

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 12th January, 2010

1. ***Mr. Sabir Ali Baloch:** (Notice received on 16-10-2009 at 14:35: p.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure laid-down for reservation of suites/rooms in MNA hostel (Federal Lodges), Islamabad;*
- (b) *the maximum duration for which suites/rooms are allotted in the hostel; and*
- (c) *the names and designation of present allottees/occupants of the said suites/rooms indicating also the date of occupation and payments due/outstanding in each case?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) (i) A written requisition for reservation is made to Deputy Director (Hostels), CDA, at least 74 hours in advance, except in very special cases where at least 24 hours notice is necessary. However, room is allotted subject to availability of suites/rooms.

- (ii) The allotment of newly constructed 18 family suites for Parliamentarians is made by H[’]able Deputy Speaker, National Assembly.
- (b) Accommodation is provided for 15 days, extendable for another 15 days.
- (c) Detail is at Annex ‘A’.

2. ***Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 16-10-2009 at 14:52: p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to lay optical fiber in Balochistan, if so, the details thereof?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) 1. Optical Fiber cable already laid in Balochistan By PTCL

i. **Intercity Backhaul – 1797 KM approx:**

- a. QTA – Karachi: 720 KM
- b. QTA – Chaman: 128 KM
- c. QTA – Loralai: 324 KM
- d. Loralai – DG Khan 250 KMs
- e. QTA – Shikarpur: 375 BKM

ii. **Optical Fiber Access Network (OFAN) intercity**

a. **Quetta:**

- Junction cable: 140 KM (for connectivity of access points)
- Access portion: 77 KM

(b) **HUB City:**

- Junction: 5 KM (for connectivity of access points)
- Access: 10 KM

2. **NTC:**

NTC has already laid of cable from Hub to Gwadar Jiwani upto 250KM

3. **Planned/Under Process:**

- PTCL has recently acquired USF Project to Lay upto 1326 KM OF Cable between Gawadar, Awaran, Jiwani and Turbat.
- Wateen is in progress of upgrading its OF network in addition to projects with USF. Wateen will lay 906 KM of optical fiber cable, connecting 5 un-served Tehsils of Balochistan (Dasht, Noshki, Dalbandin, Mashkhel and Taftan).

4. There is a major development in shape of connecting Iran and Afghanistan through Balochistan *via* Optical Fiber for international connectivity. Once this materializes (in 1-2 years), the significance of Balochistan from Telecommunication development will be greatly enhanced.

5. In addition to optical fiber, other media such as Microwave and Satellite communication are also being used to access remote areas of Balochistan.

3. ***Eng. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan:** (Notice received on 17-10-2009 at 14:30:p.m.)

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

(a) *the number of "D" type quarters in street 26, G-6/2, Islamabad where the CDA has installed / provided water tanks; and*

(b) *the time by which water tanks in remaining quarters of the street will be provided?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) On the request of the occupants, 19 "D" type houses have been provided water tanks in Street No. 26, G-6/2, Islamabad.

(b) As per procedure, remaining underground tanks would be constructed on demand of the occupants, if any, subject to availability of funds and completion of codal formalities.

4. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 19-10-2009 at 12:15:p.m.)

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

(a) the number of officers promoted from grade 19 to 20, 20 to 21 and 21 to 22 during the last three years; and

(b) the procedure adopted for the said promotions?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) Requisite details are tabulated below:—

| | Promotions in Basic Pay Scale | 2006 (since October) | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 (up to September) | |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|------|------|------------------------|-------|
| 8 | 12 | 23 | 54 | | | BS-22 |
| | BS-21 | Nil | 85 | 52 | 96 | |
| | BS-20 | 31 | Nil | 461 | 191 | |

(b) Procedure adopted for promotions is annexed.

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

5. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 19-10-2009 at 14:20:p.m.)

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

(a) the amount of loan received from IMF up to November, 2009;

(b) the amount of interest to be paid on the said loan; and

(c) the details of utilization of the said loan?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) We understand, the question refers to the Stand By Arrangement (SBA) signed with IMF in November, 2008. Under the SBA, IMF agreed to provide an amount of SDR 5169 million equivalent to \$7.6 billion which is 500 percent of the quota to be disbursed in 7 installments over a period of 23 months. In the last Board meeting held on August 7, 2009 IMF approved an augmentation of SBA by 200 percent (SDR 2.067 billion equivalent to US\$3.236 billion), bringing the total financial support to the tune of SDR 7.236 billion (about US\$ 10.854 billion) and extended the period to 25 months. Pakistan has so far received an amount of \$ **6.379** billion upto August, 2009.

(b) The above program carries an interest rate of about 4% per annum of the outstanding facility amount.

