Indus Highway (N-55) from Kashmore to Jamshoro *i.e.* in Sindh Province is 495 Kilometer.

(b) Under Annual Maintenance Plan during last three years, Maintenance Activities amounting to Rs. 2183.13/- million were carried out on Kashmore — Jamshoro Section of the Indus Highway, as detailed below;

AMP	Periodic Maintenance	Routine Maintenance	Highway Safety	EM/SM & Others
2012-13	0	43.76	26.92	225.29
2013-14	895.64	79.75	-	16.77
2014-15	772.57	122.43	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1668.21</b>	<b>245.94</b>	<b>26.92</b>	<b>242.06</b>

**\*Question No. 28. Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani:**

(Notice received on 22-05-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the length of national highways and motorways in the country and the percentage of the same located in Baluchistan; and*
- (b) *the amount spent on maintenance of the said highways and motorways during the last five years with year-wise breakup indicating also the amount spent on the highways and motorways in Baluchistan out of the same?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The length of 39 National Highways/Motorways/Strategic Highways throughout Pakistan under the auspices of National Highway Authority is 12131 Kilometer. The length of Roads in Balochistan with National Highway Authority is 4565 Kilometer which is 37.63% of the total NH's network.

(b) The total amount spent during last Five Years on Maintenance of National Highway Network is Rs. 55960.23 million, detailed as under;

Rs. in Million

AMP	Periodic/ Rehabilitation	Highway Safety	Routine	SM/EM/Others
2010-11	0	2.85	1892.14	3637
2011-12	0	55.89	2387.23	4564.20
2012-13	3412.74	470.46	2359.37	5076.26
2013-14	8443.67	139.37	2542.16	2784.11
2014-15	14818.468	—	2915.42	458.89
<b>Total:</b>	<b>26674.88</b>	<b>668.57</b>	<b>12096.32</b>	<b>16520.46</b>

The total amount spent during last Five years on Maintenance of National Highways in Balochistan is Rs. 9951.074 million, detailed as under;

Rs. in Million

AMP	Periodic/ Rehabilitation	Highway Safety	Routine	SM/EM/Others
2010-11	0	0	378.03	425.24
2011-12	0	0	435.34	261.63
2012-13	500.64	107.96	442.968	610.09
2013-14	2251.398	89.57	642.59	401.75
2014-15	2611.778	—	761.05	31.04
<b>Total :</b>	<b>5363.816</b>	<b>197.53</b>	<b>2659.978</b>	<b>1729.75</b>

**\*Question No. 29. Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani:**

(Notice received on 22-05-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

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

- whether it is a fact that the contract of construction of motorway from Kohri to Karkh, M-8, was previously awarded to a company which failed to carry out the work and was blacklisted;*
- whether it is also a fact that the said project has been awarded again to the same company with a new/different name, if so, its reasons; and*
- the time by which the said project will be completed?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) It is submitted that Khuzdar-Ratodero Section of M-8 is divided in to five packages. Package-I & II *i.e.* from Khuzdar to Khori and from Ratodero to Quba Saeed Khan is already completed whereas three packages in between Quba Saeed Khan

and Khori are under progress which is likely to be completed by the end of this year. No contractor is blacklisted or relived from performance and accordingly no re-tendering is done.

(b) Construction activities are undertaken at site by the same contractors to whom the works were initially awarded.

(c) Detail of the packages under construction are as follows:

Package	Progress	Exp. Completion
Package-III Khori Wangu Hills (49.5 Km)	70%	Oct-15
Package-IV Wangu Hills (42.45 Km)	88%	Aug-15
Quba Saeed Khan Wangu (57.5 Km)	81%	Aug -15

**\*Question No. 30. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 25-05-2015 at 11:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on contract basis since 2012?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:**

**AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS ON CONTRACT**

**Year 2012**

S. No.	Place of Posting	Name of Ambassador/High Commissioner	Date of Appointment	Domicile
1.	Washington	Ms. Sherry Rehman	08-01-2012	Sindh
2.	Brunei Darussalam	Maj. Gen. (R) Ijaz Hussain Awan	03 -04-2012	Punjab
3.	UN, New York	Mr. M. Masood Khan	11-10-2012	AJK

**\*Question No. 31. Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari :**

(Notice received on 27-05-2015 at 12:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be please state the date of approval, estimated cost, amount released so far and present status of work on the project of dualization of Muzaffargarh-Dera Ghazi Khan section of N-70?*

**Minister for Communications:** NHA invited bids undertaking Upgradation / Dualization of Multan -Muzaffargarh - DG Khan Section of National Highway N-70 on Build Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis. The scope of project includes construction of additional carriageway between Muzaffargarh and Dera Ghazi Khan (50 kilometers) And rehabilitation of existing highway between Multan and D G Khan.

