

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 14th September, 2011

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 68, 74, 78 and 80 were originally set down for answering on 10th May, 2011 (70th Session), but were deferred)

68. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 09-03-2011 at 10:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence Production be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to manufacture drone aeroplanes indigenously or with the help of any other country?

Ch. Pervaiz Ellahi: “Drone technology is highly sophisticated and no country is willing to share this technology with developing countries due to which no headway in acquisition of such system has been made. Currently indigenous development capacity does not exist. However, Pakistan Aeronautical Complex, Kamra is presently engaged in co-production of unarmed FALCO (UAV) in collaboration with M/s Selex Galileo (SG) of Italy. The contract was signed between Pakistan Air Force (PAF) and SG in June, 2005. As a first phase, 08 UAV were assembled and handed over to PAF for operational use. UAVs are being used for aerial surveillance”.

74. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 13-04-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the number of General Managers, Directors and Deputy Directors from each province working in PIA?

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: There are a total of 11 Directors and 29 General Managers currently working in PIA, It may be noted that no such position as ‘Deputy Director’ exists in PIA. Province-wise breakup of the Directors and General Managers in PIA is hereunder:—

DOMICILE	DIRECTORS	GENERAL MANAGERS
Sindh (U)	03	07
Sindh (R)	—	06
Punjab	06	15

Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa 01 01

Total : 10* 29

*One Director i.e Director, (Precision Engineering Complex) is on deputation with PIA from Pakistan Air Force.

78. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 15-04-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the space allotted by the Civil Aviation Authority for commercial purposes at Benazir Bhutto International Airport, Islamabad during the last three years indicating also the names of allottees in each case; and*
- (b) *whether tenders were called for the said allotments, if so, the names and dates of newspapers in which the same were got published?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) and (b) Commercial Concessions allotted at BBIAP Islamabad for the last three years:

(a) Name of allottees in each case; and

(b) Tender called for said allotments and name of news papers as per statement attached.

80. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 16-04-2011 at 14:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to refer to Senate Starred Question No.89 replied on 14th January, 2010 and state the results achieved from the measures taken/implemented for the improvement of financial health of PIA?

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: The following major steps have been taken to improve efficiency and reduce costs:—

(i) **Financial Cost/Exchange Loss Reduction.**

The Government / Corporation is reviewing the fleet loans as well as working capital financing cost and wherever possible, the interest rate reduction is being planned. Recently, GOP issued rollovers and allowed PIAC to get fresh loans whenever needed. PIAC has proposed a Business Development Plan which has already been furnished to Finance Division for necessary action.

(ii) **Human Resource.**

Large number of HR is also one of PIA's problems that needs right sizing.

The following HR rationalization plan will be employed with the aim of making every employee contribute to the growth of the company:—

- No reduction of manpower will take place in operational areas of pilots, aircraft engineers, technicians and specialized professionals.
- Reduction in non-operational areas will be done through normal attrition while outsourced positions over and above the HRB will either be adjusted against the approved HRB or eliminated.
- Stagnation due to similar type of duties will be done away with the introduction of job rotation policy.

(iii) Engineering MRO Project.

- PIA has a highly skilled Engineering human resource which is licensed and well trained
- Per man-hour rates are competitive by industry standards
- They have an added advantage of strategic location

These ingredients can make PIA engineering a potential MRO outfit in this region. It has been planned that necessary investment in infrastructure/training and tooling is to be made towards the achievement of this target. This MRO, once established, will not only service the PIA fleet but also earn third party income for PIA. Similar initiative for Landing Gear has also been started.

(iv) Enterprise Resource Planning.

Enterprise Resource Planning is a tool used to integrate the data and processes of an organization into one single system using many components including hardware, software, a unified database, etc. an ERP system streamlines and integrates different functional areas within an organization to ensure proper communication, productivity and efficiency. PIA currently does not have such a system and preliminary work has been initiated to conduct a study and prepare a road map for implementation of an ERP.

The Board, as well as Management, stays committed, firmly and steadily, to the path of recovery. They acknowledge full support of government of Pakistan, employees, PIA valued customers, bankers and other stakeholders.

They are confident that measures taken to contain the loss situation will bring about sustainable improvements in the near future.