(c) The IMF resources, by definition, are meant for Balance of Payments Support and as such the amount received by Pakistan is being used to finance essential imports, shore up the country's FE reserves.

6. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 19-10-2009 at 14:20:p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the details of projects launched under the Benazir Income Sport Programme?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Benazir Income Support Programme was launched by the government to provide relief to the poor segment of the society. Unconditional cash benefit of Rs. 1000/month are being given to the needy. With the sole purpose of empowering women, only the female head of the family or adult female can be the recipient.

Targeting of the beneficiaries was done through the Federal and Provincial Parliamentarians. Each MNA and Senator was given 8,000 and each MPA was given 1,000 application forms to recommend beneficiaries. In AJK 100,000 forms and in Gilgit-Baltistan 50,000 forms were distributed through Members, Legislative Assembly and community leaders.

Inclusion and exclusion criterias were devised. Data entry, data verification and eligibility criteria were applied by NADRA through an MIS. A final list of eligible beneficiaries prepared by NADRA in the form of a database is communicated to Pakistan Post in electronic form and money orders of Rs.2,000/- are printed electronically and distributed every alternate month at the doorstep of the beneficiary.

Update on Forms Processing and payments:

Status of BISP forms received and processed by NADRA as of 25th November, 2009 is as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Forms processed: | 3,262,730 |
| Eligible: | 2,241,434 |
| Ineligible: | 496,075 |
| Rejected: | 525,221 |
| Total amount disbursed so far: | Rs.26.10 Billion |

Reforms of the Targeting Process:

Poverty Survey With the support of World Bank the Government has decided to reform the targeting process to minimize the inclusion and exclusion errors and give equal chance to each one for applying to the Programme for its benefits.

The World Bank approved instrument named "Poverty Scorecard" based on Proxy Means Testing has been adopted and a nationwide Poverty Survey has been planned to identify the poor families.

Hence beneficiary identification through Parliamentarians was stopped on 30th of April 2009.

A Test Phase of the poverty survey has been completed in 15 districts and a nationwide survey will be launched in the next 3 to 4 months.

Programme documents and manuals have been developed by international consultants.

Once the survey results are ready after data entry and verification/validation, a cut-off score will be fixed for payment of benefits. Such present beneficiaries who fall below the cut-off score will continue to be BISP beneficiaries, but others will be eliminated.

While the Test Phase has been financed by the GOP itself, the later nationwide scale roll-out will be financed through a part of the IDA credit of US\$ 60 million.

Three survey organizations were hired to conduct the Test Phase survey. Organization and districts are as under:

- A. **Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN)**
Mianwali, Mirpurkhas, Karak, Ghanchae and Killa Saifullah
- B. **Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF)**
Lakki Marwat, Musakhel, Poonch and Sanghar
- C. **Population Census Organization (PCO)**
Batagram, Multan, Pakpattan, Tharparkar, Diamir and Kech/Turbat.

BISP Emergency Relief Package for FATA/ Swat IDPs, Balochistan Earthquake Affectees and victims of Bomb Blasts/ acts of terrorism

BISP is also implementing an Emergency Relief Package for IDPs of FATA, Swat/Malakand Division and earthquake effectees of Balochistan. Following progress has been made in this regard:

- A total of Rs.28 million has been paid to 3965 families from FATA and Bajaur.
- A total of Rs.26 million has been paid to 3729 earthquake affected families in Balochistan.
- An agreement with United Bank Limited (UBP) has been signed by BISP to pay benefits to 318,126 families of Swat/ Malakand through Benazir cards. The same bank has distributed Rs.25,000/- cash grant to each of these IDPs on behalf of Special Support Group. The BISP benefits will be paid from April 2009 to March 2010 at the rate of Rs.1000 per month. By that time, BISP plans to start poverty survey in these areas.
- Data on the bomb blast victims have been obtained and benefits will be paid to the next of kin in case of a deceased person and the victim in case of injury.

The Rights Source (Waseela-e-Haq) initiative:

- The total data set of BISP present beneficiaries (2.24 million) has been divided into sub groups of 3000 each. One beneficiary has been selected out of each sub group through a computerized draw (random selection) for award of a cash loan of Rs.300,000/-. This one time loan is conditional and the beneficiary will have to spend it for some income generating venture. The amount will be recovered in easy monthly installments over a period of 15 years. The draw will be held each month. So far two draws have been held.

7. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 19-10-2009 at 14:30:p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is ban on the export of sea food items to the European Union countries, if so, the reasons thereof?

