

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 8th February, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Question Nos. 57 and 66. : Set down for answering on 20th January, 2012.
(ii) Question Nos. 126, 129, 131 : Set down for answering on 31st January, 2012.
and 132.

57. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 22-12-2011 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of new colleges established in FATA by the Government during the last two years; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish girls colleges and university in FATA, if so, when?*

Engr. Shaukat Ullah: (a) During the last two years no new college has been established in FATA except one Cadet College in Wana.

(b) Thirteen Girls Colleges are already functioning in FATA. However, FATA university is being established in Akhorwal (FR Kohat) which will cater for both male and female students.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the details of financial scams pending with FIA for inquiry and investigation indicating also dates of reporting, present status and reasons for not finalizing the inquiry / investigation so far in each case?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: 07 Financial scams are being investigated by FIA which are as under:

- (1) **Case FIR No.12/2010, dated 12-11-2010, registered by FIA CCC Karachi**

Allegations:

Regarding import of substandard wheat sold at exorbitant price by Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) in the years 2008-09, involving amount of Rs.10 Billion.

Present Status:

On the basis of evidence collected against the accused TCP officers / public servants, permission to submit final challan against the accused conveyed to Director/FIA Sindh on 13-01-2012.

- (2) **Case FIR No.17/2011, registered on 5-7-2011 U/Ss 406,409,420,468, 471, 109 r/w 5(2)47 PCA by FIA CCC Islamabad**

Allegations:

Case was registered as a result of Suo Moto action of Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding the land scam of National Police Foundation (NPF) Islamabad against accused Anjum Akeel Khan, MNA, owner of M/S Land Linkers and NPF Officers for selling 600 Kanals of land to the latter for housing scheme at E-11. Initially, the case was registered by Police Station Shalimar Islamabad, which was later transferred to FIA Islamabad Zone. FIA effected recovery of Rs.2 Crore & 30- Lacs and deposited the same with NPF.

Present Status:

Accused are on judicial remand. Investigation is being finalized by field directorate.

- (3) **Enq. No.14/2010, registered on 26-4-2010 by FIA CCC Lahore**

Anonymous complaint received from Human Rights Cell of Supreme Court of Pakistan, *vide* HRC No.22950/2009, dated 13-4-2010.

Allegations:

Large scale bunglings and kickbacks during allotment to carriage contractors & Urea smuggled *via* Chamman to Afghanistan by Carriage Contractors in connivance with officials of National Fertilizers Marketing Limited (NFML) resulting the alleged loss of Billions of Rupees.

Present Status:

Evidence against accused collected and on the basis of the evidence for registration of case against accused is in process.

- (4) **Enq. No.03/2010, registered on 31-1-2010 by FIA Corporate Crime Circle (CCC) Islamabad**

Allegations:

Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation (FGEHF) purchased 3500 Kanals land at Bara Kahu Islamabad at the rate of Rs.9,30,000/- per Kanal (total Rs.3255 millions), whereas actual rate was Rs.1,00,000/-

Present Status:

Investigation pended as the matter is sub judice in the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan which had taken Suo Moto action on it.

- (5) **Enq. No.16/2010, registered on 17-5-2010 by FIA CCC Islamabad**

Allegations:

Illegal purchase of land/release of funds from the Accounts of National Assembly Employees Corporative Housing Society. Rs.160 Million were spent unlawfully by the Management of Society and Care-taker Tariq Khakwani.

Present Status:

Stay order issued by Islamabad High Court. Last date was 15-11-2011. Matter is adjourned for the date to be fixed by the office.

- (6) **Enq. No.47/2010, registered on 05-11-10 by FIA CCC Islamabad**

Allegations:

Misappropriation/ favoritism in project of Alternative Energy by the officers of Alternate Energy Development Board(AEDB) Islamabad. M/S Credit Insurance Company, Lahore issued performance/ insurance guarantee of Rs.14,559,570/- in favour of AEDB, while the said Company did not encash the guarantee.

Present Status:

FIA is investigating the claim by the alleged party that they have reached an agreement with AEDB. Matter will be finalized on receipt of report from AEDB.

