

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 2nd November, 2010

1. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 04-10-2010 at 16:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is fact that water is being supplied to the residents of lane 1-7, Peshawar Road, Rawalpindi Cantt for one hour only on alternate days, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the said supply, if so, its details?*

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: Presently Rawalpindi Cantonment Board, is facing a water shortage / shortfall as detailed below:—

- o Daily Water Demand - 24.20 Million Gallons per day.....(a)
- o Daily Water Supply - 10.63 Million Gallons per day.....(b)
- o Daily Water Shortage/ - 13.57 Million Gallons per day
Shortfall

(a) Yes, Rawalpindi Cantonment Board is supplying potable water to residents residing in Lane 1-7, Peshawar Road at least for 1 hour on alternate day basis. Reasons for the same are as under:—

- 09 Million Gallons per day water is being supplied to Rawalpindi Cantonment Board, Chaklala Cantt Board & Military Engineering Services, residents (from 0700 hours to 1430 hours). The only available source of water supply for Lane 1 - 7 is Khanpur Dam.
- Water supply to Lane No.1 – 5 is being carried out through direct pumping method through Valley Road Underground Tank. However, this practice is interrupted due to unscheduled power outages affecting the water supply pumping and consequent outflow.
- For Lane 6 & 7, water is being supplied through gravity flow method.
- Also Rawalpindi Cantonment Board is trying its level best to judiciously distribute the available quantity of water to its valued consumers. However, in case of water supply on each consecutive day, the current supply timing of 1 hr. shall stand further reduced to half an hour daily which may further aggravate the problem.

(b) Following proposals are in hand to increase the water supply:—

- CDA has already been requested to enhance the water share of Rawalpindi Cantonment Board by 2 Million Gallons per day from Khanpur Dam Source through different correspondences *w.e.f.*13-08-2010. Response from the CDA is still awaited.
- *Khanpur Dam Project Phase — III* is being launched at an estimated cost of Rs.689.99 (M) through Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP). Out of the total, the available funds with the Cantt Board are Rs. 30.227 million only and the releases are urgently required to complete the project within the Scheduled time of 02 years. Through this project, water supply to the Cantt area will be improved substantially with an increase of 05 Million Gallons per day for the residents of Rawalpindi Cantonment Board & Chaklala Cantonment Board.

2. ***Maulana Muhammad Saleh Shah:** (Notice received on 05-10-2010 at 09:46 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether the document signed by the IDP on his return includes a receipt of one thousand dollar, if so, whether this amount is paid to him or not?

Reply not received.

3. ***Maulana Muhammad Saleh Shah:** (Notice received on 05-10-2010 at 09:46 a.m.).

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

- (a) the number of appointments made in Levies Force, FATA, during the last five years with Agency-wise break up; and*
- (b) whether ammunition and arms were also provided to levies force, if so, the number of arms provided to Mehsood tribe and the persons recruited in levies force during the said period?*

Reply not received.

4. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the increase made in PIA fares for Hajj during 2008; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to refund the said increase to the Pilgrims, if so, when?*

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: (a) Government Regulated Hajj Fares increase over Hajj 2008 are given below:—

— Ex-South	Rs. 31,500/-
— Ex-North	Rs. 38,800/-

(b) Regarding refund of amount to Hajj Pilgrims of 2008, PIA has filed appeal under section 42 of the Competition Commission Ordinance 2007 before the Supreme Court of Pakistan and it will be heard in due course of time as and when it is fixed before the Supreme Court, PIA has also prayed for suspension of the impugned order, therefore till such time the matter is finally decided by the Supreme Court, PIA cannot pay the refund as directed by the Competition Commission.

5. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make laws for the body search of the US and European passengers at Pakistani airports on the same pattern as made by them for Pakistani passengers at their airports?

Reply not received.

6. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of licenses issued for establishing FM Radio Stations in the country during the last two years with province-wise break up?

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: PEMRA has issued 22 FM Radio licences (12 Commercial and 10 Non-commercial) in the last two years (2008-09 & 2009-10). Province wise break-up is as under:—

Province	Commercial	Non-commercial
Islamabad	01	02
Punjab	03	04
Sindh	04	02
KPK	—	02
Balochistan	02	—
Gilgit Baltistan	02	—
Total	12	10

List of Commercial FM Radio station licences issued in last two years is placed at **Annex-I.**

List of Non-commercial FM Radio station licences issued in last two years is placed at **Annex-II.**

7. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the make and price of vehicles purchased by the Ministry of Interior and its attached departments during the last three years indicating also the names and designation of the officers who are using these vehicles?

Reply not received.

8. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and countries of origin of the persons who were granted citizenship of Pakistan during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the procedure prescribed for granting the citizenship of Pakistan?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) The year wise list showing names and countries of origin of the persons who were granted Pakistan citizenship during the last three years (2008-2010 (upto 25th October, 2010) is enclosed as Annexure-A.