Mukhdoom Amin Fahim: No, the export of sea food items for European. Countries is not banned. However, it has been de-listed by EU, the reasons are:—

- a Systematic enforcement failure exists.
- b Sanitary quality of fish is extremely poor posing possible health and Pandemic outbreak risks in the EU.
- c. The inspection commission in April 2007 de. listed all ten fisheries establishments/processing plants exporting fisheries products to EU.

8. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 19-10-2009 at 14:30:p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the volume of trade made with Chile, America and Germany during the last three years with year wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to enhance the trade volume with those countries?*

Mukhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The total volume of trade made with Chile, America and Germany during last three years is given at Annexure-A.

(b) Government has taken several measures to enhance trade volume with these countries including:

- (i) Establishment of first ever trade office in Santiago, Chile. This measure will likely to boost trade volume between the two countries, which was US\$ 76.959 million in 2007-08. Avenues are being explored to exports our defence equipments to Chile through POF. In order to promote trade, TDAP has planned a Pakistan week in Santiago from 17-23rd March, 2010 in coordination with KCCI.
- (ii) Pakistan-U.S. bilateral trade is worth U.S. \$ 7 billion (approx). U.S. is Pakistan's largest export destination and fourth largest imports source- 22% of Pakistan's exports go to U.S. and 8% of our imports are from U.S. Presently as many as four Trade Officers and one Trade Minister are workim, in U.S.A. for promotion of trade between the two countries TDAP has participated in more than 7 exhibitions and send 6 delegations in 2008-09 to -USA. Besides, the Government of Pakistan is making efforts to secure better market access in the U.S. in the short term and long term.
- (iii) Pak-Germany trade volume was U.S. \$ 2.087 billion in 2007-08. Pakistan is making efforts to enter into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the F.U. which would also cover Germany being a member of the E.U. Presently two trade offices one in Berlin and other in Frankfurt, Germany are working for enhancing trade between

the two countries. TDAP has participated in more than 8 exhibitions/trade fairs in Germany. Besides, the European Union (EU) has agreed to negotiate a bilateral Free Trade Agreement with Pakistan and would also consider GSP+ Status to Pakistan. Since Germany is a member of EU, exports of Pakistan to Germany will also increase.

9. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 20-10-2009 at 08:45:a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number and location of various offices of FBR including those of Income Tax and Customs in the country; and*
- (b) *the amount spent on maintenance of those offices during the last three years with year-wise break-up?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) There are 194 offices of FBR and its field offices. The details of location is at Annex-A

(b) The year-wise break-up of amount spent on maintenance of these offices is as under:—

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount in Million</u> |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 2006-07 | 11.521 |
| 2007-08 | 14.954 |
| 2008-09 | <u>14.389</u> |
| Total | 40.864 |

10. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 20-10-2009 at 08:45:a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in FBR during the last three years with year-wise and province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for appointment of the said persons?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) No appointment on regular basis to posts in BPS 1 to 15 has been made in FBR (HQ) during the last three years *i.e.* 2006 to 2008. However, 60 persons have been appointed on contract basis in BS-1 to 15 under the “Assistance Package for Families of Government Employees Who Die in Service” introduced by Establishment Division’s *vide* their O.M. dated 13-06-2006 (Annex-I) duly approved by the Prime Minister of Pakistan. The years wise detail and Province wise break up of appointments referred to above is attached (Annex-II).

(b) All procedural formalities were completed except press advertisement, which was not required in case of deceased employees as per policy of Federal Government circulated *vide* Establishment Division's O.M. No. 7/40/2005.E.2 dated 13-06-2006.

ANNEX-I

**YEARS WISE DETAIL AND PROVINCE WISE BREAK UP OF
APPOINTMENTS MADE ON CONTRACT BASIS IN BS-1 TO 15
UNDER THE "ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR FAMILIES OF
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO DIE IN SERVICE"**

| YEAR | NUMBER OF APPOINTMENT MADE | PROVINCE WISE DETAILS |
|------|-------------------------------|---|
| 2006 | NIL | NIL |
| 2007 | NIL | NIL |
| 2008 | 60 | PUNJAB= 48 NWFP = 08 FATA = 01 SINDH (R) =03 |

11. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 21-10-2009 at 08:40:a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of vehicles in the pool of CDA at present; and*
- (b) *the number of vehicles purchased by that Authority during the last four years?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) 424.

(b) 217 vehicles have been purchased by CDA during the last four years. Detail is as under:—

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| (i) General Vehicles. | 192 |
| (ii) Special Vehicles. | 25 |
| Total | 217 |

12. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 21-10-2009 at 08:40:a.m)

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

- (a) *the funds released to the Electric Enquiry Office, Sector G-6/4, Islamabad for maintenance of government quarters since July, 2006; and*
- (b) *the names and number of various items provided to the said enquiry office during that period and the details of utilization of the same with quarter-wise break up indicating also the available stock?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The year-wise funds released through Maintenance Grant by the Government is at Annex 'A'.

