

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 11th June, 2009

70. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 30-04-2009 at 13:28 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that search lights have been installed in Sector 1-9/4 but the same have not been installed around block Nos. 23,25,27 and 29 Cat. V of that sector, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said lights will be installed around those blocks also?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) It is a fact that search lights have been installed in Sector 1-9/4 between the blocks of Cat-III and IV. However, search lights around Block Nos. 23, 25, 27 and 29, Cat-V, Sector I-9/4 have not so far been installed due to non-availability of funds during the current financial year.

(b) CDA has planned that search lights around block No. 23, 25, 27 and 29, Cat-V, Sector 1-9/4 shall be installed in the next financial year 2009-2010.

71. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 30-04-2009 at 13:28 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that extra water supply line has been laid in block Nos. 24,26,28 and 30, Cat V, Sector 1-9/4 Islamabad while the same has not been laid in block Nos. 27 and 29 of that Sector, if so, reasons; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said line will be laid in those blocks also?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) No extra water supply line for block No. 24, 26, 28 and 30, Cat.V, Sector 1-9/4 has been laid. CDA replaced only the existing line at appropriate level to ensure proper supply of water at par with other blocks. Block No. 27 and 29 are at lower elevation and already receiving water at par with other blocks from the existing line. Therefore, its replacement is not required.

(b) Not applicable.

73. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 02-05-2009 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that un-necessary growth of trees and grass in the premises of the F.G. Benazir Bhutto Intermediate College for Women G-7/2, Islamabad is posing life threat to students due to presence of snakes therein, if so, the time by which such dangerous trees and grass shall be removed?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: CDA maintains the outer side of the premises of Educational Institutions. Wild growth has been cleared from the out side of the Federal Government Benazir Bhutto Intermediate College for Women, G-7/2, Islamabad.

The maintenance work within the premises of Educational Institutions do not come under the Jurisdiction of CDA. These are either maintained by Pak PWD or by the staff of the concerned Institutions.

74. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 02-05-2009 at 11:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the names and place of domicile of the members of council of common interest; and*
- (b) the procedure and tenure of appointment of the said members?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) As provided in Article 153 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Council of Common Interests, as last constituted on 6th July 2006, was composed of the Prime Minister, Provincial Chief Ministers, Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination, Minister for Narcotics Control and Minister for States & Frontier Regions.

(b) Appointment and tenure of members of Council of Common Interests is regulated by Article 153 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with rule 15-A(1)/ Schedule V-B of Rules of Business 1973. Besides the Chief Ministers of the Provinces, an equal number of members from the Federal Government are nominated by the Prime Minister from time to time. The President of Pakistan is the authority to appoint the members of Council of Common Interests.

75. ***Syed Javed Ali Shah:** (Notice received on 02-05-2009 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the criteria and procedure being adopted for conferment of Civil and Military awards by the President of Pakistan?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The criteria and procedure being adopted for conferment of Civil and Military awards by the President of Pakistan are at Annex-I and II respectively.

Annex-I

**CABINET DIVISION
(AWARDS WING)**

**CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE BEING ADOPTED FOR
CONFERMENT OF CIVIL & MILITARY AWARDS BY THE PRESIDENT OF
PAKISTAN**

General

Pakistan civil awards are conferred by the President on the citizens of Pakistan and foreign nationals under the provision of Article 259 (2) of the Constitution, 1973 read with Decorations Act, 1975. The Civil Awards comprise of five Orders and the President's Award for Pride of Performance, as under:—

- (i) The Order of Pakistan
- (ii) The Order of Shuja'at
- (iii) The Order of Imtiaz
- (iv) The Order of Quaid-i-Azam
- (v) The Order of Khidmat, and
- (vi) The President's Award for Pride of Performance

Each Order has four descending categories, namely, Nishan, Hilal, Sitara and Tamgha.

Criteria for Civil Awards

The criteria for conferring various awards are as under:—

- (a) 'Order of Pakistan' shall be awarded to the Heads of States/Governments and those who have rendered services of highest distinction to the State, or those who have rendered services of national importance. Only foreign nationals are eligible for these awards.
- (b) 'Order of Shuja'at' shall be awarded for acts of heroism and conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger and for gallantry in saving or attempting to save life and the awards in this Order may also be conferred posthumously. Both foreign and Pakistani nationals are eligible for these awards.
- (c) 'Order of Imtiaz' shall be awarded to those who have attained academic distinction in the fields of science, art, literature or distinction in the field of sports and nursing or for rendering dedicated services with selfless devotion in human rights and public service and the awards in this order may also be conferred posthumously. Both foreign and Pakistani nationals are eligible for these awards.
- (d) 'Order of Quaid-i-Azam' shall be awarded for special merit, or of eminent services to Pakistan especially where services have been rendered free to the poorer sections of the community. Only foreign nationals are eligibli for these awards.

