SENATE SECRETARIAT

"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Friday, the 9th October, 2015

*Question No. 62. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 04-08-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that prices of food items being sold on stalls and kiosks and tickets of recreational facilities established in Lake View Park, Islamabad are high/inflated, if so, whether there is any proposal to reduce the same?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The stalls and Kiosks at Lake View Park were allotted by the CDA but the Prices of food and other edible items are fixed by the District Administration of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and are not falling under the Purview of CDA. The tickets approved for the recreational purpose are reasonable and fixed three (03) years ago, so there is no such proposal for their reduction.

*Question No. 66. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:

(Notice received on 17-08-2015 at 02:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether it is fact that the procedure for payment in foreign currency has been adopted to increase the Afghan Transit Trade (ATT), if so, the details thereof?

Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan: Transit Trade of Afghanistan through Pakistan does not involve any payment in foreign currency. The matter of payment in foreign currency is related to Pak-Afghan Bilateral trade.

*Question No. 67. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 17-08-2015 at 03:32 p.m.)

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

(a) the increase or decrease in the cell phone connections/SIMs of various companies operating in the country during the last two years with company-wise breakup; and

(b) the amount being charged by each of the said company for a new SIM/connection and the amount collected by each them from new connections/issuance of SIMs during the said period?

Minister-Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The company-wise break-up of the increase/decrease in the cell phone connections/SIMs during the last two years is given in the table attached as **Annexure-A.**

(b) Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs) are required to collect 'Activation Tax' @Rs 250/new SIM from the consumers. However, the operators do not charge the Activation Tax or any other amount from their customers; rather they absorb the activation tax. The matter of activation tax collection is also currently under litigation before the Honorable Lahore High Court.

*Question No. 68. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:

(Notice received on 19-08-2015 at 08.56 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether any funds have been allocated for repairing and maintenance of IJP road this year, if so, the time by which that work will be started and completed?

Minister-Incharge of the Cabinet Division: No funds have been allocated for repairing and maintenance of IJP Road this year.

*Question No. 70. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:

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

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state whether the Ministries / Divisions and Departments of the Federal Government are required to obtain NOC from the Establishment Division before sending requisition to FPSC for initial appointment against the posts in BS-16 and above, if so, the names of those Departments which have obtained such NOC during the last five years?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: NOC from this Division is mandatory for all Federal Services / Autonomous Bodies / Corporations etc. before making any kind of recruitment ranging from BS-01 to BS-22 (excluding APUG) as per policy in vogue. Moreover, surplus pool section enlists the particulars of surplus employees for possible absorption against matching vacancies as and when reported by Ministries / Divisions / Departments for obtaining NOC from this Division. Accordingly, this Division issue NOC subject to non-availability of required manpower in the surplus pool.

Likewise, all Federal Services / Autonomous Bodies / Corporations etc. (including, Defence viz. ISI, Interior, I.B. Law & Justice, President's House, Prime Minister's Office etc.) submit their cases for obtaining NOC from this Division for making initial appointments against various vacant posts of different cadres. A detailed list of departments which have obtained such NOC during the last five years in annexed.

LIST OF MINISTRIES/DIVISIONS/DEPARTMENTS OBTAINED NOC FROM THIS DIVISION FOR BS-16 AND ABOVE POSTS.

- 1. Cabinet Division
- 2. Capital Administration & Development Division
- 3. Establishment Division / MS Wing
- 4. Finance Division
- 5. Education & Professional Training
- 6. Foreign Affairs
- 7. Information & Broadcasting
- 8. Interior (excluding FIA)
- 9. Narcotics Control Division
- 10. National Health Services Regulation & Coordination
- 11. Railways
- 12. Religious Affairs
- 13. Science & Technology
- 14. Statistics Division
- 15. Water & Power
- 16. Intelligence Bureau
- 17. Auditor General of Pakistan
- 18. Controller General of Accounts

*Question No. 71. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice received on 24-08-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the value and volume of trade between Pakistan and Russia during the last five years; and
- (b) the names of items exported and imported between both the countries during the said period?

Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) The following table shows the figures of bilateral trade with Russian Federation.

