

(324th Session)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 7th February, 2023

DEFERRED QUESTION

[Question No. 9 was deferred on 20th January, 2023 (324th Session)]

(Def.) ***Question No. 9 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 21/12/2022 at 2:16 PM) QID: 39831

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that 243 employees of FIA cyber wing have not been paid their salaries for the last two months, if so, the reasons thereof; indicating also the steps taken by the government for payment of salaries to these employees and the progress made in this regard so far?

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: (a) Service contracts of these 243 employees (Below BPS-16) of NR3C (Phase-III) were extended for the period of two (02) months *w.e.f.* 01-07-2022 to 31-08-2022 *vide* this Office Order No. HQ/FIA/CCW/Admin/2022/11440-50 dated 04-08-2022 (**Annex-I**) and they have now been paid salaries of the said period of two months.

The services contract of NR3C Phase-III officers/officials was requested because the case for conversion of the PSDP Project (NR3C Phase-III) from development to non-development was in process which is currently at Establishment Division.

(b) The case for extension of service contracts of 90 officers (BPS-16 to 18) of NR3C (Phase-III), and recommendation for no-extension of Two (02) officers of NR3C (Phase-III) was taken up with

the Ministry of Interior *vide* letter dated 03-08-2022 (**Annex-II**) for the period of two (02) months *w.e.f* 01-07-2022 to 31-08-2022.

Due to queries on non-extension in service contracts of two (02) Deputy Director/Investigation, the case for extension of service contracts of 90 officers (BPS-16 to 18) of NR3C (Phase-III) is pending with the Ministry of Interior. Queries raised by MoI and responses made by this office are attached at **Annex-III**.

After approval from Ministry of Interior, **90 officers** (BPS-16 to 18) of NR3C (Phase-III) will be paid salaries for the period of two (02) months *w.e.f* 01-07-2022 to 31-08-2022.

(Annexures have been placed in Library and on the table of the mover / concerned Member)

***Question No. 51 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 6/12/2022 at 2:33 PM) QID: 40171

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for making Railways a profitable public sector organization indicating details of profit and loss during current fiscal year?

Khawaja Saad Rafique: Pakistan Railways (PR) has been serving the nation since independence. There has been decades of neglect when it comes to investment in railway infrastructure and rolling stock. This neglect has adversely impacted on financial need of Pakistan Railways. First half of current financial year 2022-23 brought more bad news for PR as the unprecedented floods due to Climate Change played havoc with the already dilapidated infrastructure. It not only resulted in revenue loss for PR as train operation remained suspended for more than 35 days, it also put further burden on PR in terms of restoration of Railway traffic from its own meagre resources. This has adversely affected entire financial system of PR and in turn affected the employees and pensioners of PR due to delayed salaries and pensions.

Pakistan Railways earned Revenue of Rs. 28.263 Billion from 01-07-2022 to 31-12-2022 from its operation despite flood. The expenditure in same period was Rs. 52.990 Billion. Out of the total expenditure, 35% is related to pension and 33% to salaries. In the same

period, July-December, 2022 P.R received a subsidy of Rs. 21.750 Billion as Grant in Aid from Federal Government. The net deficit for the period July-December was Rs. 2.977 Billion.

Pakistan Railways is trying its level best to turn itself into a profitable organization despite financial constraints. It has developed a two pronged action plan.

- (i) Concentration on core activities.
- (ii) Emphasis on revenue generation through non-core activities.

Concentration on core activities.

(i) Pakistan Railways has prepared a business plan in Jan 2023 to increase its revenue and reduce expenditure through improve governance. The plan is being implemented in letter and spirit. . Recent initiatives towards digitization in form of (ERP) Enterprise Resource Planning and (RABTA) Railway Automated Booking and Travel Assistance also aim to increase efficient and reduced the revenue expenditure gap.

Pakistan Railways has restarted its premium train service Green Line from 27-1-2023. This train consists of new Chinese coaches imported recently. It is equipped with infotainment services like LEDs, wi-fi and public address systems. High quality meals are being provided on complimentary basis to the passengers. PR intends to upgrade facilities on all its trains.

Pakistan Railways is importing 230 passenger coaches from China. Out of these 46 coaches have arrived from China while rest of the coaches will be assembled in Pakistan through Transfer of Technology. These coaches have the latest facilities and are designed to run at the speed of 160 kms.

Pakistan Railways has also imported 70 new High capacity Wagons to enhance the freight capacity these have reached Pakistan. The rest 750 wagons will be assembled in Pakistani Factories under Transfer of Technology agreement with China.