(b) Detail of various items provided to the Enquiry Office, G-6/4 since July, 2006 till todate for attending the daily complaints is at Annexure 'B'.

13. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 21-10-2009 at 08:45: a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the amount of loan and financial assistance received from the foreign countries, foreign and international organizations and friends of Pakistan during the present regime and the details of its utilization?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: Foreign loans and financial assistance received disbursed by the foreign countries, foreign and International Organizations and Friends of Pakistan during the present regime *i.e.* (25-03-2008 to 30-11-2009) amounted to \$ **6,695.9 million** comprising of \$ **756.9 million** grant and \$ **5,939.0 million** loans. Detail is given as under:

14. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 21-10-2009 at 09:00:a.m.)

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

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Yes. Capital Development Authority is planning to install a Cable Car System in Margalla Hills National Park, Islamabad.

Bids for expression of interest have been invited from firms of international repute through advertisement in the international / local press and on CDA website for a comprehensive feasibility study covering Engineering, Operational, Economics, Financial, Social Environmental safety and security aspects. The last date for receipt of pre-qualification documents was 5-11-2009. Eleven applications have been received which are under scrutiny. Short listed firms will be invited to submit technical and financial bids for carry out feasibility study of the project.

15. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-10-2009 at 08:30:a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of cases of corruption surfaced against the officers / officials of FBR during the last three years; and*

(b) *the names and designation of the persons found involved in those cases and the action taken against them?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) 250 cases of corruption surfaced against officers/officials of Federal Board of Revenue during last three years.

(b) List containing the names and designation of the officers/officials found involved in corruption cases indicating action taken against them is Annexed.

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

16. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 22-10-2009 at 09:00:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the details of development schemes for which funds have been approved by the present President and Prime Minister of Pakistan indicating also the amount of funds approved, the amount of funds released, the names and location of the schemes, the estimated cost and the names of parliamentarians or persons on whose recommendations the same were approved or issued in each case?

Reply not received.

17. ***Col.(R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-10-2009 at 10:40:a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of Federal Secretaries re-employed since 2007, indicating also the period of re-employment in each case; and*
- (b) *whether NOC was obtained from the concerned authorities for the said re-employment?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) Total 11 Federal Secretaries were re-employed since 2007. The requisite list of re-employed officers is attached at Annex-I.

(b) All the officers indicated at Annex-I were re-employed with the approval of the competent authority.

18. **Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 24-10-2009 at 09:10:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons in BPS-12 to 22 working in Pakistan Tobacco Board with province-wise break up;*
- (b) *the number of deputationists working in the said Board with grade-wise break up?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The number of persons in BPS-1 to BPS-22 working in Pakistan Tobacco Board with province-wise break up are as under:

19. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 24-10-2009 at 09:10:a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that CDA has invited applications for allotment of plots in Sector 1-16, Islamabad, if so, the time by which the process for that allotment will be completed; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said sector will be developed?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Yes. The allotment process is likely to take about two months.

(b) The major infrastructure has almost been developed except the provision of electricity, gas and water is likely to take some time, for which the required formalities have been completed. However, exact time can not be indicated for the present.

20. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 24-10-2009 at 09:10:a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of persons belonging to Mohmand Agency getting support under Benazir Income Support Programme; and*

(b) *the number of persons belonging to the said Agency given assistance through the "Wasila Haq Project" started under the said programme?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The number of beneficiary families belonging to Mohmand Agency getting support under Benazir Income Support Programme is 2774.

Forms distributed

in Mohmand Agency = 16,000

Forms received = 9,460

Eligible = 2,774

Ineligible = 1,085

Withheld = 5,601

(b) The number of beneficiary families who have been pre-qualified through the computerized balloting for the "Waseela-e-Haq" scheme, belonging to Mohmand Agency, is two. One beneficiary pre-qualified in the first draw and the other beneficiary in the second draw. The Poverty Scorecard Forms for the two pre-qualified beneficiary families have been completed by the Divisional Director (Peshawar Division) and are being processed for verification/validation by NADRA.

21. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 29-10-2009 at 09:15:a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names of authorities not following the laws of Public Procurement Authority and the action taken against the violators?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: All the Public Sector Procuring Agencies are bound to follow Public Procurement Rules 2004 (**Annex-I**). Generally, no Public Sector Procuring Agency violates these Rules. However, due to lack of awareness of these rules, violations are made by some of the procuring agencies which are promptly rectified after being pointed out by PPRA.