Years	Exports	Imports	Total	Balance
2009-10	119.2	188.37	307.57	(-) 69.17
2010-11	183.57	163.42	346.99	(+) 20.15
2011-12	189.61	202.05	391.66	(-)182.44
2012-13	207.31	277.17	484.47	(-) 69.86
2013-14	185.85	233.49	419.34	(-) 47.64
2013-14 (Jul-Mar)	153.37	185.56	338.93	(-) 32.19
2014-15 (Jul-Mar)	158.85	162.85	321.70	(-) 4.00

The balance of trade remained in favour of the Russian Federation except in 2010-11 due to rise in Pakistani exports of vegetables and cotton fabrics to Russia.

- (b) (a) Major export items to Russia are: Cotton Fabrics (Woven), Fruit & fruit preps. synthetic fabrics, Baby carriages sports good, article of apparel and cloth knit/chroch, Hosiery, textile material, and Rice (all sorts).
- (b) Major imports items from Russia are: Wheat and muslin un milled, Paper and paper board, Fertilizer manufactured, Crude rubber, Iron and steel, chemical electment and compound, orse of iron and steel, vegetables Including pullses.

It may be noted that Pakistan sent a 30 member delegation of Food items exporters for B2B meeting and participation in World Food Moscow. The outcome of the visit are as follows:

- Pakistani products were introduced in a big way to the Russian market;
- The exhibitors obtained firsthand knowledge of Russian market; and
- Exhibitors also learnt export procedures to the Russian

The detailed report on delegation's visit is attached as Annexure-I.

*Question No. 72. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-08-2015 at 11:22 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and designation of the officers presently holding dual and current charges of higher posts in the Ministry of Commerce and its attached departments indicating also the name of post, duration of dual or current charge and justification for the same in each case; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that many junior officers of that Ministry and its attached departments have been granted current charge of higher posts ignoring the senior ones, if so, the reasons thereof?

Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) The officers of Ministry of Commerce, who have been assigned the additional / current charges of the posts mentioned against each, with justification is at **Annex-I.**

The list of the officers, holding current charge/additional charge as provided by Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) is at **Annex-II.**

The list of the officers, holding current charge/additional charge as provided by Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development (PITAD) is at **Annex-III.**

The list of the officers, holding current charge/additional charge as provided by Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) is at **Annex-IV**.

The list of the officers, holding current charge/additional charge as provided by Pakistan Tobacco Board is at **Annexure-V.**

The list of the officers, holding current charge/additional charge National Tariff Commission is at **Annex-VI**.

The list of the officers, holding current charge/additional charge as provided by State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan is at **Annex-VII.**

The list of the officers, holding current charge/additional charge as provided by National Insurance Company Limited is at **Annex-VIII.**

The list of the officers, holding current charge/additional charge as provided by Pakistan Reinsurance Company Limited is at **Annex-IX**.

(b) All the officers have been given additional/current charges on the basis of seniority-cum-suitability.

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

*Question No. 73. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:

(Notice received on 25-08-2015 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to improve the operation and services of PIA?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:

- Improving the financial health of PIAC by reducing its losses through various means and modes by the Government is an ongoing process.
- Following are the major steps taken so for its improvement:—
 - (i) **Bailout Packages:-** Government has injected an amount of Rs. 16 billion as cash support and US\$ 52 million for acquisition of 15 aircraft on dry lease, besides, Government guarantees of Rs. 143 billion as on 30th September 2015.
 - (ii) **Fleet Modernization:-** PIAC have acquired 15x aircraft (05x ATR72 and 10x A-320) on dry lease and gradually phasing out aged aircraft. Current fleet of PIAC consists of 36 aircraft & by the end of this year it will be 41.
 - (iii) **Engineering:-** Emphasis has been given on this area to minimize delays due to technical reasons through quality maintenance.
 - (iv) **Marketing:-** Loss making routes both international & domestic have been suspended and aircraft are deployed on profitable routes.
 - (v) **Passengers Handling Services (PHS):-** Various steps have been taken to ensure provision of quality service to passengers like SMS alerts, web access, introduction of effective baggage identification system, etc.
 - (vi) **Flight Services:-** To improve service standard, developmental training of cabin crew in collaboration with Qatar Airways is being concerned. Besides, introduction of new uniform for Cabin Crew is under consideration.
 - (vii) **Uplifting of PIA Image:-** Special emphasis is being given on uplifting PIA image in media by hiring the Services of qualified professional to revamp PIA's media strategy and plan.
 - (viii) **Rationalization of HR At Foreign Stations:-** After conducting a detailed study for the rationalization of Human Resource specially at foreign stations, retrenchment of more than 100 local employees was accomplished.
 - (ix) Earning of gross operating profit of Rs. 2.83 billion during the first quarter of 2015 with corresponding year 2014, despite the delay in induction of aircraft acquired on dry lease.