(b) Pakistan Citizenship and Naturalization Certificates are issued in accordance with the provisions of Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 and Naturalization Act, 1926 after observing all codal formalities including security clearance.

9. *** Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of buildings hired by NADRA for its offices during the last three years indicating also the monthly rent of each building; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct buildings for offices of NADRA, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) 163 x buildings have been hired by NADRA for its offices during last three years. Detail of buildings along with monthly rent is attached at Annex-A.

(b) No proposal is under consideration of the Government to construct buildings for offices of NADRA.

10. ***Prof Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 13:17 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of abduction cases registered in the country during the last three years with year-wise and province-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the number of the said cases prosecuted and disposed off;*
- (c) *the number of the cases in which punishments were reversed by the superior courts; and*
- (d) *whether appeals were filed by the Government in those cases, if so, the results of such appeals?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: Detailed reply provided by Provincial Police Officer, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Inspector General Police ICT Islamabad and Gilgit Baltistan is placed at “**Annex-A**”.

However, reply from PPO, Punjab is still awaited, which will be provided in the next ROTA DAY.

11 . ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 13:17 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an investigation committee was formed to probe into the fire incident in Shaheed-e-Millat Secretariat, Islamabad, some years ago; and*
- (b) *whether the said committee has completed its work and submitted its report to the Government, if so, its findings?*

Reply not received.

13. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 11-10-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to control the increasing incidents of dacoities in Islamabad?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: A total of 3012 cases were registered in various police stations of ICT during the period from January, 2002 to July, 2010, under the following heads;

(i) Burglary:	1286 cases.
(ii) Decoity:	164 cases.
(iii) General theft:	1562 cases.
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Total:-	3012 cases.
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14. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 12-10-2010 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state.

- (a) *the names and addresses of the telecom companies (local and foreign) working in the country; and*
- (b) *the details of tariff, packages and other products being offered by each of the said companies?*

Reply not received.

15. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 13-10-2010 at 13:17 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in NADRA for its offices in Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa Province on regular, contract and daily wages basis since July 2008 with designation-wise and province-wise break-up?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: 485 x persons have been appointed in various NADRA offices located in Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa Province on contract basis since July 2008 till October 2010. However, no appointments have been made on regular or daily wages in this province. The designation and province-wise breakup is attached at Annex-A.

16. ***Prof Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 14-10-2010 at 11.15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of complaints regarding indecent emails and SMS received since January 2007 and the action taken thereon with quarter-wise break up;*
- (b) *whether any mechanism has been evolved to check the said emails and SMS;*
- (c) *the name of authority responsible to check such emails and SMS; and*
- (d) *the details of existing law dealing with those emails and SMS?*

Reply not received.

17. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 14-10-2010 at 11.45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of private educational institutes working in residential area of Westrige, Cantonment, Rawalpindi;*

- (b) *the authority which granted permission for establishment of those institutes;*
- (c) *the procedure laid down for granting permission to such institutes in residential areas of Cantonments; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to shift the said schools out of the residential areas, if so, when?*

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: The information is being collected from the concerned quarters which would take time. It is, therefore, requested to defer the above mentioned question till next Rota Day.

18. ***Mr. Sardar Ali Khan:** (Notice received on 14-10-2010 at 13:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the make and registration numbers of stolen cars detained at the exit points of Islamabad capital territory during the last one year?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: During the period from 22-10-2009 to 22-10-2010, a total number of 102 stolen vehicles were detained at exit points (Nakas) of ICT as per following detail:

- (i) 12 vehicles stolen from Islamabad were detained at various exit points in ICT **(Annexure-A).**
- (ii) 49 vehicles stolen from other districts and detained at ICT exit points **(Annexure-B).**
- (iii) 41 tampered vehicles taken into possession by ICT Police at various exit points in Islamabad **(Annexure-C).**

19. ***Haji Muhammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 14-10-2010 at 14:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the PIA has signed a new agreement with PC hotels for stay of its cabin crew, if so, its details indicating also the difference in various charges / rates agreed upon in previous agreement and the new one?

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: In order to provide standardized hotel facilities during the duty travel of Air Crew, PIA has made arrangements with the largest hotel group in Pakistan *i.e.* "Hashoo Group" which owns/operates the Marriott, Pearl Continental and Hotel One chains throughout the country.

A very important factor while staying crew at hotel is security and safety of crew which ultimately leads to the timely and safe operations. It was in this regard that after devastating attacks on two major hotels in Pakistan *i.e.* Marriott Hotel Islamabad and PC Hotel Peshawar, that PIA contacted the Hashoo Group to enhance security measures at hotels. In response to the PIA's request, the Hashoo Group complied with various measures in order to ensure safety and security of crew at its properties, Consequently, Hashoo Group also requested for enhancement

of its corporate rates for PIA due to substantial increase in its operation costs due to the security measures undertaken by them.