- It is pertinent to mention that due to constant monitoring and training of procurement officials of procuring agencies by PPRA, rate of deviations to PP Rules has substantially decreased from 95% in 2004 (the year of implementation of Rules) to 26% in 2009. Details of violations reported are at **Annex-II**.

- PPRA has established an effective system for monitoring and implementation of Public Procurement Rules. All the tender-notices issued by public sector procuring agencies are examined on daily basis, in the light of Public Procurement Rules 2004 and any violation found thereof is promptly conveyed to the Head of the respective procuring agency to take corrective/remedial actions. Subsequent corrective measures are taken by the procuring agency by issuing corrigendum etc.

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

22. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 29-10-2009 at 09:15:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Muslim. Commercial Bank of Pakistan has purchased a foreign bank in Pakistan (Royal Bank of Scotland), if so, whether the State Bank of Pakistan has granted permission for this deal, if not, its reasons?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: MCB Bank Limited entered into an agreement to purchase controlling shares of Royal Bank of Scotland in Pakistan. They have requested the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to grant them permission to conclude the deal. The request is pending with SBP.

23. ***Mr. Muhammad Hamayun Khan:** (Notice received on 24-11-2009 at 15:40:a.m.)

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

(a) the amount of funds allocated for development work in each division of the country under Federal PSDP 2009-2010 and its percentage to the total funds allocated under that PSDP; and

(b) the criteria laid down for allocation of funds in Federal PSDP?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The federal PSDP 2009-10 on recommendations of Annual Plan Coordination Committee (APCC) was cleared by the National Economic Council (NEC) on 04th June, 2009 at a size of Rs 421 billion. It was passed / approved by Parliament as part of finance bill 2009-10.

Funds under federal PSDP are allocated to national level important strategic projects located across the country. However, as per present government's policy of balanced regional development, preference in funds allocation has been made in favour of less developed provinces / areas of the country. The provincial / regional distribution of federal PSDP 2009-10 funds allocations to federal projects located in provinces is given below:

| Province/Region | Allocation (Rs Billion) |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| - All Pakistan | 85.7 |

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| - Punjab | 94.0 |
| - Sindh | 73.3 |
| - NWFP | 46.6 |
| - Balochistan | 55.6 |
| - AJK | 32.3 |
| - FATA | 13.5 |
| - Gilgit-Baltistan | 20.0 |
| Total: | 421.0 |

(b) APCC/NEC was guided by the following criteria for allocation of funds under PSDP 2009-10.

- (i) Maximum allocation to projects which can be completed during 2009-10 followed by projects that are likely to be completed in the next 2 years ensuring regional balanced development.
- (ii) Initiation of important new approved projects/initiatives.
- (iii) Social sector allocations be protected as far as possible.
- (iv) Only un-avoidable bricks and mortar projects be started.
- (v) Un-approved important projects should be only financed with token allocations so that in case projects are approved by the competent forum during the year, initial work such as tender documents, expression of Interest (EOI) could be prepared / invited.

24. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 24-11-2009 at 16:45:a.m.)

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

- (a) *total number of cases, pending before FPSC with department-wise breakup and the duration of pendency;*
- (b) *reasons for undue pendency; and*
- (c) *measures taken to expedite appointment procedure through FPSC, if any?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) List of total number of cases of Ministries/ Divisions/Departments-wise pending before FPSC with break up is given at Annex-A.

(b) No undue pendency is caused by the Commission. However, the recruitment process consumes time. The prescribed procedure is at Annex-B.

(c) Measures taken to expedite recruitment:—

- (i) FPSC is in the process of Revamping of General Recruitment Process mainly shifting from the manual work to automation. For this purpose, under Public Sector Capacity Building Project (PSCBP), the Consultants have studied the Recruitment

system of FPSC and submitted following reports for improvements in the system which are being evaluated for implementation.

- (a) Revamping the Central Superior Services Competitive Examination System.
- (b) Revamping of Psychological Assessment Procedure.
- (c) Revamping of General Recruitment System.

(Annexures have been placed on the table of the House as well as library)

25. ***Mr. Muhammad Hamayun Khan:** (Notice received on 25-11-2009 at 08:57:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Statistics be pleased to state:

- (a) the population of each division and its percentage of the total population of the country and province concerned with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) the population of each province?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The last Population and Housing Census was undertaken in March 1998. The population of Pakistan its provinces and divisions alongwith percentage of total population of Pakistan and provinces is given at Annex-A.

(b) The population of each province is as under:—

| Area | Population |
|-------------|------------|
| NWFP | 17,743,645 |
| FATA | 3,176,331 |
| PUNJAB | 73,621,290 |
| SINDH | 30,439,893 |
| BALUCHISTAN | 6,565,885 |
| ISLAMABAD | 805,235 |

26. ***Mr. Abbas Khan:** (Notice received on 02-12-2009 at 14:00:p.m.)