*Question No. 74. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:

(Notice received on 27-08-2015 at 11:07 a.m.)

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

- (a) the original estimated cost of new Islamabad International Airport;
- (b) the revised cost of the said project indicating also the reasons for increase in the cost; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the said project has not been completed within the estimated period, if so, the reasons thereof?

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- (a) The original estimated cost of the Project was Rs 36.865 Billion.
- (b) The **revised cost** of the project is Rs 81.171 Billion.

Reasons for increase in cost:-

- The original PC-I was prepared on the basis of conceptual design in which following essential components were missing:—
 - ➤ Airfield Lighting System
 - Hydrant Refueling System
 - ➤ ATC Complex
 - > ATC & Nay. Aids Equipment
 - Sewerage Treatment Plant
 - ➤ Landside Buildings
 - Power Distribution & Telecom Network
 - Following factors also affected the cost:—
 - ➤ Difference in approved & tendered cost
 - Currency Fluctuation
 - Inflation
- (c) Yes, the project could not be completed within the estimated period due to the following reasons:—

- > Delay in appointment of design consultants.
- ➤ Poor performance of Project Management Consultants M/s Louis Berger Group.
- ➤ Preparation of PC-I without detailed design & approval of Revised PC-I.
- Non possession of site and eviction of illegal occupants.
- ➤ Delay in design of Terminal Building due to changes & value engg. studies resulting in substantial delay in award of this work package.
- ➤ Termination of non-performing work package (*i.e* Power distribution and telecom network & ATC, FCR & Radio and Radar Buillding).
- ➤ Considerable time loss in investigation and litigation.

*Question No. 75. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:

(Notice received on 27-08-2015 at 11:51 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that service road north, sectors I-9 and I-10 Islamabad, are in a dilapidated condition, if so, the time by which the same will be repaired / reconstructed?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Yes, Service Road North of Sectors I-9 & I-10 is in shabby condition and requires rehabilitation.

The estimate for rehabilitation of various roads including Service Road North of Sectors I-9 and I-10 has since been approved. Work shall be carried out after calling tenders in the month of October, 2015, subject to availability of funds.

*Question No. 76. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:

(Notice received on 04-09-2015 at 11:41 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the names, designation, grade and place of domicile of the Federal Government officers posted in Balochistan during the last three years?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: List of PAS and PSP officers posted under Government Balochistan is placed at Annex-I & II.

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

*Question No. 77. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:

(Notice received on 04-09-2015 at 11:42 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the details of appointments made by the Federal Public Service Commission during the last three years with province-wise and grade-wise break-up?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (i) The year-wise recommendations for appointments made in 2012, 2013 and 2014 in different Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments through General Recruitment are as under:—

Year	Recommendation
2012	929
2013	449
2014	794

(A) STATEMENT SHOWING DETAIL OF APPOINTMENTS MADE IN 2012

Province/ Region			Basic Pay	Scale		
	16	17	18	19	20	21
Merit	16	35	05	02	01	00
Punjab	100	263	43	17	00	00
Sindh (R)	41	65	16	05	00	00
Sindh (U)	36	34	07	02	00	00
KPK	50	53	07	03	00	00
Balochistan	16	27	05	03	00	00
GB/FATA AJK	04 04	37 11	12 05	03 00	00 01	00 00
Total:	267	525	100	35	02	00