(ii) Emphasis on revenue generation through non-core activities

Pakistan Railways recently presented a business plan in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and successfully pleaded before the Court to allow PR to utilize its land for generation of economic activities and thereby ensuring revenue for itself. A land business plan has been developed so that the revenue / expenditure gap can be minimized by leasing / licensing of Railway land. It will also help in decreasing reliance on public fund *i.e.* annual budget can be minimized through land leasing / licensing of Pakistan Railway lands.

There are some other avenues that are also being explored to improve the revenue potential of the department. These include the Business potential through laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the railway tracks and branding of Trains and Stations.

***Question No. 52 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 22/12/2022 at 9:25 AM) QID: 40218

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether it is a fact that different channels of Pakistan are broadcasting the advertisements of International gambling companies, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to prevent such advertisements in future?

Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb: It is apprised that transmission of PEMRA licensees has been reviewed and no such advertisement is found nor any complaint on such advertisement is received.

Moreover, as per Clause-14(6) of Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements) Code of Conduct, 2015, “advertisements of lotteries, gambling or betting as prohibited under Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860) or any other law for the time being in force shall not be aired”. **(Annex-A).**

ELECTRONIC MEDIA
CODE OF CONDUCT
2015



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Ministry Of Information
Broadcasting And National Heritage
Islamabad

Annex-A

(3) If an abuse takes place that contains language or gesture that is considered apology worthy by the licensee and its representative, the representative must ask the guest to apologize immediately after the offense has taken place.

14. Advertisements:-- It would be responsibility of the Licensee that :-

(1) Advertisements shall be in conformity with the laws for the time being in force.

(2) Advertisements intended for children shall not directly ask the children to buy the product.

(3) Advertisements shall not promote obscenity, violence or other activities harmful to human health or property.

(4) Advertisements of any alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs or narcotics shall not be aired.

(5) Any health related advertisement shall not be aired without prior permission of the Federal Government or Provincial Government, as the case may be, as required under the relevant applicable laws and the advertisement so aired after obtaining necessary permission shall strictly comply with the terms and conditions of the permission.

(6) Advertisements of lotteries, gambling or betting as prohibited under Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860) or any other law for the time being in force shall not be aired.

(7) A licensee shall not advertise or promote black magic, quackery or superstition.

(8) Exploitation of religious or nationalistic sentiments and use of religious or national symbols and anthem purely for the purposes of promotion of a product or any quality in such product shall be prohibited.

(9) Advertisements shall be readily recognizable as such and kept separate from programmes.

***Question No. 54 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 26/12/2022 at 3:19 PM) QID: 39676

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the mechanism evolved to check and monitor the development of cooperative societies at different stages till completion particularly with reference to deviation from layout plan and protection of member's rights?

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: As per Revised Modalities & Procedures (2020) framed under ICT (Zoning) Regulation, 1992 (As Amended) proposals for Housing Schemes is processed in two stages. In the first step Layout Plan (LOP) is approved then on completion of subsequent formalities, the No Objection Certificates (NOC) is issued.

During execution phase of the scheme site visits are frequently arrange by CDA for monitoring the development as per approved Layout Plan. In case, deviation from approved Layout Plan by the sponsors is observed the authority issues Notices. Show Cause Notice and finally cancellation of Layout Plan is made.

Further, if any changes are required as per revenue matters or site situation, the Layout Plan may be reviewed on request of sponsors by the Authority any time incorporating the Changes made by sponsors as per prevailing Rules / regulations.

Moreover, two Directorates of Building Control *i.e.* Building Control North & South were established for effective Building Control and checking violation of approved Layout plan Subsequently, after handing over possession of the plots to allottees by the sponsors, as per ICT Building Control Regulations 2020, Building Plans are examined/ approved in Directorate of Building Control CDA. In case of any violation in approved Layout plan, the Building plan of the unit is not approved by the Authority.

***Question No. 55 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**

(Notice Received on 29/12/2022 at 10:16 AM) QID: 39281

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of stray dogs has increased in Islamabad specially in green belts causing nuisance to the residents, if so, reasons thereof; and*

- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish sanctuaries for stray dogs in Islamabad to protect the people from any harm by those dogs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?*

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: (a) Directorate of Sanitation, Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad deals with the matter of stray dogs. For this purpose, dog shooters were also appointed. However, Islamabad High Court *vide* order passed in writ petition No. 1155/2019 dated 25-04-2022 prohibited killing of stray dogs. Therefore, Directorate restarted to capturing of the dogs and encaging them in rural area of ICT. However, again Islamabad High Court prohibited their encage meal and also prohibited to inject poison to kill dogs. Since then many meeting were held at various forum to find a solution to restrict growing population of stray dogs.