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

- (a) whether the pay and pension committee has completed and submitted its report to the Government, if not, its reasons; and*
- (b) the time by which the new pay scales for the Government Employees will be announced and the date from which the same will be implemented?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Pay & Pension Commission – 2009 has not yet completed and submitted its Report to the Government as it has not been able to finalize its recommendations due to the following reasons:—

- (i) During the meetings of the Pay and Pension Commission held in the Provincial Capitals, preliminary recommendations of the Commission were discussed with the Provincial Governments. The Provincial Governments had however desired to finalise the recommendations of the Commission after the finalisation of the Award of National Finance Commission.
- (ii) The Commission is yet to hold a consultative meeting with the Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir. The said meeting could not be held so far due to the changing political situation in Azad Jammu & Kashmir and involvement of the key Members of the Commission in the meetings of NFC. The Government has now allowed extension in the time frame given to the Pay & Pension Commission in the submission of its Report by six months *i.e.* upto 23-3-2010.

(b) The revised pay scales will be announced after submission of recommendations by the Pay & Pension Commission and will be implemented subsequently after the approval by the Government.

27. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 03-12-2009 at 15:00:p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the USA provided 15 billion dollars to the Government of Pakistan since 2001, if so, its details with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the details of utilization of the said amount with province-wise break up indicating also the agencies / departments through which the said amount was utilized?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) US Government provided US\$ 14,529,765,000 grant assistance to GoP since 2002-2009:

Year wise break up:

Amount in US\$

| 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2,188,407,000 | 1,748,840,000 | 1,095,987,000 | 1,688,656,000 | 1,668,041,000 |
| 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Total | |
| 1,632,146,000 | 1,817,600,000 | 2,690,088,000 | 14,529,765,000 | |

(b) Grant assistance program of the US Government is not province specific. They spend the grant assistance in different social sectors through their implementing partners/contractors across the country. Now, the US Government is seriously considering, the proposal for channeling their future assistance through GoP Platform. Further US Government has provided Budgetary Support, assistance to IDPs, Benazir Income Support Program and HEC through Government Platform. FATA development program is also being executed through FATA Development Authority, Government of NWFP.

Agency wise break up of US assistance is as under:—

| | |
|--|---|
| (i) USAID, Economic Assistance through Implementing partners | US\$ 3,941,640,000 |
| (ii) Military Assistance (collation support fund) spent through Agencies of Pakistan Armed forces. | US\$ 10,113,272,000 |
| (iii) Law Enforcement (NAS)through Special Development Unite, NWFP/ FATA development authority. | US\$ 435,354,000 |
| (iv) Diplomacy | <u>US\$ 39,499,000</u> US\$ 14,529,765,000 |

28. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 05-12-2009 at 11:45:a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and other particulars of the persons, firms and companies, etc. , whose loans were writing off by the Banks and Government financial instructions since 1980 indicating also the reasons for writing off those loans and the amount written off in each case; and*
- (b) *whether is any proposal under consideration of the Government to recover the said loans, if so, when?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The matter was referred to State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The Central Bank has furnished the information which is not complete. Collection and compilation of data may take some time. Finance Division may, therefore, be granted lead time for an initial period of one month for submission of reply.

- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

29. ***Mr. Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 07-12-2009 at 12:45:p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the quantum and value of various varieties of fertilizers imported during the last three years and current financial year with year-wise and variety-wise break up indicating also the names of importers and the names of countries from which the same were imported; and*

(b) whether the quality of the said fertilizers was checked, if so, the details thereof?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The aggregate quantity of different fertilizers imported during last three years is as under:—

| <u>Period</u> | <u>Qty. imported</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2006-07 | 1461702 MT |
| 2007-08 | 2003807 MT |
| 2008-09 | 1203644 MT |
| 2009-10 (Jul-Nov) | 705,805 MT |

Source: FBS.

The details of different fertilizers imported including their sources are at Annex-I. Details of fertilizer importers as given by FBR at Annex-II.

(b) As under the Import Policy Order 2009, fertilizers are freely importable and there is no requirement for quality check, therefore fertilizers are not tested at the time of import

(Annexures have been placed on the table of the House as well as library).

30. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 08-12-2009 at 16:55:p.m.)

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

(a) *the number of applications received for allotment of 5 marla and 7 marla plots in sector I-16, Islamabad announced by the CDA in October/ November, 2009;*

(b) *the number of plots available in that sector with sub sector wise and size wise break up; and*

(c) *the date on which draws for allotment of those plots will be held and the amount of deposited by unsuccessful applicants will be refunded?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) 914 applications for 5 marla plots and 973 applications for 7 marla plots have been received.

