

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 11th May, 2011

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 93, 94, 98, 100, 101, 104, 107, 122, and 124 and Question Nos. 3,4,7, and 8 were originally set down for answering on 1st April and 3rd May, 2011, respectively but were deferred)

93. ***Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri:** (Notice received on 04-02-2011 at 12:58 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated for various projects of National Highways Authority in Balochistan in the current budget,*
- (b) the names and location of projects for which that amount has been allocated; and*
- (c) the amount released out of the said allocation so far?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Rs.11,631.171 million were originally allocated for 20 projects in Balochistan under PSDP 2010-11. However, the allocation was revised to Rs.9869.086 million.

(b) List depicting location of 20 projects in question and the amount allocated for each is at **Annex-A.**

(c) Releases are made to NHA on lump sum basis. Upto-date expenditure is Rs.4669.212 million. Project-wise utilization is also given in **Annex-A.**

94. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 14:17 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state..

- (a) *the names, designation, educational qualifications, BPS and place of domicile of the officers appointed in Employees Old Age Benefits Institution during 2009 and 2010 without advertisement of posts; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said appointments were made in violation of relevant rules, if so, its reasons?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a) The requisite information in respect of Employees' Old-Age Benefits Institution is at Annexure-A.

(b) These persons were temporarily appointed/ engaged on *ad hoc* basis to meet the Institution's exigency of manpower. Subsequently, vacancies were advertised in the newspapers on 2nd December 2010 for filling vacancies as per Recruitment Procedure. However, the process has been placed in abeyance in view of the directives of the Supreme Court and the Ministry not to make appointments.

98. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 08-02-2011 at 09:47 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the number of Pakistanis living abroad with country-wise break up?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis: The total number of Overseas Pakistanis living, working and studying abroad is 6.3 million. The Country-wise breakup of the number of Overseas Pakistanis is at Annex-A.

100. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 09-02-2011 at 09:32 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the details of cases pending in the National Accountability Bureau, Islamabad in which investigation has not been started indicating also the reasons for not starting investigation so far and the time by which it will be started?

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs: As per laid down procedure, complaints received are processed for verification followed by formal authorization of inquiry under section 18 (c) of National Accountability Ordinance (NAO). If inquiry concludes with *prima facie* making of the case, an investigation is authorized for subsequent filing of reference.

(a) Presently 618 inquiries are in progress. The year-wise break down is as under:

Year	No. of Inquiries	Year	No. of Inquiries
2000	10	2006	24

2001	02	2007	44
2002	02	2008	83
2003	08	2009	150
2004	08	2010	184
2005	17	2011	86
Total		618	

(b) Completion of inquiries and start of investigations is a continuous process. Collection of evidence, tracing of movement of corruption money and delayed response from accused persons / departments are major reasons for not starting of investigations.

(c) The Bureau utilizes its maximum available resources for in-time completion of inquiries and subsequent start of investigations. The maximum inquiries which are under progress are expected to be completed in the next six months by starting investigations, if required. As per the decision taken in the 16th Director Generals' Conference, held on 27th and 28th January 2011, Inquiries pending for five years or more are to be decided expeditiously.

101. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 10-02-2011 at 09:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

(a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Environment, its attached departments and subordinate offices since July 2008; and*

(b) *the procedure adopted for these appointments?*

Minister for Environment: (a) The details of persons appointed in the Ministry, its attached departments/subordinate offices since July, 2008 are as under:

Main Ministry

104. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 11-02-2011 at 10:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the details of Election Petitions or cases regarding General Election 2008 pending in the Election Tribunals and other courts in the country, indicating also the names of the parliamentarians against whom these cases are pending?

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs: In pursuance of the provisions of Section 57 of the Representation of the People Act, 1976, the Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan has appointed 20 Election Tribunals for disposal of Election Petitions filed under section 52 of the Representation of the People Act, 1976 relating to General Elections, 2008, Election to Senate as well as subsequent bye-elections. As such, a total number of 109 Election Petitions against the Members of Parliament were filed and referred to the 'Election Tribunals for disposal in accordance with law, from time to time.

2. As per information received from the Registrars Election Tribunals, the Province Wise position with regard to disposal of Election-Petitions by the Election Tribunals upto 10th April, 2011, is as under:

Province	Total No. of Election Petitions			
	Filed/ referred to Election Tribunals	Disposed- off	Pending with Election Tribunals	
Senate of Pakistan				
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	2	—	2	
National Assembly of Pakistan				
	Punjab	57	42	15
Sindh	22	20	2	
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	15	7	8	
Balochistan	13	11	2	
Total NA:	107	80	27	
Grand Total:	109	80	29	

3. As regards, the information relating to cases pending against the Parliamentarians in other Courts. other than Election Tribunals, the same is not available in this Commission as well as its Provincial offices.

107. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 15-02-2011 at 14:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of contracts awarded for construction and repairing of roads in the country during the last three years with province-wise break up indicating also the estimated cost of project and the name of contractor in each case; and*
- (b) *the names and dates of newspapers in which the tenders for the said projects were got published?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) *Development.*—Total 91 projects were awarded in different provinces/regions during FY 2008-10 at a cost of Rs 118,158.311 million. List containing relevant details is at **Annex-A.**

	Province	Contracts	Rs in M
i.	Sindh	33	45,212.236
ii.	Punjab	34	28,695.001
iii.	KP	12	11,308.806
iv.	Balochistan	10	14,605.441
v.	GB	2	18,336.827
Total		91	118,158.311

Repair.—Total 1385 repair/ maintenance contracts were awarded during last three years at a cost of Rs 23,019.312 million. Province/region-wise summary is given below and details are annexed as indicated:—

Annex	Province	Contracts	Rs in M
B.	Sindh	251	8,280.091
C.	Punjab-North	191	3,113.878
D.	Punjab-South	54	2,271.369
E.	KP	332	2,688.949
F.	Balochistan	473	5,290.43
G.	GB	84	1,374.595
Total		1385	23,019.312

(b) The above projects were undertaken during a period spread over three years through advertisement in leading local and national newspapers. Relevant details are provided in the annexures indicated above.

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

122. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 08-03-2011 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of persons working in the Ministry of Postal Services with grade-wise break up; and*

- (b) *the names, designation, grade, place of domicile and address of the persons appointed on regular/contract/daily wages basis in the Ministry during the last three years?*

Minister for Postal Services: (a) The Ministry of Postal Services was established *w.e.f* 03.11.2008. The total sanctioned strength of the Ministry is 53 against, which total 49 employees are working. The break up of the same is enclosed as Annex-A.

- (b) The details are given in Annex-B.

124. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 08-03-2011 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister, for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of services rendered by the Postal Services Ministry to the people; and*
- (b) *the profit earned by the Ministry through the provision of its services to the people during the last three years?*

Minister for Postal Services: (a) The detail of services rendered by the Postal Services Ministry to the people is Annexed-"A".

(b) The year wise position of profit earned by the Postal Department during last three financial years is given below:—

<u>Year</u>	<u>Profit</u>
2007-2008	128.798
2008-2009	404.199
2009-2010	(36.372) Loss

3. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 09-04-2011 at 10:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the office of National Accountability Bureau, Rawalpindi is functioning in a Medical College Hostel if so, the time by which it will be shifted to some other place?

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs: The Government of Punjab had allotted Rawalpindi Medical College (RMC) BOys Hostel to National Accountability Bureau (Rawalpindi) in March 2000. It was lying vacant for last eight years. Now, on the demand of the students for hostel, RMC as well Rawalpindi District Administration stressed NAB to vacate the hostel building. Considering the genuine demand of the students, NAB has been striving hard for location of a suitable building for shifting the offices of NAB Rawalpindi. A number of buildings were explored but due to

security hazards and other reasons no suitable accommodation could be finalized. NAB also approached the Ministries of Law, Housing & Works and Cabinet Division in this regard.

Federal Government has allotted the building of Al-Farabi Center, Opposite Noori Hospital alongwith hostels and allied accommodation previously occupied by defunct M/o Social Welfare and Special Education, G-8/4, Islamabad for NAB Rawalpindi. M/o Housing & Works directed the Estate Office for proper allotment and to PWD to handover the allotted building to NAB (Rwp).

NAB approached along with Pak PWD officials for possession of the building, the devolved Ministry authorities i.e the existing occupants, refused to hand over the accommodation. Now, it has been learnt that the Honourable Prime Minister has given special instructions for allotment of alternate building to NAB Rawalpindi. The Cabinet Division and Works Division are working to resolve this issue. Exact timeframe to vacate Rawalpindi Medical College Boys Hostel No.3 premises cannot be given before availability of an alternate accommodation. However, as soon as suitable building is allotted, RMC Hostel building will be vacated within two weeks.

4. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 11-04-2011 at 13:48 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the community welfare attaches presently posted abroad?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis: The required information is at Annex-I.

7. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011 at 8.50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that many corruption cases pending for investigation in NAB have been closed during the tenure of its last Chairman, Justice (R) Deedar Hussain Shah, if so, the details of the cases and reasons for their closure in each case?

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs: Justice (R) Syed Deedar Hussain Shah was appointed as Chairman NAB on 8-10-2010. During his tenure till 10-3-2011 as Chairman NAB, none of the investigation pending against any person has been closed. However during his tenure 10 ongoing investigations have been closed after due process, examination on merits and due deliberations in the Executive Board Meetings of Regional NABs and Executive Board Meetings chaired by Chairman NAB at NAB Headquarters. The details and reasons for closure of each case are attached at **Annex-A**.