The steps mentioned earlier to improve the financial health of PIA are of long term nature and impact of all the steps cannot be measured over a short period of time, like one year. Furthermore the turnaround strategy of the corporation is a two pronged strategy based on internal changes/initiatives and balance sheet restructuring which requires GOP support. The business plan is at present under active consideration of Ministry of Finance. However some of the impacts of their strategies are enumerated below:—

- (i) Fuel: During financial year 2010 PIA was able to save USD 2.45 million on account of effective hedging as allowed by the Board of Directors.
 - (ii) Expensive Contracts: Global Distribution system (GDS) contract was reviewed and revised in which booking cost per segment was reduced. As a result total cost in financial year 2010 was under budget by 5.6%.
 - (iii) Revenue Enhancement: During the financial year 2010, the Corporation achieved its highest ever revenue in excess of PKR 107.5 billion as compared to PKR 95.5 billion in the year 2009 despite the disruption in flights due to the volcanic eruption in Europe and strikes that took place in 2010.
 - (iv) PIA also made Operational profit during the financial year 2010.
1. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-07-2011 at 15:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the names, designation and place of present posting of the employees of PIA who are getting Rs. 5 lac or above as monthly salary including other allowances and fringe benefits admissible to each of them?

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: The requisite information is attached as **‘Annex-A’**.

2. ***Mr. Muhammad Tahla Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-07-2011 at 15:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*

(b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) Appropriation Accounts for financial year 2010-11 have not been finalized so far due to which detail of actual expenditure of the Ministry and its Attached Departments for financial year 2010-11 is not possible. Appropriation Accounts up to financial year 2009-10 have been finalized and printed by the Accountant General Of Pakistan Revenue Islamabad. The Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly have already discussed Appropriation Accounts of this Ministry and its Attached Departments for financial year 2007-08 and 2008-09 and settled all the accounts for the said period. Appropriation Accounts for financial year 2009-10 will be discussed by the PAC within the due course of time according to schedule of their meetings. Details of actual current expenditure of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and its Attach Departments for the last three years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are placed at **Annex “A” “B” &” “c”** respectively.

Details of Expenditure of Corporations and Autonomous bodies, *i.e.* **PTVC, PBC, APPC, PEMRA, PNCA, & Lok Virsa** controlled by this Ministry are placed at **Annex “D”, “E” “F” “G” “H” “I”** respectively.

(b) The Government has introduced certain austerity measures to control the expenditure namely;

- (i) There is a ban on new recruitment.
- (ii) Ban has been imposed on purchase of physical assets including all types of vehicles.
- (iii) Expenditure on traveling allowances, stationery, entertainment, advertisements, repair & maintenance and utilities has been curtailed by 20% of budget estimates.
- (iv) Entitlement of periodical, magazines etc. of all officers has been withdrawn. Only one daily newspaper is allowed to the entitled officers.
- (v) Officers are not allowed to use air-conditioners before 11:00 a.m. and below 26 degree.
- (vi) Principal Accounting Officers have been advised to ensure rationalization of utility bills.
- (vii) Both sides of papers should be used.
- (viii) Serving of official lunches/dinners has been restricted.

- (ix) Ministries are not authorized to re-appropriate funds from the above mentioned heads of expenditure

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

3. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-07-2011 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of new Platoons of Frontier Constabulary established during the last two financial years; and*
- (b) *the number of Platoons of Frontier Constabulary and Frontier Core at present indicating also the locations of their deployment?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) Total number of new Platoons of Frontier Constabulary established during the last two Financial Years are **49**.

(b) Total Number of Platoons

a. Frontier Constabulary	547
b. Frontier Corps Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	708
c. Frontier Corps Balochistan	694

Locations of Platoons of Frontier Constabulary, Frontier Corps Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Frontier Corps Balochistan are attached as Annex 'A', 'B' and 'C' respectively.

4. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 25-07-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the names, designation and place of domicile of the retired persons appointed in Pakistan Railways during the last three years indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: During the last three years, 275 Retired persons in BS-01 to BS-16 were appointed in Pakistan Railways whose names alongwith place of domicile and basic scale of pay are shown in Annexure-A.

Similarly, thirteen (13) officers in BS-17 & above were appointed in Pakistan Railways during the last three years whose names alongwith place of domicile and basic scale of pay are shown in Annexure-B.

Services of Seven (07) re-employed retired officers have been terminated and notice of termination to four (04) re-employed retired officers has also been issued.

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5. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 25-07-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Pakistan Railways Employees Co-Operative Housing Society;

(b) the acreage of railway land leased out to the said Society; and

(c) the number of plots allotted to the members of the Society so far; and

(d) the number and size of the plots proposed to be allotted to the officers of Pakistan Railways in the said society?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) There are eight Railway Housing Societies registered under Cooperative Societies Act 1925 and functioning under Cooperative Laws through elected Management Committees.

