

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 26th January, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 17, 22, 23, 29 and 35 were originally set down for answering on 18th January, 2012 but was deferred)

17. ***Moulana Gul Naseeb Khan.** (Notice received on 21-12-2011 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to refer to the Senate Starred question No. 5 asked on 29th March 2011 and state:

- (a) the names of Government Departments / Institutions which have written off the loans of residents of four districts of Malakand Division;*
- (b) the number of residents of those districts whose loans have been written off with district wise break up; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that some of the Government Departments / Institutions are asking the said residents to pay back the loans, if so, its reasons and the names of such departments / institutions?*

Reply not received.

22. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 24-12-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased state:

- (a) the present status of the National Programme on Hepatitis; and*
- (b) the details of vehicles and other assets of the National Programme on Hepatitis as of 30th June, 2011?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) and (b) All the vertical programmes of defunct Ministry of Health including National Program on Hepatitis Control got devolved to the provinces. However, consequent upon decision of CCI, funding of these programmes rests with Planning and Development Division. Funds to the Provincial Governments and Special Areas are being provided as per share in the approved PC-I.

23. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 26-12-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) the names of ongoing projects of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan during the fiscal year 2010-11 indicating also the estimated cost and present status of each project;*
- (b) the names of those projects which have been completed and those which remained incomplete during the stipulated periods indicating also its reasons; and*
- (c) the results achieved from the completed projects?*

Reply not received.

29. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the causalities, damage to crops and loss of property caused by the recent floods in the country; and*
- (b) the details of relief provided by the Government to the flood affectees?*

Reply not received.

35. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 03-01-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.6 replied on 17th December, 2011 and state:

- (a) the procedure adopted for awarding contracts for survey for Benazir Income Support Programme; -and*
- (b) the details of amount paid to each organization for survey and the amount outstanding in each case?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) and (b) BISP has awarded Nationwide Poverty Scorecard Survey contracts to the following Organizations after following stringent and comprehensive procurement rules/procedures of the World Bank as the survey exercise is being funded under Technical Assistance of the World Bank. The country was divided into seven clusters while awarding the contracts. Cluster-wise division of the survey areas/regions and allocation of the same to different Organizations is as follows:

Cluster Name	Name of Organization	Contract Amount (Rs)	Amount paid to POs	Outstanding Amount*
Upper Punjab & AJK	Rural Support Programme Network(RSPN)	649,923,873	519,939,097	129,984,776
Southern Punjab	Awais Haider Liaquat Numan(AHLN)	425,310,827	310,476,906	114,833,921
KP and GB	Rural Support Programme Network(RSPN)	345,791,844	276,633,473	69,158,371
Sindh	Rural Support Programme Network(RSPN)	709,953,684	496,080,137	213,873,547
FATA(5 Agencies)	Aunjum Asim Shahid Rehman (AASR)	170,128,883	12,219,789	157,909,094
FATA(2 Agencies)	FINCON	21,322,767	—	21,322,767
Baluchistan	Population Census Organization (PCO)	157,946,213	132,356,971	25,589,242
12 Districts(G)	*Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund(PPAF)	—	—	—

*20% of the contracted amount has been retained by BISP which will be paid upon approval of the final report acceptable to the client which is contingent upon verification of data and reporting by Targeting Process Evaluation Consultant (TPEC), Spot Check Consultant and NADRA.

*an outstanding amount other than 20% retention amount shall be paid after complete data is entered by NADRA.

*Paid by the World Bank.

92. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 21-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the names of Federal Government Departments in which persons hailing from Balochistan have been appointed under “Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan” programme package and the time by which appointments will be made in the remaining departments under that package?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: Under Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan, various employment-related initiatives have been taken by the Federal

Government. One of the policy actions is observance of 6% quota on posts in Federal Government for persons hailing from Balochistan. Management Services Wing (MSW) of the Establishment Division is pursuing implementation with all Federal Ministries/Divisions. So far, 4862 posts have been identified and appointments have been made on 2400 posts while recruitment on other posts is in process". (Ministry/Division-wise details are Annexed).

93. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 27-12-2011 at 09:45)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the National Bank of Pakistan has recently waived off the agricultural loans of the residents of District Swat on account of military operation against the militants in the area, if so, its details;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that a number of the said persons had taken loans by mortgaging jewelry / gold in favour of the Bank; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the Bank has not returned their mortgaged jewelry /gold of loanees so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be returned to them?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) Yes. An amount of Rs. 170.465 million has been paid by Government of Pakistan pursuant to Prime Minister's Relief Package announced in Kissan Convention-2009 for writing off of loans by the NBP.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes. It is a fact that the bank has not returned their mortgaged jewelry/ gold so far due to the reason that the claimants did not claim in writing for the value of jewelry / gold ornaments. However, NBP has received claims of 10 claimants through Banking Mohtasib, Pakistan. The decision of the Banking Mohtasib is acceptable to NBP and is being implemented.

95. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the number of officers promoted in BPS 19, 20 , 21 and 22 during the year 2011 with province-wise break-up?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: The details of officers recommended for promotion to BS-19, 20, 21 & 22 posts, during the year 2011, are tabulated below:—

Sr. No.	Province	BS-19* (DMG,	BS-20	BS-21	BS-22

	PSP & Sectt. Group)		(All Occupational Groups/Services/ Ex-cadre)	
1. Punjab	71	125	63	33
2. Sindh	17	46	15	05
3. KPK	11	23	15	10
4. Balochistan	04	11	03	01
5. FATA	04	07	01	00
6. AJK	01	06	01	00
7. Gilgit Baltistan	01	00	00	01
Total	109	218	98	50

* Promotions to BS-19 posts other than the officers of APUG are recommended by the Departmental Selection Boards headed by the respective Secretary of the Ministry/Division.

All the Ministries/Divisions have been requested to provide the requisite information. The same will be placed on table, as soon as, it is received

96. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 11:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for poverty alleviation during the fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The Government has taken the following steps for poverty alleviation during the fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11:

Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP): The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) envisages cash grants of Rs 1,000 every month to the females of each qualifying household having a monthly income of less than Rs 6,000.

- An amount of Rs 32.00 billion was disbursed during FY 2009-10 and Rs 34.33 billion were disbursed during FY 2010-11 benefitting 3.081 million families.
- Waseela-e-Haq: This component of BISP was launched in October 2009. A total of 750 registered beneficiaries of BISP under the current targeting mechanism are selected through a monthly draw. Each of them are provided with an interest-free loan worth Rs. 0.3 million, repayable in installments over a period of 15 years. During the FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11, a total of Rs 135 million was disbursed to 1,294 beneficiaries.

- Waseela-e-Sehat. The programme envisioned to improve access to health services and reduce income loss to the already marginalized due to health related expenditure. The 1st phase comprising of Life Insurance was launched on January 1, 2011 to provide death coverage of Rs. 100,000 to the bread-earners of every beneficiary family. By June 30, 2011, a total 2.047 million families were benefitted through a sum insurance of Rs. 204.784 million.
- Waseela-e-Rozgar provides free of cost vocational training for every beneficiary woman or her nominee from her own family. This initiative envisages empowering the female beneficiary or her nominee to become economically independent through acquiring demand-driven vocational skill and technical education. Waseela-e-Rozgar lead towards capacity building and professional development.

BISP has planned to provide a complete economic rehabilitation mechanism to these families through vocational training.

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM):

An amount of Rs 2,602 million and Rs 3,224 million was disbursed during FY 2009/10 and FY 2010-11, respectively.

Peoples' Works Programme (PWP) I & II:

This programme covers implementation of schemes under PWP-I & II entailing roads, electricity, gas, telephones, education, health, water supply & sanitation. Under PWP-I & II expenditures of Rs. 40.171 billion during FY 2009-10 were incurred. During the FY 2010-11, an amount of Rs 26.349 billion was disbursed under PWP-I and PWP-II.

Pro-Poor Expenditures

The Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation (FRDL) Act, 2005 stipulates that social and poverty related spending would not be less than 4.5% of GDP in any given year. Accordingly, during FY 2009-10, total federal and provincial budgetary expenditures in the 17 pro-poor sectors amounted to Rs 1110.762 billion representing 7.57% of the GDP against the projected target of Rs 660.06 billion. Similarly, during the FY 2010-11, an amount of Rs 1247.319 billion was disbursed which was 6.91% of GDP against the project target of Rs 1,048 billion (**Annexed**).

97. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 14:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers / officials who accompanied the chairperson,

Benazir Income Support Programme, during foreign visits indicating also the amount spent in each case?

Reply not received.

98. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 14:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of persons whose Benazir Income Support Programme stipend of Rs. 1000/- per month stopped with district-wise break up?

Reply not received.

99. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 30-12-2011 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in various Federal Government departments under Aghaz--e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan during the last two years?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: During the last two years *i.e.* 2010 and 2011, various employment-related initiatives have been taken by the Federal Government especially those under Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan(AHB). One of the AHB policy actions is observance of 6% quota on posts in Federal Government for persons hailing from Balochistan (The said quota was enhanced from 3.5% to 6% in 2007). Management Services Wing(MSW) of the Establishment Division is pursuing implementation with all Federal Ministries/Divisions on observance of enhanced quota for Balohistan. So far, 4862 posts have been identified and appointments have been made on 2400 posts while recruitment on other posts is in process (Ministry/Division-wise Details are **Annexed**).

100. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 02-01-2012 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that rate of interest on agricultural loans has been increased, if so, its reasons?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) Yes, it is a fact that interest on agriculture loans by Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL) has been enhanced. This has been done with the approval of Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet due to following reasons:—

- (i) While reducing mark up rate from 14 to 9 % with 1 % rebate on prompt payment in 2004, it was decided that the Government would take up the mark up differential. Accordingly, ZTBL has been lodging its claims with

6% mark up differential for reimbursement since July 2004. In thin context GOP's payables to ZTBL have accumulated to Rs.25 billion up to 30-6-2011. GOP has not yet been able to absolve from this liability due to resource constrains aggravated by earthquake 2005, war against terrorism and devastating floods 2010.

- (ii) ZTBL, is under State Bank of Pakistan (SBP)'s debt of Rs.77 billion. Due to reduced mark up rate, ZTBL is not able to generate sufficient financial resources to re-pay SBP's dues.
- (iii) When the mark up rate was reduced in 2004, T. Bill rate was 2-3 % which was lowest in the financial market and now is around 13%. Besides changes in various financial indicators resulted in up ward trend in cost structures, which further increased cost of doing business on the one hand and increased credit requirement of farming community on the other hand. The lowest markup rate did not help the Bank to generate sufficient resources to meet the ever increasing demand of agriculture sector.
- (iv) SBP is of the considered view that directed, subsidized and interest free loans have been a gross failure resulting in extremely low outreach levels, gross mis-utilization, huge Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) and non development of rural financial markets.
- (v) ZTBL's share in total outstanding agriculture loans is around 36% while rest of loans are -provided by Commercial Banks @ 16% to 19% p.a. In order to provide a level playing field at par to other banks it was imperative to increase lending rate.

101. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 02-01-2012 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether ills a fact that CDA has invested huge amount in Stock Market, if so, the names of companies concerned, the amount invested in each company and the value of that investment actualized on 20th October, 2011, according to the Stock exchange rate; and*
- (b) *the reasons for making the investments?*

Reply not received.

102. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 04-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the services of a number of persons working on daily wages basis in Allama Iqbal Open University have recently been terminated, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reinstate the said employees, if so, when?*

Reply not received.

103. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 05-01-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the rate of profit paid by the Pakistani Banks to their account holders on PLS accounts during the last five years with bank-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to fix minimum limit of profit on the said accounts, if so, its details?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) Bank wise and year wise break-up of profit paid by commercial banks to their account holders is at Annexure-A.

(b) State Bank of Pakistan has already introduced a minimum profit rate of 5.0% per annum on all categories of Savings/PLS Saving Deposits *vide* its BPRD Circular No.07 dated May 30, 2008, effective from 1st June, 2008.

104. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 05-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install LED street lights in Islamabad, if so, its details?

Reply not received.

105. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 05-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the amount received by the CDA from allottees of plots in Park Enclave, Islamabad so far and the present status of development of the site; and*

(b) the time by which possession of plots will be handed over to the allottees?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) An amount of Rs.1734.38 (M) on account of price of plots in Park Enclave Scheme has so far been received from the applicants.

Tender documents approved by the CDA Board has been issued to the pre-qualified contractors on 04 November, 2011.

Presently, evaluation of technical proposals of the pre-qualified contractors is under process, which shall be completed by 31-01-2012.

After evaluation of technical proposals, the process of opening of financial bids by pre-qualified contractors shall start. This process is expected to be completed by 07-02-2012. After opening of financial bids and completion of due process, work shall finally be awarded to the successful bidder by 15-02-2012.

(b) Possession of plots will be handed over to the allottees by 28-02-2013.

106. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 09-01-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the amount allocated for disaster relief during the last three years and details of its utilization with province-wise break up?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The detail of amount allocated in the budget for disaster relief during the last three years are as under:—

S. No.	Year	Total Budget Allocation Amount in (Rs.)	Total Utilization
1.	2009-10	-	-
2.	2010-11	16,911,460,000	16,911,460,000
3.	2011-12	-	-

2. The detail of its utilization for the year 2010-2011 with province-wise break up is as under:—

S. No	Province-wise break up	Amount (Allocated)	Amount (Utilized)
1.	Relief Assistance to the Atta Abad landslide affected population, through UBL. ID-0053.	315,000,000	315,000,000
2.	Punjab (2,000,000,000) Sindh (1,000,000,000) K.Pakhtunkhwa(1,000,000,000)	5,560,000,000	5,560,000,000

Balchistan(1,000,000,000) A.J.K.(500,000,000)		
Gilgit-Baltistan(60,000,000), through UBL.		
3. Punjab through Bank Alfalah.	375,000,000	375,000,000
4. Sindh through Bank UBL.	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000
5. Sindh through Bank HBL	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000
6. Punjab through Bank UBL	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000
7. Punjab through UBL.	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000
8. Sindh through UBL.	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000
9. Punjab through Bank Alfalah	261,460,000	261,460,000
10. Punjab through Bank Alfalah	500,000,000	500,000,000
11. Punjab through UBL.	1,200,000,000	1,200,000,000
12. Punjab-(750,000,000) Sind-(850,000,000)		
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa-(700,000,000) through UBL.	3,200,000,000	2,300,000,000
13. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through UBL.		800,000,000
14. Gilgit-Baltistan through Bank Alfalah.		100,000,000
15. Sindh through Bank HBL.	500,000,000	500,000,000
Total:	16,911,460,000	16,911,460,000

3. Under the Phase-I of Citizens Damages Compensation Programme (CDCP), total amount of Rs.33.243 billion was paid to flood affectees of Sindh. The Federal Government provided Rs.6.316 billion to Sindh government for said purpose. (half of Rs.12.721 billion, mentioned above).

For the utilization of remaining balance, the Prime Minister of Pakistan has approved following steering committee:—

- (a) Cabinet Secretary (Chair Person)
- (b) Special Secretary to the Prime Minister (member)
- (c) Additional Secretary, P&D Division (member)
- (d) Additional Secretary, Finance Division (member)

4. The amount collected/donated in the funds is being released for execution of projects/schemes in flood affected areas.

107. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 10-01-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that some advisors of the devolved Ministry of health have drawn salary from the Ministry as well as Post Graduate Trainee Stipend from PIMS at the same time during the financial years 2008-09 and 2009-10, if so, their names; and*
- (b) *the authority under which both financial benefits were paid to them?*

Reply not received.

108. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 10-01-2012 at 11:35 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, date of appointment and place of posting of the Junior Lady Teachers working on daily wages basis in Federal Directorate of Education whose services have been approved for regularization by the Sub Committee of the Cabinet on Regularization: and*
- (b) *the names, date of appointment and place of posting of those Junior Lady Teachers who have completed 3 consecutive tenures of 89 days each upto 31st December, 2011 on daily wages basis but their cases have not yet been forwarded to the Sub Committee for regularization of their services?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) The Sub Committee of Cabinet has regularized the services of 150 Junior Lady Teachers working on Daily Wages basis in the institutions under Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad. The details of their names, date of appointment and place of posting is placed at Annex-A.

(b) Cases of 181 Junior Lady Teachers who have completed 03 consecutive tenure of 89 days upto 31-12-2011 have not been processed with the Cabinet Committee, for their regularization due to non-availability the sanctioned posts. (The detail of their names, date of appointment and place of posting is placed at Annex-B). Case for creation of posts is again being sent to Finance Division. The names of Junior Lady Teachers will be forwarded to Sub Committee of Cabinet for regularization, as soon as posts are created by Finance Division.

109. ***Dr. Safdar Ali Abbasi:** (Notice received on 11-01-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation and date of appointment of the Officers in BPS-17 and above of the Income Tax Group with grade wise and seniority wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the number of vacant posts in BPS-18 against promotion quota of the said group with grade wise break up, the reasons for not filling the same so far and the time by which these will be filled in?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The requisite information regarding officers of BS-17 and above of the Income Tax group now Inland Revenue Service (IRS) is **Annexed**.

- (b) (i) The numbers of vacant posts for promotion quota in BS-18 are 35.
- (ii) The promotion process is already in progress as Performance Evaluation Reports (PERs) and necessary documents are being completed and compiled. The said promotion could not be done due to creation of Inland Revenue Service (merging together the optees of Income Tax & Customs & Excise Groups) and the litigation issues settlements. The promotion process is expected to be completed in the next 3 months provided no new legal restraint orders are imposed.

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

ISLAMABAD :
The 25th January, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.