(b) The availability of plots is as follows:—

(i) 771 Nos. 5 marla plots in following sub-sectors.

| <u>S.#</u> | <u>Sub-Sector</u> | <u>No. of Plots</u> | <u>Size of plots</u> |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| i. | I-16/1 | 05 | 25x50 |
| ii. | I-16/2 | 188 | -do- |
| iii. | I-16/3 | 40 | -do- |

iv. I-16/4 538 -do-

(ii) 551 Nos. 7 marla plots in following sub-sectors

| S.# | Sub-Sector | No. of Plots | Size of plots |
|------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| i. | I-16/1 | 02 | 30x60 |
| ii. | I-16/2 | 102 | -do- |
| iii. | I-16/3 | 04 | -do- |
| iv. | I-16/4 | 443 | -do- |

(iii) Total Plots 1322 (771+551)

(c) Date of balloting has not yet been fixed but it is likely to be held before 30th January, 2010. All unsuccessful applicants will get refund of their deposits in the shortest possible time.

31. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 12-12-2009 at 15:00: p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 5 replied on 29th April, 2009 and state the present stage of Indus Bank case before the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the time by which joint official liquidator will start payments to the depositors of that bank?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: Supreme Court in its judgment dated May 13, 2009 has upheld the stance of SBP regarding the cancellation of license of Indus Bank Ltd, Under liquidation (IBL U/L) and has set aside the judgment of Sindh High Court dated July 11, 2002.

Peshawar High Court had earlier appointed three Joint Official Liquidators but two of them have left for various reasons. SBP has initiated request before Peshawar High Court to allow the sole liquidator to monitor the affairs of the bank (under liquidation). Next date of hearing is January 18, 2010. Once the Peshawar High Court grants the approval, the liquidator would start making payments to the depositors after mobilization of the assets.

31-A. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-12-2009 at 14:00: p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the export of textile products witnessed decrease during the financial year 2008-09, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to increase the export of said products?*

Mukhadoom Amin Fahim: (a) Yes, the export of textile products have decreased from US\$ 10.6 billion to US\$ 9.6 billion during the year 2008-09 due to the following reasons:

- i. There was major decline in global demand and all leading exporting countries have experienced significant decline. The global trade has declined by 9% and Pakistan is facing the same challenges of global slow-down.
 - ii. The textiles trade globally is through a process of re-adjoornment after quota phase out and the textile industry in Pakistan is adversely affected by the severe competition faced, thereof.
 - iii. Pakistan's competitors are giving tough challenge by virtue of their competitiveness. They are subsidizing exports and thus securing larger market share.
 - iv. The cost factors viz. gas power, labor and financial cost has increased substantially in last couple of years, which have increased the cost of production of textile products. The textile industry is unable to pass on this increase to its buyers due to tough competition on one hand and price war on the other. Law and order situation in last couple of years has negatively affected the industry.
 - v. Besides increase in financial cost, the exports are subject to 1.00% turn over tax and 0.25% export development surcharge on sales. In addition, there is a big impact of labour levies which in current situation are impacting the industry when it is facing global slow-down, simultaneously.
- (b) Government has taken the following steps/initiatives for the promotion of textile industry:—
- i. First ever Textile Policy 2009-14 was approved by the Cabinet on 12th August 2009. The Policy entails short terms and long terms measures to enhance competitiveness of the textiles sector.
 - ii. Payment of the outstanding claims of R &D supports Scheme.
 - iii. Grant of interest rate subsidy to spinning sector on bank loans and its extension for one year.
 - iv. Continuation of Long Terms Export Financing (LTEF) Scheme by SBP.
 - v. Initiation and continuation of Stitching Machine Operator Training (SMOT) Scheme.
 - vi. Establishment of Garment Cities in Karachi, Lahore & Faisalabad and Textile City in Karachi.

31-B. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-12-2009 at 14:40:p.m.)

Will the Minister for Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of Industrial Units in Sindh privatized since 2007 indicating also the number of bidders participated and the amount of three highest bids offered in each case; and*

(b) the amount received through privatization of those units and its utilization?

Mr. Waqar Ahmed Khan: (a) None of the industrial units in Sindh has been provatized since 2007.