The PIA management after various discussions considered the proposal submitted by the Hashoo Group, and resultantly the already in vogue hotel accommodation/services contract dated 20th January 2009 at that time was replaced/abrogated through a new agreement dated 1st February 2010.

The Major difference between the two contracts was the room rate per room for PIA crew and employees. The rate per room was increased from PKR 4900/- to PKR 6000/- at PC and Marriott hotels, and for Hotel One increased from PKR 400/- to PKR 4,900/- *w.e.f.* 1st February 2010.

There measures which have increased operating cost for PIA have been specially done to ensure safety and security of PIA crew members throughout the country, which is essential part of safe and on-time operations.

20. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 14-10-2010 at 14:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the PIA has signed agreements with various hotels in gulf countries for stay of its cabin crew, if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for selection of the said hotels; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that some other hotels offered less rates than those offered by the said hotels, if so, the reasons for not signing agreements with such hotels?*

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: (a) PIA has at present only one hotel contract with PC Hotel Dubai for stay of its Air Crew.

(b) The procedure adopted for selection of hotels involves different variables, which are given hereunder:

- (i) Room Rates,
- (ii) facilities at Hotel required by crew (complimentary Breakfast, complimentary Refreshments, Crew Hall, complimentary laundry services etc.)
- (iii) Vicinity of hotel (City centre is preferred so as crew can meet their other needs such as food etc.).
- (iv) Transportation of crew (Complimentary transportation is preferred).

(c) PIA has got the best deal from the PC Hotel Dubai. There are hotels which provide lower rates but these hotels cannot offer the same facilities required for crew members. Therefore, agreements are not executed with those hotels.

21. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 18-10-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits paid to the management executive pilots of PIA from January to June 2010 with month-wise break up?

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: The payment of salary and allowances to Executive Pilots including Director Flight Operations, for the period January to June 2010 is Annexed.

Please note that the Executive Pilots were allowed 90 Guaranteed Flying Hours upto April 2009 as compared to the 50 Guaranteed Flying Hours of operating Pilots.

However, effective May 2009, Guaranteed Hours of operating pilots were increased from 50 hours to 70 Hours and Guaranteed Hours for Executive Pilots were reduced from 90 hours to 70 hours. To compensate Executive Pilots, the Flying Allowance rate for 70 hours was increased 1.5 times per hours. This is covered under the PALPA agreement.

22. *** Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 18-10-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the names and other particulars of the arms license holders who were allowed to import arms during the last three years indicating also the nature of arms imported by each of them and the names of the countries from which the same were imported?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: It is submitted that Ministry of Commerce issues import permits to the importers for import of Arms/weapons according to the distribution of business among Government Departments mentioned in Rules of Business 1973. Ministry of Interior gives NOC with the approval of competent authority *i.e.* Secretary Interior whenever a case is referred by Ministry of Commerce. During last three years NOC has not given for this purpose.

23. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 18-10-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to purchase new aircrafts for PIA, if so, its details?

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: There is a proposal under consideration for purchase of new aircrafts. This would be undertaken after approval of the Cabinet, subject to the availability of funds.

24. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 18-10-2010 at 1040 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the details of increases made in national fares of PIA during the last three years?

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: Flexible fares system has been implemented in lieu of total fare increase on a particular route, where passengers who booked and buy in advance will have the facility of up to 25% discount that was previously not available.

However, PIA has not made any increase in domestic fares for its passengers for last three years. Every commercial organization, prices its product according to the market conditions. Our decisions to adjust the fare are based purely on commercial consideration. The prime motive of each such decision is to promote traffic, maximize revenue and the development of routes.

The lower/cheaper booking classes are gradually closed based upon market demand as the flight approaches near to day of departure.

Therefore, on the same flight passenger have the convenience of shopping from a range of fares suitable to their budget and business need. This concept is based on the premise that, “the earlier you buy the cheaper you fly”.

PIA has always strived and will continue to facilitate to its passengers.

25. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 19-10-2010 at 12:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the income and expenditure of Pakistan Television Corporation during the last three years;*
- (b) *the grants received by PTV from the Government during the said period, and*
- (c) *the loans and overdraft taken by the PTV from the banks and other institutions during the said period?*

Reply not received.

26. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 19-10-2010 at 12:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount spent on advertisement by the Government agencies, corporations and financial institutions, separately, since 2008-09, with year-wise break up and current financial year;*

- (b) *the names of advertising agencies to which the said advertisements were placed indicating also the amount paid to each agency for the same; and*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for selection of advertisement agency for the said purpose?*

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: The information is being collected.

Islamabad :
The 1st November, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Tuesday, the 2nd November, 2010

1. **Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada.** (Notice received on 14-10-2010 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and designation of the officers of the Ministry and its attached department provided with official vehicles indicating also the make and model of vehicle provided in each case; and*
- (b) *the amount spent on maintenance and fuel of those vehicles during the last four years with year-wise break up?*

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: The Information is being collected.

ISLAMABAD :
The 1st November, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.