(b) Pakistan Railways leased out 1137 acres land to the said Housing Societies located at Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Lahore, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar and Quetta.

(c) The number of plots allotted to the members by each society is attached as **Annexure-A**.

(d) No plot is proposed to be allotted to any officer/official of Pakistan Railways in the aforesaid societies, because there is no land available with any society and there is ban on allotment of plots as well.

The scale-wise entitlement of Railway officers is as under:

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| i. Officers in BS-17 &18 | 300 Sq. Yds. |
| ii. Officers in BS-19 | 400 Sq. Yds. |
| iii. Officers in BS-20 & above | 500 Sq. Yds. |

6. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-07-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Defence, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: The information is being collected from the concerned quarters and will be submitted on next Rota Day. It is, therefore, requested to defer the question.

7. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-07-2011 at 10:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that United Nations Organization have provided funds through its subsidiary organizations like UNDP and UNHCR etc. to compensate the areas affected due to hosting of Afghan Refugees in District Haripur, Khyber Pakhtunkhawa under the Refugees Affected Hosting Area (RAHA) Project, if so, its details;*
- (b) *the criteria/procedure laid down to select the areas for inclusion in the said project;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that some non-affected union councils like Sikandarpur and Dingi Tubewell etc. of that district have been included in the project whereas a number of affected union councils like Bakka have been ignored, if so, its reasons; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to include all the affected union councils / in the said project?*

Engineer Shaukat Ullah: (a) The Refugees Affected and Hosting Areas Project is led by the United Nations agencies including UNDP, UNHCR and supported by donor agencies.

Long stay of Afghan refugees has put substantial pressure on financial resources and infrastructure (Roads, Hospitals, School and Water resources/Sanitation). The objectives of the RAHA program is to address these issues and to promote social harmony between Afghan refugees and host communities. RAHA is a five year (2009-

2013) UN Development program with anticipated budget of US\$ 140 million comprising of two components Refugees Affected Areas(RAA) and Hosting Affected Areas (HAA). The component-wise allocation is as under:—

RAA	US\$ 94 million
HAA	US\$ 46 million

The proposed document was signed by the GOP (Economic Affairs Division, SAFRON) and UN participating agencies *i.e.* FAO, ILO, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNIFEM, WFP and WHO under One UN program.

RAA is led by UNDP to be implemented by the Provincial Government. However, the HAA part is led by UNHCR to be implemented by line-departments in consultation with Afghan Refugees Organizations including Ministry of SAFRON.

(b) To identify the Affected and Hosting Areas two Needs Assessment studies were under taken. The first one was led by UNHCR to address the health, education and water and sanitation needs in Refugees Hosting Areas (HA). The second led by UNDP focused on natural resources, livelihood, physical infrastructure and institutional capacity needs in selected Refugees Affected Areas (RAA). These assessments identified the development oriented interventions that recognized and support the host community contribution to the stay of Afghans in Pakistan (Annex-I).

(c) It is clarified that the legal documents to identify the affected and host areas of Afghan refugees in Pakistan under RAHA development initiative (UN funded rehabilitation program) is the RAHA project document which is duly signed by 8 UN participating agencies and Govt. of Pakistan (Economic Affairs Division and SAFRON). As per said project document, the Union council Sakindarpur and Dandi are identified in the list of affected areas which is within the preview of UNDP to be implemented by the Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. However, the overall District Haripur is included in the host areas which *inter alia* includes the all Union Councils of the said district including Bakka (Annex-I).

(d) District Haripur is included in the list of hosting areas under RAHA document. The process of development in the affected and hosting areas depends on the availability of funds by the donors and their priorities.

8. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 26-07-2011 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) *the procedure laid down for leasing out Railway's land in the country; and*

- (b) *the details of Railway's land leased out during the last three years indicating also the particulars of lessee and the acreage of land leased out in each case?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) All the Railway lands were leased out through open public auction/sealed bidding after proper advertisement in newspapers.

(b) the details of Railway land leased out during the last three years for different purposes indicating the particulars of lessee and acreage of land leased out in each case (Division-wise) is enclosed as Annexure-A.

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

9. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-07-2011 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that carriers for luggage have not been provided in public transport (wagon, mini bus, taxi etc) plying in Islamabad, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken by the Government to direct the public transporters .to install carriers on their vehicles?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) It is a fact that luggage carriers are not being used by Public Transport (wagon, mini bus, taxi etc.) plying in Islamabad. Secretary, Islamabad Transport Authority has also not asked the transporters to use carriers because public transport illegally use the facility by allowing the passengers / students to use carriers for journey causing great loss to the life / safety of general public.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the District Administration. As such. no time frame can be given on this account.

10. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 28-07-2011 at 15:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the criteria laid clown for promotion of the Aircraft Engineers to the post of Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA;*
- (b) *the criteria laid. clown for appointment of Aircraft Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA;*
- (c) *the number of Deputy Chief Engineers appointed in PIA during the last three years.. with province-wise break up; and*

(d) *the number of vacant posts of Aircraft- Engineers and Deputy Chief Engineers in PIA with quota wise break up?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) Criteria laid down for the promotion of the Aircraft Engineers to the post of Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA is attached as **Annexure-‘A’**. However, Technical qualification has been redefined to ensure promotion of suitable candidates for smooth operations in Engineering areas in October 2010.

(b) As the posts of Aircraft Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer are promotional posts, therefore, no criteria has been laid down for external appointment of Aircraft Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA.

(c) No appointment/ promotion of Deputy Chief Engineers has been made by PIAC during the last three years *i.e* 01.5.2008 to 01.5.2011.

(d) Information regarding vacant posts of Aircraft Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA is as under. However, being promotional posts no quota is observed in this respect:—

Title	No of approved posts	Existing	Vacancies
Aircraft Engineer (PG-VI, VII & VIII)	727	697	30
Deputy Chief Engineer (PG-IX)	70	52	18

11. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-07-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that operation of certain PIA flights has been discontinued, if so, its reasons; and*

(b) *the extent of loss suffered due to discontinuation of the said flights?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) The following flights have been discontinued:—

LAHORE-GLASGOW-LAHORE: Glasgow operation was initiated in January 2009 to meet the demand of Pakistani community living in Glasgow and adjacent areas. The flights started incurring huge losses which eventually resulted in suspension of PIA operation to Glasgow.

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: PIAC made a total number of 2171 appointments on regular and contract basis during the years 2008 to July 2011, i.e 1854 regular and 317 on contract basis. The details of appointees are at **Annexure-‘A’**.

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

14. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 30-07-2011 at 12:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to promote Aircraft Engineers to the post of Deputy Chief Engineer in pursuance of decision of the Sindh High Court, if so, its details; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that educational qualification prescribed for the post of Deputy Chief Engineer is graduate engineering from any recognized university while the PIA has announced qualification of matriculation for that post, if so, the reasons for this disparity?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: The information is being collected from the concerned quarters and will be submitted on next Rota Day. It is, therefore, requested to defer the question.

15. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 04-08-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons appointed / promoted in PIA in violation of rules during the tenure of last MD., PIA; and*
- (b) the procedure adopted for the appointment of incumbent General Manager, Cargo in PIA?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) There was a total of twelve (12) individuals from Pay Group-II to Pay Group-X who were inducted in PIAC during the tenure of former Managing Director, PIAC (Mr.M.Aijaz Haroon) by dispensing the requirement of advertisement, qualification, height and upper age relaxation in violation of the Govt rules in vogue. However, these appointments were authenticated by the PIAC Board. The list of above said individuals is at **Annexure -‘A’**.

(b) In order to overcome the scarcity of dynamic professional in PIA’s courier division (Speed Ex) and to convert it from cost center to profit center,

Mr. Sohail Yaqoob was appointed permanently by PIAC as General Manager, Speed Ex, effective 10-11-2009 after approval of the PIA Board of Directors in its 322nd meeting held on 29-10-2009, by dispensation of the requirement of advertisement in the national press and relaxation of upper age limit (40 years) for induction.

16. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 04-08-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of officers working in PIA with province wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of officers promoted in PIA during the last four years with province wise break up?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) The requisite details regarding number of officers working in PIA with province-wise breakup is attached as **Annexure 'A'**.

(b) The requisite details regarding number of officers promoted in PIA during the last four years with province-wise breakup is attached as **Annexure 'B'**.

Annexure-A

Provinces	Number of Employees.
AZAD KASHMIR	104
BALUCHISTAN	347
ISLAMABAD	68
KPK	919
NORTHERN AREA	111
PUNJAB	3823
SIND (RUL)	1291
SIND (URB)	2138
Grand Total	8801

Annexure-B

Province/Years	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Grand Total
Azad Kashmir	6	32	6	9	—	53
Balochistan	36	86	36	23	3	184

KPK	67	205	148	65	4	489
Northern Area	5	34	14	5	2	60
Punjab	293	856	427	244	29	1849
Sindh (Rural)	127	317	187	64	7	702
Sindh (Urban)	147	536	256	120	11	1070
Grand Total:	681	2066	1074	530	56	4407

17. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 09-08-2011 at 09:11 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in the Ministry of Narcotics Control since January, 2010 with province wise break up?