(b) Now Municipal Administration MCI has decided to establish animal care centre/ sanctuary where all stray dogs will be nourished both male and female separately so that the population may be restricted.

***Question No. 56 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 2/01/2023 at 11:19 AM) QID: 40025

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that operation of the Jaffar Khan Express plying between Quetta and Peshawar has been suspended for the last 2/3 months due to the situation of recent floods/rains in Balochistan;*
- (b) *is it also a fact that due to floods/rains, goods train operation is also suspended from Quetta to other cities of the country; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to resume and revive the operation of the said passenger/goods trains on regular basis?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) Operation of Jaffar Express was suspended owing to flood damages to Railway infrastructure on 23-08-2022. Jaffar Express has been restored on 20-11-2022 ex. Mach-Peshawar-Mach.

(b) Goods trains were suspended for main line *i.e.* Quetta to Sibi route on 23-08-2022. Whereas goods train operation between Quetta-Taftan has now been restored dated 04-10-2022.

(c) Operation up to Mach has been restored. The operation between Mach to Quetta was suspended owing to serious damages to bridge No. 221 between Hirok and Dozan Railway stations. The same is being constructed which is expected to be fit for operation by the end of January-2023.

***Question No. 57 Senator Kamran Murtaza:**

(Notice Received on 3/01/2023 at 11:13 AM) QID: 40132

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of sanctioned posts of members of Pakistan Information Commission (PIC) indicating the detail of members working at present against the same; and*
- (b) *what steps are being taken by the Government to appoint members against the vacant posts in the PIC and the date by which the same will be finalized?*

Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb: (a) There are three (3) sanction posts of members of Pakistan Information Commission (PIC):

Chief Information Commissioner	Filled
Information Commissioner	Filled
Information Commissioner	Vacant

(b) Government has appointed Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui as Chief Information Commissioner and Mr. Ijaz Hassan Awan as Information Commissioner. The appointment of member from civil society is under process.

***Question No. 58 Senator Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai:**

(Notice Received on 5/01/2023 at 4:00 PM) QID: 40256

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the number of BS-19 and above officers of Railway Group in the Ministry,

Pakistan Railway and attached Departments belonging to the province of Balochistan indicating their district of domiciles?

Khawaja Saad Rafique: Presently two officers in BS-19 & above of Railways group (RCTG) are working in the Ministry, Pakistan Railways and its attached departments belonging to the province of Baluchistan. The desired information is tabulated below:—

NAME	BPS	DOMICILE/ District	CADRE
Mr. Amir Ali Baloch	21	Baluchistan/ Quetta	Railway Commercial & Transportation Group (RCTG)
Mr. Jahanzeb Khan	19	Baluchistan/ Quetta	Railway Commercial & Transportation Group (RCTG)

ii. However, another two officers from Ex-Cadre are also serving in BS-20 in the Ministry, Pakistan Railways and its attached departments belonging to the province of Baluchistan. The requisite information is appended below:

NAME	BPS	DOMICILE/ District	CADRE
Mr. Pervaiz Arshad	20	Baluchistan/ Quetta	Civil Engineering Department (Ex- Cadre)
Mr. Irshad-ul-Haq	20	Baluchistan/ Jhal Magsi	Signal & Telecom Department (Ex- Cadre)

*Question No. 59 **Senator Seemee Ezdi:**

(Notice Received on 9/01/2023 at 11:44 AM) QID: 40272

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of registered Afghan refugees living in Pakistan;*
- (b) *the number of Afghan refugees entered into Pakistan since 2022; and*
- (c) *the existing Afghan Refugees' policy of Pakistan?*

Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood: (a) (i) At present there are 1,315,000 registered Afghan Refugees residing in the country validated/verified under Document Renewal & Information Verification Exercise (DRIVE). The DRIVE exercise has been extended upto March, 31st 2023 for residual caseload of Afghan Refugees.

(ii) Additionally, 141,676 Undocumented Members of Registered families (UMRF) have also been documented under DRIVE initiative whose confirmation is in process. If they are found eligible under prescribed criteria, the figure of 1,315,000 would further increase.

(b) Does not pertain to the mandate of Ministry of States & Frontier Regions (SAFRON). The Ministry of SAFRON deals only with management of registered Afghan Refugees during their temporary stay in Pakistan and their voluntary repatriation of Afghanistan.