(B) STATEMENT SHOWING DETAIL OF APPOINTMENTS MADE IN 2013

Province/ Region		Ва	asic Pay S	Scale		
	16	17	18	19	20	21
Merit	07	16	01	00	00	01
Punjab	49	107	16	09	01	04
Sindh (R)	29	24	04	02	00	02
Sindh (U)	15	15	03	02	00	00
KPK	12	17	02	02	00	00
Balochistan	12	07	02	00	00	00
GB/FATA AJK	17 00	55 05	08 01	01 01	00 00	00 00

Total: 141 246 37 17 01 07	
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*Question No. 78. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:

(Notice received on 04-09-2015 at 02:52 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the number of persons working in Civil Aviation Authority with province-wise and grade-wise break-up?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: Domicile and Group wise report of all officers/staff as on 28-9-2015 is as under:—

*Question No. 79. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 07-09-2015 at 12:25 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the street lights in Street No. 71, sector G-11/2, Islamabad, are out of order, if so, the date since when the same are out of order; and
- (b) the reasons for not repairing or replacing the said lights so far and the time by which the same will be repaired or replaced?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) 08 street lights are installed in street No. 71, Sector G-11/2, Islamabad, out of which 05 street lights have been made operational in alternate as per Government's Energy conservation policy.

(b) The street lights installed in street No. 71, Sector G-11/2.Islamabad were non-operational due to the delay in procurement of store material.

*Question No. 80. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:

(Notice received on 08-09-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that flights are not being operated from/to Quetta airport during night, if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to operate flights from/to the said airport during night, if so, when?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) Night Landing facilities are available at Quetta International airport. Flights are accommodated at Quetta Airport during Night. Recently Hajj flights have also operated during night.

(b) Whenever, an operator files a schedule, night operation will start.

*Question No. 81. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:

(Notice received on 08-09-2015 at 02:53 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a large number of officials vehicles meant for various functions/duties at Quetta airport are out of order, if so, the time by which the same will be got repaired?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:

• Following unserviceable vehicles of PIA at Quetta airport have been removed from apron area and now parked at CAA staff Car parking Quetta airport in an open area:—

(i)	Water Car No.1634/	(write off vehicle)
(ii)	Flush Car No.1253	-do
(iii)	Nissan Coach No.1383	-do
(iv)	Pax Step No.756	(due to engine)

• The said vehicles are beyond economic repair and PIAC Board of Directors/ Management will decide the disposal of these vehicles according to the laid down rules/regulations of PIAC.

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• None of the vehicle(s) of Civil Aviation Authority, Airport Security Force & Pakistan Metrological Department is unserviceable at Quetta airport.

*Question No. 82. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:

(Notice received on 11-09-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

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(v)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the names, age, place of domicile, educational qualifications and date of appointment of the members of boards of Governors and Directors of the companies/organizations under the administrative control of the Aviation Division?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) The requisite information in respect of companies/organizations, under the administrative control of Aviation Division is attached as under:—

- (a) Pakistan International Airlines Corporations (PIAC) Annex- A & B.
- (b) Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)

- Annex-C.

*Question No. 83. Senator Sassui Palijo:

(Notice received on 16-09-2015 at 4:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of officers belonging to Sindh and Balochistan presently working in OGRA?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The number of Officers belonging to Sindh and Baluchistan who are presently working in OGRA are as under:—

- (i) Officers belonging to Sindh: 8 Nos.
- (ii) Officers belonging to Baluchistan: 5 Nos.

*Question No. 86. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi:

(Notice received on 18-09-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the reasons for stoppage of PIA flights on Islamabad-Peshawar-Parachinar sector; and
- (b) the time by which these flights will be restored?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) Due to poor load on above mentioned sector, the operation was not feasible. Due to heavy losses caused to the airline, the operation on said route was suspended in November, 2001.

(b) Keeping a constant eye on the market indicators, traffic trends prevalent on this route PIAC will take necessary step if at any stage it is felt that the loads and yields justify such an operation. Presently due to construction of motorway between Islamabad —Peshawar, people prefer to travel by motorway and there is very less potential for resumption of flight operation on this sector.

*Question No. 87. **Senator Syed Shibli Faraz:**

(Notice received on 18-09-2015 at 03:10 p.m.)