It is worth mentioning that after completion of investigation the report is submitted to the Prosecution Wing/Division of NAB for scrutiny of legal aspects before taking any decision for closure of the case under section 9 (c) of National Accountability Ordinance. All decisions regarding authorization or closure of investigations are taken

place in the Executive Board Meetings both at Regional NABs and at NAB HQ. If investigation officers fail to collect prosecutable evidence, the case is referred and the decision of closure is recommended for the approval of the concerned Accountability Court. The final approval of closure of investigation is accorded by the Court.

8. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 14-04-2011 at 13:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the countries/foreign Organizations who provided fund for elimination of child labour in Pakistan during the last five years indicating also its utilization with head wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the incumbent Government to eliminate child labour in the country?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a) The following foreign organizations has provided fund during the last five years for the Project “Combating Abusive Child Labour II” for the elimination of child labour in Pakistan.

- (i) European Union
- (ii) ILO

This is not direct funding to the Ministry of Labour and Manpower, but the amount is provided to the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office in Islamabad who is utilizing it to execute the project. The fund is being used for the project “Combating Abusive Child Labour — II”. However, Ministry of labour and Manpower collaborates with the ILO for the execution of the project.

- (b) 1. Under the programme “Combating Abusive Child Labour”, two projects were launched in Sukkur and Sahiwal for elimination of worst forms of child labour from the two districts. Conducting Second National Survey on Child Labour is included in the mandate of this Project.
2. In year 2008 the Ministry of Labour initiated the National Time Bound Programme (NTBP) for the elimination of worst form of child labour within a period of eight year 2008-16. The NTBP outlines a coordination mechanism among the stakeholders with a timeframe to mutually achieve the targets.
3. During the year 2008, about 12000 child labourers have been removed from the different hazardous occupations through different projects with collaboration of ILO for elimination of worst form of child labour. These

children have been provided non-formal education, health screening and skill training.

It may also be pointed out that after the 18th Amendment enforcement of laws relating to elimination of child labour fall exclusively in the domain of the provincial governments.

85. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 11-04-2011 at 13:48 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of projects launched by NHA in Larkana and Multan districts and the amount released for those projects during the last two years?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: *Larkana District.*—NHA has undertaken construction of 14 road development projects since 2009. List containing relevant details including expenditure incurred on each project is at **Annex-A**.

Multan District.—NHA has undertaken construction of 14 road development projects since 2009. List containing relevant details including expenditure incurred each project is at **Annex-B**.

88. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 21-04-2011 at 13:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:
(a) *the number of persons presently working in the Ministry and its sub-ordinate offices; and*
(b) *the number of persons appointed in the Ministry and its sub-ordinate offices during the last three years with grade wise and province wise break up?*

Reply not received.

89. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-04-2011 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to control overloading in public transport on National Highways and Motorways in the country?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: National Highways and Motorway Police (NH&MP) has taken many steps to control overloading in PSVs. The details are **Annexed**.

90. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-04-2011 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state..

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to ensure implementation of the laws made for protection and safety of women at their work places; and*
- (b) whether rules / regulations regarding job, working hours, wages, leave, age of retirement and benefits on retirement of working women have been framed separately, if so, the details thereof?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) Protection Against Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2010 was enacted on 9th March, 2010. Thereafter, the Ministry of Women Development approached Federal and Provincial Governments for implementation of the law. Moreover, Prime Minister directive was issued to all the Ministries/ Divisions and Departments for implementation of law in letter and spirit. Ministry also forwarded copy of law and Code of Conduct to all stakeholders to constitute inquiry committees under Section 3 of the Act and adoption of Code of Conduct there in. Inquiry Committees have been formed in 94 Min./ Div./ Deptt. (including attached departments at Federal level and Provincial Departments) to implement the law. Under Section 7(1) of the Act, the Federal and the Provincial Governments are required to appoint Ombudsman to investigate complaints of harassment of women under the Act. Accordingly, office of the Ombudsperson has been established w.e.f 10th January, 2011 in Islamabad with the approval of the Prime Minister. Mrs. Musarrat Hilali has been appointed as Women Ombudsperson under the Act. Besides, all Registrars of the high courts have been requested to direct courts to deal the complaints under Sub- section 4 of section 6 till the appointment of Ombudsman.

Moreover, Rules for implementation of Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, 2010 have been issued on 15th January, 2011.

Whereas, an Implementation Watch Committee has been formed comprising of members, Civil Society, NGOs and media by the National commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) to keep a watch on the process of implementation of the law. For raising awareness to this law, the MoWD has conducted a series of awareness raising campaigns so that maximum number of women benefit from this Law.

(b) There are certain rules and regulations specifically framed for the benefits and facilitation of female government employees concerning their jobs, recruitment and leave. However, on other service matters, women and men engaged in government employment are treated on equal footing. The most significant development is 10% quota reserved for women in Federal Government Services.

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RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,

The 10th May, 2011.

Secretary.

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