- (7) **Enq. No.49/2011, registered on 2-6-2011 by FIA CCC, Islamabad**

Allegations:

Complainant Farhat Kamal Pasha alleged that during tenure of Ex-Chairman CDA Kamran Lashari, an Executive Block was awarded to unknown Contractor. Besides, the renovation work of Simli Dam Rest House was also awarded to the Contractor without tenders. The contractor was paid Rs.40.69 Millions, while he spent only Rs.5 Million.

Present Status:

Partial record received from CDA, while remaining record is awaited. Enquiry will be finalized on provision of record from CDA.

126. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 26-12-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No. 9 replied on 2nd December, 2011 and state:

- (a) *the amount received as tax on urea in Bajur Agency during the last 10 years and details of its utilization; and*
- (b) *the authority / rule under which the said tax is being charged?*

Engr. Shaukat Ullah: (a) The amount received as Cess on urea is Rs. 12,502,180/-

DETAIL OF UTILIZATION OF THE AMOUNT SO COLLECTED

1. Payment to Maliks of various tribes on monthly basis.
2. Payment of Quomi lashkars and tribes on monthly basis.
3. Payment to poor lot of the society as financial assistance.
4. Payment to poor students studying in various educational institutions of the country.
5. Payment to position holders students of the Agency.
6. Payment to the family members of shuhada.
7. Payment to the persons injured in terrorist activities.
8. POL & repair of Govt.vehicles .
9. Purchase of stationery.

10. Payment to health department for arranging vehicles and ice required during polio campaigns.
11. Payment of rent to owners of houses occupied by Security Forces and Levies.

(b) The concept of levying cess on various items is to use the revenue for the benefit and welfare of the tribals. It is in vogue since creation of the Agency *i.e.* 1972-73. The cess so collected is utilized on welfare activities of the Agency and revenue generation and its utilization report is sent monthly to the FATA Secretariat showing each expenditure.

129. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the names of officers and officials of Passport Office found involved in cases of corruption and misappropriation during the last five years indicating also the details of action taken against them and the present status of their cases?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: The details of officers and officials of Passport Office found involved in cases of corruption and misappropriation during last five years indicating the action taken against them and the present status of their cases are at **Annex-“ A”**.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of officers and personnel of Rangers and F.C. deployed for the purpose of security in Islamabad;*
- (b) *the expenditure incurred on the said officers /personnel since 2007 with year-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the number of Islamabad Police Personnel by making fresh appointments to replace the said officers and personnel?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) At present, 1547 personnel of F.C. and 1848 of Rangers (Total = 3395) are deployed for the purpose of security in Islamabad.

(b) Year wise break up of the expenditure incurred on the officers and personnel of Frontier Constabulary and Rangers deployed in Islamabad since 2007 are as under:—

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Expenditure</u>
2007	79,731,000
2008	114,327,000
2009	533,243,000
2010	355,524,000
2011	445,658,000
Total: -	1,528,483,000

(c) A case for creation of 2500 posts in ICT Police for performing security duties in place of FC and Rangers is under process.

132. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-01-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in FC and Coast-guards in Balochistan; and*
- (b) *the budget allocated for and utilized by the said organizations during the last three years with year-wise break-up?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) Detail of persons of Frontier Corps and Pakistan Coast Guards working in Balochistan is as under:—

Frontier Corps Balochistan	48928
Pakistan Coast Guards	2057

(b) Year wise breakup of budget allocation/utilization for the last 3 years is as under:—

	In Millions		
Name of CAF	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Frontier Corps Balochistan	5368.645	7775.201	13923.718
Pakistan Coast Guards	440.516	499.516	670.886

163. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 27-12-2011 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications and date of present posting of the officers in BPS-16 and above working in Bajur Agency?

Eng. Shaukat Ullah: A statement containing the requisite information is **Annexed**.

164. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to refer to. Senate starred question No. 9 replied on 2nd December, 2011 and state:

- (a) the amount received as tax on sugar in Bajur Agency during the last 10 years and details of its utilization; and*
- (b) the authority / rule under which the said tax is being charged?*

Eng. Shaukat Ullah: (a) The amount received as Cess on Sugar is Rs. 4,269,385/-

DETAIL OF UTILIZATION OF THE AMOUNT SO COLLECTED

1. Payment to Maliks of various tribes on monthly basis.
2. Payment of Quomi lashkars and tribes on monthly basis.
3. Payment to poor lot of the society as financial assistance.
4. Payment to poor students studying in various educational institutions of the country.
5. Payment to position holders students of the Agency.
6. Payment to the family members of shuhada.
7. Payment to the persons injured in terrorist activities.
8. POL & repair of Govt.vehicles .
9. Purchase of stationery.
10. Payment to health department for arranging vehicles and ice required during polio campaigns.
11. Payment of rent to owners of houses occupied by Security Forces and Levies.

(b) The concept of levying cess on various items is to use the revenue for the benefit and welfare of the tribals. It is in vogue since creation of the Agency *i.e.* 1972-73. The cess so collected is utilized on welfare activities of the Agency and revenue generation and its utilization report is sent monthly to the FATA Secretariat showing each expenditure.

165. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No. 9 replied on 2nd December, 2011 and state:

- (a) *the amount received as tax on flour in Bajur Agency during the last 10 years and details of its utilizations; and*
- (b) *the authority / rule under which the said tax is being charged?*

Eng. Shaukat Ullah: No Cess has been collected on transportation of the Flour. Reply may be treated as Nil.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in FC and Rangers with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the expenditure incurred on the Rangers and FC during the last two years with year-wise and province-wise break up?*

Reply not received.

167. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 30-12-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that railway tracks in the country are not of international standard and require improvement or replacement, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: The Railway Track in the country is not as per international fast track classifications. The classifications of track adopted in Pakistan Railways are similar to the normal tracks which exist in other countries, detail is at **Annexure-I.**

Pakistan Railways network (7791 Km) has been laid more than 100-years ago. The financial crisis / resource constraint has resulted in accumulation of deferred track maintenance due to which the track infrastructure is generally not satisfactory. Due to financial crisis, the budget allocation during the last 10 years had

been very meagre against the actual requirement for optimum maintenance standard. The detail of allocations *viz-a-viz* requirements is at **Annexure-II**.

The financial crisis has affected the track maintenance, which has resulted increase in the overage track infrastructure. The detail of overage track is at **Annexure-III**.

Despite meagre financial resources, Pakistan Railways has strived to keep the track fit for safe train operation. Keeping in view the allocation, essential and unavoidable track material was procured and supplied to Divisions for replacement of unserviceable / worn out rails, sleepers and fastenings etc to keep the track fit for safe train operation and to avoid detentions due to Engineering Speed Restrictions.

No doubt, the overage track requires replacement, which is funded out of PSDP under a phased programme. The projects in progress and those envisaged for improvement/ modernization of the system to bring it to the international standard are as under:—

- i. A project costing Rs. 9405 million for Rehabilitation of Track from Landhi (Karachi) to Kotri 290 Km (double track) including 125 Km Complete Track Renewal on Sangla Hill to Wazirabad, Khanewal to Shorkot and Hyderabad to Mirpur Khas, 622 Km Deep Screening with replacement of defective sleepers and rails and replacement of 375 Km sleepers is in progress and will be completed by the end of June, 2013.
- ii. Project for dualization of track from Lodhran to Khanewal at a cost of Rs.3297.520 million has been completed and dualization of track from Khanewal to Raiwind at a cost of Rs. 12617.400 million is at advance stage and will be completed by 30th June, 2012.
- iii. PC-I costing Rs. 9446 million for improvement/ modernization of Railway track from Khanpur to Lodhran has been approved by the ECNEC.
- iv. Projects for dualization of track from Shahdara to Lalamusa and Shahdara to Fasilabad at a cost of Rs.14135.500 million & Rs. 5314.00 have been approved by the ECNEC.
- v. A PC-I amounting to Rs. 17094 million for rehabilitation of track from Lahore to Lalamusa has since been submitted to the Planning Commission, to be funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). In fact Asian Development Bank has promised an investment of around US \$ 500 million for rehabilitation of track from Lahore to Peshawar in three tranches.

168. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-01-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the losses suffered by PIA due to protest of PIA pilots and other employees?