(b) N/A

ISLAMABAD:
The 11th January, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Tuesday, the 12th January, 2010

1. **Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 21-10-2009 at 08:45:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the details of foreign loans and aid received by Government during the regime of General (R) Pervez Musharraf and details of its utilizations?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: Foreign loans and aid received by the Government during the regime of General (R) Pervez Musharraf *i.e.* (12-10-1999 to 24-03-2008) amounted to \$ **26,330.2 million** comprising of \$ **21,015.2 million** loans and \$ **5,315.0 million** grant. The amount was utilized (disbursed) for the following purpose:

2. **Begum Najma Hameed:**(Notice received on 26-10-2009 at 09:30: a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the number of vehicles with their model and price purchased by Ministry of Commerce and its attached departments during last five years including 2008-09?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: The details of vehicles with their model and price purchased by Ministry of Commerce and its Attached Departments during the last five years including 2008-09 are placed below at (Annexure-I).

3. **Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-10-2009 at 09:30:a.m.)

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

(a) the number of employees of CDA against whom complaints alleging corruption have been received since 12 October, 1999; and

(b) the number out of them, against whom disciplinary actions were taken, along-with their names, designation and the penalty imposed?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) 339 Nos.

(b) The list of 108 employees, against whom disciplinary actions were taken, is annexed.

4. **Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 23-11-2009 at 09:30:a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of officers working in National Bank of Pakistan, Zari Taraqiati Bank and other Government and semi-Government Banks in the country with province wise break up; and
- (b) the number of the said officers promoted during the last five years with region-wise break up?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) There are two categories of banks *i.e.* public and private sector banks. The banks falling in purview of public sector are National Bank of Pakistan (NBP), First Women Bank Ltd (FWBL), SME Bank Ltd, Zarai Taraqiati Bank Ltd (ZTBL) and Industrial Development Bank of Pakistan (IDBP). The total number of regular officers working in these banks with province wise breakup is as follows:—

| | NBP | FWBL | SME | ZTBL | IDBP |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Sindh | 3,378 | 101 | 14 | 810 | 34 |
| Punjab | 5,779 | 89 | 65 | 1,594 | 36 |
| NWFP | 1,537 | 18 | 31 | 481 | 17 |
| Balochistan | 464 | 1 | 2 | 199 | 10 |
| AJK | 332 | 1 | 4 | 42 | 1 |
| Islamabad | 50 | 6 | - | 553 | - |
| Gilgit Baltistan/NA | 47 | - | 1 | 31 | 2 |
| FATA | - | - | 3 | - | 1 |
| Grand Total | 11,587 | 216 | 120 | 3,710 | 101 |

(b) The number of regular officers promoted during the last five years +in NBP, FWBL, SME Bank Ltd, ZTBL and IDBP, with Province wise break up is as follows:—

| | *NBP | FWBL | SME | ZTBL | IDBP |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Sindh | 3,467 | 50 | 1 | 552 | 5 |
| Punjab | 5,406 | 28 | 1 | 878 | 3 |
| NWFP | 1,382 | 8 | - | 338 | 1 |
| Balochistan | 480 | - | - | 123 | - |
| AJK | 349 | - | - | 23 | - |
| 52 | 22 | - | 297 | - | - |
| Gilgit Baltistan/NA | 45 | - | - | 22 | - |
| Grand Total | 11,181 | 108 | 2 | 2,233 | 9 |

*Most of the employees were promoted twice during the last five years. Moreover, employees from clerical cadre have been promoted to Officers cadre during the same period.

5. **Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 23-11-2009 at 09:30: a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of officers appointed on regular and on contract basis in the National Bank of Pakistan during the last three years with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of posts of officers still lying vacant in the branches of the Bank in Balochistan?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) NBP appointed 565 officers on regular basis and 697 officers on contract basis during the last three years as per following provincial break-up:—

| Province | Appointment in 2007-2009 | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| | Regular | Contract | |
| Sindh | 128 | 374 | |
| Punjab | 303 | 246 | |
| Balochistan | 19 | 17 | |
| NWFP | 99 | 35 | |
| AJK | 16 | 25 | |
| 565 | 697 | | Total |

(b) At present, 262 posts of General Banking Officers are lying vacant in the branches of the Bank in Balochistan, for which recruitment process has been initiated.

6. **Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-12-2009 at 09:30:a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the officers working in CDA and of those working on deputation basis in CDA indicating also the dates since when they are working in that authority?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Lists showing the names of officers in BS-17 to BS-20, working in CDA on regular basis and on deputation basis, with place of domicile and dates since when working are at Annexes “A” and “B”

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

7. **Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-12-2009 at 09:30: a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of officers in BPS-17 and above working in the authorities, attached departments and other offices under the administrative control of the Cabinet Division with province-wise break-up?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Province-wise detail of Officers in BPS-17 and above working in the Cabinet Division and its attached departments/autonomous bodies under the administrative control of the Cabinet Division is as under:—

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RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
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