Haji Khuda Bux Rajar: List of persons appointed in the Ministry since January, 2010 with Province wise break up is attached at (**Annex-A**).

18. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 12-08-2011 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a programme namely “Rahat Fateh Ali Khan Show” was recorded on 16th April 2011 in Taus Restaurant, Beharia Town Rawalpindi, by using PTV instruments and manpower like Vans, camera and other material etc., if so, the name of producer of the said programme;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the tickets for that show / programme were sold at the rate of Rs.15000 per ticket, if so, the amount collected from the sale of tickets and that provided to PTV; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the said programme is now being purchased by PTV inspite of the fact that all the sources of PTV were used for recording of the programme, if so, its reasons?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) , (b), (c) Mr. Rahat Fateh Ali Khan has become an icon of music industry and every TV channel is always willing to get him and show his performance on its screen.

Regarding “RAHAT FATEH ALI KHAN SHOW”. It is to mention here that the organizers of the show made contact to PTV before recording the show and it was agreed and an MOU was signed between the parties according to which “PTV will provide only technical facilities for the recording and other matter like venue charges, payment to all the artists, their food arrangement including RAHAT FATEH ALI KHAN, who is an expensive talent, lighting and other expenses would be bourne by the organizers”. It was

also agreed that the second party will provide the show in edited form which will be televised on PTV. It was also agreed that a joint marketing will be launched for the show and the generated income will be divided on fifty-fifty revenue sharing, just for the first time telecast.

It is also important to mention that the top artists like RAHAT FATEH ALI KHAN are only available for certain dates which are pre-booked with the producers and sponsors. RAHAT FATEH ALI KHAN is one of the leading singers of Pakistan and has great attraction for the market.

As per agreement, PTV has one year rights of the show and for other any future telecast no payment is to be paid by PTV to the second party.

19. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 12-08-2011 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of TV programmes submitted for approval by various stations of PTV to PTV Headquarters during the years 2010 and 2011;*
- (b) *the number of the said programmes approved/not approved by the headquarters; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that some of the said programmes were cancelled after approval, if so, the details of such programmes and reasons for cancellation in each case?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) Total 191 ideas for programmes were submitted by various TV Centres for approval to PTV Headquarters during 2010 and 2011.

(b) Total 106 ideas for programmes were approved, whereas 85 not approved.

(c) Detail of programmes cancelled with reasons is attached, at Annex-A.

20. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 12-08-2011 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of programmes purchased by PTV from private organizations / persons during the last two years indicating also the names of such persons / owners of those . organizations and amount paid by PTV in each case; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not producing those programmes by PTV itself?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) The requisite information is enclosed at Annexure-‘A’

(b) PTV produces plays, children, music, and religious programmes through its own six centres, Karachi, Lahore, Quetta, Peshawar, Islamabad & Multan.

The centers also produce regional languages drama, music, stage shows and programmes for children.

Moreover, PTV has also expanded its network and started new channels with twenty-four hours transmission by using all the technical facilities and manpower.

Private productions are also included to fill the gap in PTV production and demand.

The private sector is producing some good plays. PTV purchases these dramas for its transmission to compete private channels so that better lot does not go to its competitors. PTV telecast these dramas *viz-a-viz* PTV’s own production.

21. ***Ms. Sabina Rauf:** (Notice received on 18-08-2011 at 10:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether the Government is contemplating to acquire land to settle the families residing alongside the old/proposed tracks of Karachi circular railway, if so, its present status?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: ● The President of Pakistan on 20.4.2009 while consenting to the execution of Revival of Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) Project with International help also directed that a Resettlement Action Plan should be prepared immediately for the Project Affected Persons (PAPs): Moreover, it is a mandatory requirement of the Donor Agency JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency).

● In compliance to above, Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) Study for Project Affected Persons of KCR Project has been completed and approved by the Donor Agency JICA on July 27, 2011.

● The Land at Jumma Goth adjacent to Shah Latif Township measuring 357.50 Acres owned by Pakistan Railways has been earmarked for the Resettlement of Project Affectees.

Islamabad :
The 13th September, 2011.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.