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: Requisite information is given below:—

- Flights remained suspended due to strike for four days
- 56,082 passengers were affected directly
- 451 flights cancelled
- PIA suffered financial loss to the tune of PKR 1.8 billion
- Serious dent to goodwill

Revenue Lost

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| - Loss of Sales for four days | Rs. 1,095,890,411 |
| - Refund amount @ 12.50%
(Based on BSP Sales data) | Rs. 136,986,301 |

Costs Incurred

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| - Direct Fixed Cost | Rs. 218,082,192 |
| - Indirect Fixed Cost | Rs. 432,328,767 |

Total: Rs.1,883,287,671

169. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 05-01-2012 at 15:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a discrepancy in the promotion structure for the employees of two wings of Military Land and Cantonment Department namely Cantonment Boards and Military Estates Offices, if so, its details and the reasons for the same; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Establishment Division has approved the proposal of Military Lands and Cantonment Board regarding fixation of quota for the promotion of CBs employees as CEOs, if so, the reason for not implementing the same ,so far and the time by which it will be implemented?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) Two kinds of employees serve in the ML&C Deptt. The MEO Circles, Regional Headquarters and HQ of ML&C Deptt are served by Civil Servants who are governed by Civil Servants Act, 1973 and draw their salaries from the

Government of Pakistan. The Cantt Boards are local bodies manned by Cantonment Servants governed under the Pakistan Cantonment Servants Rules, 1954 and draw their salaries from their respective Cantt Boards. These are two independent and non-overlapping streams/cadres, therefore, the question of discrepancy in the promotion structure of these two does not arise because the employees of both the streams get promotions in their respective cadres.

(b) Such a proposal has neither been initiated by ML&C Deptt, Ministry of Defence nor processed by the Establishment Division & Military Estate Officers.

170. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 06-01-2012 at 09:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:.

- (a) the number of locomotives with Pakistan Railways at present;*
- (b) the number of those locomotives which are out of order and the time by which the same will be repaired; and*
- (c) the number of the locomotives which are not repairable and the procedure to be adopted for their disposal?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour: At present, Pakistan Railways own a fleet of 494 diesel electric locomotives.

(b) At present, 287 locomotives are out of order. It has been planned to repair all unserviceable locomotives in 2 years after receipt of material for which procurement action has been initiated.

(c) At present, 57 locomotives are uneconomical to repair and the same will be condemned on receipt of new locomotives as per replacement programme.

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

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of foreign investment made in Pakistan Railways during the last ten years indicating also the names of persons /firms / organizations / countries who made that investment and terms and conditions of that investment; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to attract more foreign investment for Pakistan Railways, if so, its details?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour: (a) The details of foreign investment in Pakistan Railways during the last ten years and the names of persons/firms/organization/countries who made investment on terms and conditions of that investment, is attached as **Annexure-A**.

(b) Financial constraints being faced by the Federal Government resulted in meager allocation of funds for Railways making it difficult to run the affairs of Pakistan Railways smoothly. Foreign investment seems to be the only available option to get out of this situation. Steps are being taken to adopt a strategy to generate additional revenue to improve the Railway Working. Negotiations with Islamic Development Bank. Asian Development Bank, China Exim Bank. Iranian Government and OPEC are underway to get financial assistance and thus improve the Railway system with the help of these inputs. It is also worth mentioning here that the project of doubling of track from Lodhran to Khanewal *via* Multan Cants: having the cost of Rs.3678.500 million has also been carried out with the assistance of OPEC. With the execution of this project delays to goods train and detentions to passenger trains will be eliminated. Thus improving the turn round of rolling stock.

172. * **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 18-01-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of persons kidnapped for ransom from 1st March, 2008 to 30th December, 2011 with year-wise and province-wise break up;*
- (b) *the number of the said persons killed and those released by the kidnappers; and*
- (c) *the number of the kidnappers arrested by law enforcing agencies during the said period and the number of cases filed against them in courts of law indicating also the present status of each case?*

Reply not received.

173. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 18-01-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish circular railway system in Rawalpindi / Islamabad, if so, its details?

Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour: At present, there is no such proposal under consideration to establish Circular Railway System in Rawalpindi/Islamabad.

ISLAMABAD :
The 7th February, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