(c) The Afghan Refugees are managed under national Policy approved by the Federal Cabinet from time to time which provides directions for their management in Pakistan and to facilitate voluntary repatriation to Afghanistan. Currently, the validity of PoR card issued to Afghan Refugees living in Pakistan and Tripartite Agreement (governs voluntary repatriation of Afghan Refugees signed among Pakistan, Afghanistan and UNHCR) is up till 30th June, 2023. Additionally, Pakistan strongly adheres to the three pillars under Solution Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR) under a Quadripartite Agreement (Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan & UNHCR).

The three pillars under SSAR are given Below:

- i. Creating conducive conditions for voluntary repatriation.
- ii. Sustainable reintegration in home country, that is Afghanistan.
- iii. Assistance to the host communities.

***Question No. 60 Senator Seemee Ezdi:**

(Notice Received on 11/01/2023 at 10:57 AM) QID: 40085

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the existing demand of housing units in Islamabad as per the latest population in the Federal Capital;*
- (b) *the number of current household units in ICT;*
- (c) *the shortfall of housing units at present; and*
- (d) *whether the Government has formulated any proposal to meet the said shortfall of housing units in Islamabad in order to cater to the needs of the increasing population, if so, its details?*

Rana Sana Ullah Khan: (a) The data regarding population and housing in the country is maintained by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. Last population census was conducted by PBS in 2017. The reports regarding population data have been made public but housing census has not been conducted, therefore, exact number of housing units and housing shortage is not available.

- (a) Pertains to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.
- (b) As per data provided by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics there are 332,145 households in ICT in 2017. Since Housing Census was not conducted in 2017, therefore total current number of housing units in ICT is not known. However, as per data available in CDA there are 215,413 approved plots in CDA schemes and approved private schemes.
- (c) Since housing census has not been conducted in 2017, therefore data is not available.
- (d) CDA has prepared plan to add 40,000 housing units in Islamabad in next five years.

Annex-I**Immediate**

No.PBS.CPL.Senate(37)/2022
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiative
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (CP & L Section)
Islamabad

Islamabad the 20th December, 2022

To: ✓ **Dr. Zafar Iqbal Zafar,**
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CDA, Islamabad.

Subject: - **SENATE STARRED QUESTION / DY NO. 37 SENATOR SEEMEE EZDI**

Reference Capital Development Authority (Planning Wing) letter No.CDA/PLW-DDG(P)-(Senate Q-37)/ 2022/653 dated 14th Dec, 2022 on the above subject and the inputs of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) are given below:

Question	Inputs /Comments of PBS								
a) The existing demand of housing units in Islamabad as per the latest Population in the Federal Capital;	Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) being the National Statistical Office (NSO) is responsible for collection, compilation and dissemination of Census data. It disseminates the data to facilitate the data users as per data dissemination policy of PBS. Further; the projection of population is the mandate of National Institute of Population Studies (NIPS), Islamabad. It is informed that the housing units data is not available, with PBS, however, population and number of households data as per Population & Housing Census 2017 in respect of Islamabad is given below:-								
b) The number of current household units in ICT;									
c) The shortfall of housing units at present; and since the data regarding population and housing census is collected and maintained by Federal Bureau of Statistics.									
	<table><tr><th>Islamabad District</th><th>Total Population</th><th>Total No. of Household</th><th>Avg. Household Size</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>2,003,368</td><td>332,145</td><td>5.86</td></tr></table> <p>It is pertinent to mention here that PBS is going to conduct 7th Population & Housing Census, the first ever digital census in Pakistan in 2023 through which data of "Housing Units" will also be collected and available for data users.</p>	Islamabad District	Total Population	Total No. of Household	Avg. Household Size		2,003,368	332,145	5.86
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ISLAMABAD,
the 6th February, 2023

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN,
Secretary.

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Tuesday, the 7th February, 2023

DEFERRED QUESTION

[Question No. 1 was deferred on 20th January, 2023 (324th Session)]

(Def.) **Question No. 1 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**
(Notice Received on 22/08/2022 at 10:43 AM) QID: 39455

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the details of the allotments of plots in different DHA schemes to civilian employees of grade 19 and above of the Ministry since 2010?

Reply not received.

Question No. 6 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:
(Notice Received on 27/12/2022 at 11:33 AM) QID: 40177

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the details of the NOC granted to the Shelter and Shelter Housing scheme, indicating details of the land and moza submitted for NOC?

Reply not received.

Question No. 7 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:
(Notice Received on 27/12/2022 at 11:33 AM) QID: 40189

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that action is being taken against the illegal construction on the state/CDA land in Lakhwal*

Banni Gala, Islamabad, if so, the details of action taken during the last 3 years; and

- (b) the details of anti encroachment officials of CDA deputed in the said area?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD,
the 6th February, 2023

MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN,
Secretary.