This Project is not viable on BOT as standalone basis, so Viability Gap Funding (VGF) amounting to Rs 1,500 Million is required to implement the project. For the requirement of Viability Gap Funding (VGF), NHA submitted the PC-I, which is under review of CDWP for final approval.

**\*Question No. 32. Mr. Saleem Zia:**  
(Notice received on 28-05-2015 at 10:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a large quantity of vaccine under EPI programme have recently been expired, if so, the date of purchase, value in Pak Rupees and date of expiry of the same; and*
- (b) *whether any action has been taken against those found responsible in the said case, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a)

- The total quantity of Pentavalent vaccine wasted in Federal EPI store is 1.3 millions (Thirteen Hundred Thousands Only) doses because of VVM stage 3/4 during 2014-15.
- The worth of wasted vaccines is PKR 345.8 Millions.
- This vaccine was purchased in April and May 2013.
- The vaccine was changed from VVM stage 1-2 to 3/4 due to temperature variation as required for vaccine storage in cold rooms (2°C - 8°C).
- The total quantity of Polio vaccine expired during 2014-15 is 7,615 vials but VVM stage 2.
- The worth of this expired vaccine is PKR 3.03 millions.

- (b) The M/o NHSR&C immediately took the following steps;
- Constituted an inquiry committee to investigate the matter and fixed responsibility.
  - Actions against the responsible officers/officials:
    - Deputy Director Operation (Repatriated to NIH),
    - Store Officer (Suspended)
    - Statistical Investigator (Repatriated to Software export Bureau),
    - Sub-Engineer Cold Chain (Suspended),
    - Technical Officer cold chain (Return back to WHO)
    - Technical Officer supply chain (Return back to WHO)
    - Assistant store keeper (Return Back to WHO)
  - Five officials are arrested by FIA and have been sent to Jail:
    - Mr. Rizwan Bashir (Store Keeper)
    - Mr. Altaf Naeern (Sub-Eng Refrigeration)
    - Mr. Zeeshan Nawaz (Statistical Investigator)
    - Mr. Atif Mehmood (Store Assistant)
    - Mr. Ghulam Taqi (Technical Officer Cold Chain)
  - VSSM (Vaccine Stock and Supply Management) replaced with web based VLMIS (Vaccine Logistics Management System) software.
  - Vaccine Management System Review Committee (VMSRC) was constituted to restack/re-arrange the vaccine stock in the cold rooms of the Federal EPI ware house.

**\*Question No. 33. Mr. Saleem Zia:**

(Notice received on 29-05-2015 at 10:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the cut off date of completion of work on the on-going project for construction of Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway;*
- (b) *the percentage status of work on the on-going project for construction of Faisalabad-Multan Motorway and the time by which the same will be completed; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct new Motorways in the country with particular reference in Sindh and Khyer Pakhtunkhwa?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The cut-off date for the completion of construction of Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway (M-9) is 15-12-2017.

(b) The status of on-going projects (Motorway-M4) is as under:

Sr. #	Section	Section Name	Length	Status/Progress KM
a.	Section-I	Faislabad-Giojra	58	Completed.
b.	Section-II	Gojra-Shorkot	62	Procurement stage.
c.	Section-III	Shorkot-Khanewal	64	Planning Stage.
d.	Section-IV	Khanewal - Multan	57	75% complete Scheduled to be completed by September, 2015.

Contract cost is 12.937 billion.

(c) Government has planned to extend the motorway network, to the sea ports. In this regard, the list of projects planned to constructed is attached at **Annex-A**.

**\*Question No. 34. Mr. Saleem Zia:**

(Notice received on 29-05-2015 at 10:25 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of incentives being given to the Overseas Pakistanis on remitting foreign exchange to the country; and*
- (b) *the minimum amount of remittance fixed for such incentives?*

**Pir Syed Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi:** (a) Following incentives are being given to the overseas Pakistanis who remit foreign exchange to the country and are issued Foreign Exchange Remittance Cards (FERC):—

- Separate Counters for special handling at arrival and departure lounges at all International Airports in Pakistan.
- Free issuance and renewal of passport.
- Following duty credit on remitting the amount in one year as indicated below:-
  - Rs.10,000 duty credit on remitting US\$2500 or more
  - Rs.20,000 duty credit on remitting US\$5000 or more.
  - Rs.30,000 duty credit on remitting US\$10000 or more.
  - Rs.50,000 duty credit on remitting US\$25000 or more.

- Rs.100,000 duty credit on remitting US\$50,000 or more.
- A summary has already been moved to allow overseas Pakistanis to import one second hand upto and including 1600 cc vehicle of far east origin without custom duty who will remit US\$400,000 in four years.