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

(a) the objectives for creation of restaurants and shops in and around Saidpur Village, Islamabad; and

(b) the number of shops in that village indicating also the names of tenants, business being carried out therein, rent, annual increase and terms and conditions of tenancy and any restriction on type of business to be carried out in each case?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Art & Craft Village was declared as Model Village by CDA in the year 2006, the purpose of creating restaurants and shops was to promote tourism, culture and facilities for both tourists and locals.

(b) i. A total : of 19 Shops/ Restaurants were planned whereas at prsent only 9 shops are functional. Detail is at annexeuer "A".

ii. At present following businesses re functional at Said pur Village:

S. No.	Name of Shop/ Restaurant	Туре	Name of Licensee
(1)	Taneez	Art Gallery	Zeenat S. Ahmed
(2)	Des Pardes	Restaurant	Touqeer Ahmed
(3)	PM Lounge	Restaurant	Arif Iqbal
(4)	Andaz Restaurant	Restaurant	Omar Manzoor
(5)	Hot Spot	Cafe	Omar Ali Khan
(6)	Lahore Chatkhara	Restaurant	Adnan A. Khan
(7)	Basil Leaf (Tanzara)	Art Gallery	Naushaba Qadir
(8)	Tribal Arts	Art Gallery	Riaz-Ullah Khan
(9)	Nomad	Art Gallery	Nageen Hayat

iii. The license fee was fixed @ Rs.60/- Per Sq.feet per month for covered area and @ Rs. 10/- per Sq.feet per month for open area be paid to DMA, CDA.

The rent will increase @ 25% after every three (03) years.

- iv. Following are the general Terms & Conditions:
 - (a) The subject site measuring **XXX** herein called property at Saidpur Village, Islamabad is hereby offered to **tenant.**
 - (b) License shall be given to tenant on rental basis.

- (c) License will be granted to undertake specific activity *i.e.* for the purpose of restaurant and Arts & craft display centre.
- (d) The licensee will submit detail site plan including architectural, structural drawing/ designs along with proposed landscaping of area.
- (e) CDA shall provide electricity connection to the premises, pament of the all utility bills shall be the sole responsibility of the licensee.
- (f) The exterior of the premises will have an approved design and color scheme, which will be approved by CDA.
- (g) The business nomenclature will be displayed most aesthetically with the prior approval of CDA.
- (h) No change and alteration will be permitted to the design once approved of the exterior façade.
- (i) Decor of area shall be done to blend in with the local heritage and nature.
- (j) The licensed space shall be rented for a specific activity and no change of trade will be permitted.
- (k) The licensee shall have to make the facility operational within four (04) months of award of license. CDA will obtain a performance guarantee of Rs. 100,000/-(Rupees One Lac only), which shall be, forfeited if the licensee fails to set up the business with in four months of award of license. In case of performance, same will be considered as advance rentals.
- (1) The license shall not be Sublette and transferable.
- (m) The site shall be demarcated and handed over to licensee by CDA.
- (n) Both parties agree that they shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless each other from any claims, proceedings, or actions brought or made against each other arising out of or in connection with this agreement due to any unlawful or illegal actions or omissions or the negligence or willful misconduct of their officials or on par to third party.
- (o) In the event of any disagreement arising out of the agreement, the matter shall be first referred to the Authorized representative upon the licensee's written consent for decision, who shall give his decision in writing within one month after the matter is referred to him, after making an inquiry.

- (p) Neither party to this agreement shall be liable for any failure or delay in meeting its obligations hereunder where such failure or delay is caused by a Force Majeure event.
- (q) The licensee shall take all possible measures to beautify the area around the allotted plot shop by installing flower baskets/ flower beds or flower pots.
- (r) License shall be granted for a period of Ten years renewable for another term of five years on satisfactory performance.
- (s) On the occurrence of default or non-observance/ violation of the terms and conditions of this license, CDA may direct the licensee to take all the necessary action to rectify the violation, in case of default of license to do so CDA will take necessary legal action, which may lead to cancellation of the license.
- v. With reference to restriction regarding type of business the licensee was restrained for the specific activity only 1 according to terms & conditions *i.e* no change of trade is permitted.

ISLAMABAD: The 8th October, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ, *Secretary*.

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