(b) The minimum amount of remittance is fixed at US\$2500 or more in a year for the said incentives.

**\*Question No. 35. Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 03-06-2015 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the National Highway Authority (NHA) to construct a ring road for Rawalpindi, if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Communications:** There is no proposal under consideration by National Highway Authority (NHA) to construct a ring road for Rawalpindi.

**\*Question No. 36 Mr. Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 10-06-2015 at 04:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- the names of degree awarding institutions / Universities in the country recognized / affiliated with Higher Education Commission;*
- the names of the said institutions / Universities which have un-authorized campuses in other cities in the country; and*
- whether it is a fact that various universities have different fee structure for the same programme of study, if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) A consolidated list containing the names of degree awarding institutions/ Universities in the country recognized by Higher Education Commission (HEC) is attached at **ANNEX-A**.

(b) A consolidated list of the said institutions/ Universities which have un-authorized campuses in other cities in the country is attached at **ANNEX-B**.

(c) Yes, the universities [Public as well as Private] are corporate and self-governance entities by the prescribed name in accordance with the provisions of their respective Act or Ordinance. Universities and Degree Awarding Institutions have a specific stipulated authority to demand and receive such fees and other charges as they may determine through the statutory process. There is difference in quality, nature and level of academic, research, and associated infrastructure and faculties across universities. Such factors may include Ph.D. faculty,

enrolment, laboratories and IT provisions, location within a particular region, kind of program, and operational expenditures etc.

**\*Question No. 37. Mr. Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 10-06-2015 at 04:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of polio workers killed in the country during the last five years;*
- (b) *whether any compensation has been paid to the families / heirs of the said workers, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the number of accused persons arrested in the said cases?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) The unprecedented attacks on polio workers started in Pakistan in July 2012 and till today a total of 84 personnel were martyred across the country including 44 Polio Workers and 40 security personnel escorting the polio teams. The year wise breakup of the said casualties is tabulated below:

Year	No. of Incidents	Health Workers/ Volunteer	Security Worker	Martyred		Total
				Male	Female	
2012	10	11	0	5	6	11
2013	15	13	9	20	2	22
2014	20	15	26	34	7	41
2015	8	5	5	8	2	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>84</b>

(b) Federal and provincial governments have shown their sincere commitment with the cause of polio eradication and have compensated the families/heirs of the polio workers by paying a total amount of PKR 124.7 million till date. Moreover, in certain instances, relevant Governments additionally provided jobs to the family members of the martyred workers. The province wise breakup of the cash compensation dispensed till date is as follows:

Province	Compensation paid to the families/heirs of Martyred Polio workers
Balochistan	Rs. 32.4 Million
KPK	Rs. 68.8 Million
FATA	Rs. 14 Million
Sindh	Rs. 8.5 Million
Punjab	Rs. 1.0 Million



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**Total****PKR 124.7 Million**

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(c) FIRs were launched against all the incidents and till April 2015 a total of 39 accused persons were arrested in the said cases with the following year wise break up:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Culprits Arrested</b>
2012	5
2013	16
2014	4
2015	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

**\*Question No. 38. Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani:**

(Notice received on 17-06-2015 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is fact that Offices of the Project Director (PD), General Manager, Directors and Deputy Director of the National Highway Authority have been shifted from Khuzdar, Balochistan, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether, there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to shift the said office back to Khuzdar, if so, when and if not, the purpose for which the buildings of those offices will be used?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The office of Project Director (PD), General Manager, Deputy Director of National Highway Authority have not been shifted from Khuzdar, Balochistan.

(b) The office of General Manager (Balochistan South) alongwith its formation viz, Maintenance Directorate, Accounts and Admn have been shifted to Khuzdar and functioning efficiently there. There is no proposal of shifting the office from Khuzdar to any other location therefore the office buildings will be used by the G.M. (Balochistan South) and its subordinates.

**\*Question No. 39. Mr. Rozi Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 17-06-2015 at 02:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of Universities established in the country during the last five years with province wise break-up; and*

(b) *the number and locations of the Universities proposed to be established in the country in near future?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) A total of 35 (thirty five) universities have been established during last 5 (five) years *i.e.* 2010-15. Province Wise segregation is as under:

<b>Federal</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Punjab</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Sindh</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Azad Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Balochistan</b>	<b>1</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

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(b) A total of 13 (thirteen) new proposals have been received by Higher Education Commission (HEC) for establishment of new Universities/ Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIS) across the Pakistan and the projects/proposal are at different processing stages. The location-wise breakup is attached at **ANNEX-A.**

AMJED PERVEZ,  
*Secretary.*

Islamabad:  
*The 7th July, 2015*