- (e) 'Order of Khidmat' shall be awarded for long and meritorious services nation-building activity, especially in connection with services rendered to the poorer sections of the community. Only foreign nationals are eligible, for these awards.
- (f) 'President's Award for Pride of Performance' is conferred in recognition of notable achievement in the fields of art, science, literature, sports or nursing. Both foreign and Pakistani nationals are eligible for these awards.

Minimum Period Between two Awards

- (a) A minimum period of five years should elapse before a person is considered for a second award (excluding exceptional cases).

The fields of activity mentioned in preceding paragraph for making the recommendations are further elaborated as under:—

- (a) 'gallantry' includes an act of bravery, heroism, courage and for rendering services with selfless devotion in the field of human rights and public service;
- (b) 'academic distinction' includes research, achievement or performance medicine, science, engineering, technology, philosophy, history, literature or the arts;
- (c) the term 'arts' includes the performing arts *i.e.* drama, music, recitation, in addition to literature and the fine arts;
- (d) invention of national importance.
- (e) "meritorious service in the Armed Force" means service rendered by the members of the armed Forces in peace or war or Emergency or in relation. to any national historic occasion which is worthy of decoration.

PROCEDURE

1. *Invitation for the Recommendations for Civil Awards.*—Recommendations for civil awards are invited by the Cabinet Division from Ministries/Divisions and Provincial Governments in December every year. The recommendations so received are considered by the following Committees:—

- (1) Awards Sub-Committee on Arts & Literature.
- (2) Awards Sub-Committee on Science, Engineering & Education.
- (3) Main Awards Committee.

2. *Meetings of the Committees and Submission of the Summary to President for his approval.*—Meetings of different Awards Committees are held during the months of May-July every year. The procedure relating to meetings of the Awards Committees and submission of summary on awards to the President, through the Prime Minister, are completed before the Independence Day (14th August). A summary of recommendations of the Main Awards Committee is then submitted

to the President through the Prime Minister for final approval. After the President's approval the awards are announced on the Independence Day (14th August) and their investiture takes place on the following Pakistan Day (23rd March). In addition to this the President may confer and invest awards on foreign nationals any time during the year.

Recommendations for Foreigners/Pakistani Immigrants

For making recommendations in respect of distinguished foreigners and the Pakistani immigrants who have rendered or are rendering valuable services to Pakistan in other countries in various fields, views of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are essential who consult the heads of Pakistan Missions abroad before finalizing their views in such cases.

Recommendations in the Fields of Science and Technology

Recommendations for grant of awards in the fields of science and technology, (other than those relating to PAEC and KRL), are required to be routed through the Science and Technological Research Division.

Recommendations for Policemen

Policemen's cases for civil awards (whether in category of Shuja'at or Imtiaz) should be first reviewed by a Committee comprising Interior Secretary and the IGPs keeping in view the instructions pertaining to such Awards. Cases will be considered by Cabinet Division Committee on Awards only where such cases have been received with the recommendations of this Police Awards Committee.

Special Investiture Ceremonies

Special Investiture Ceremonies may be held on any date to confer awards on foreign dignitaries visiting Pakistan. Such foreign dignitaries usually include heads of states/governments and the heads of international organizations/bodies. The Ministries, Divisions and Provincial Governments are required to process their recommendations for conferment of such awards, in the special investiture ceremonies through the Cabinet Division and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

76. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 04-05-2009 at 11:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the names, designation, educational qualifications and length of service of the officers in BPS-16-18 working in the Staff Welfare Organization;*
- (b) the prescribed period required for the promotion of the said officers to the next grades;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that some posts of Deputy Directors are going to be upgraded and the incumbents of those posts are to be promoted to BPS-19, if so, the names and length of service of those incumbents; and*
- (d) whether it is also a fact that a number of officers senior to the said incumbents will be superseded in that Up-gradation, if so, the reasons for this disparity?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) There are eight officers in BPS-18, fifteen in BPS-17 and thirty-seven in BPS-16. The details are at Annexure-I.

(b) According to SRO dated 26th April, 1988 (copy at annexure-II), the conditions of eligibility for promotion include length of service as follows:—

BPS-18 to BPS-19 = 12 years service in BPS-17 and above or
7 years in BPS-18.

BPS- 17 to BPS-18 = 5 years in BPS-17

BPS-16 to BPS-17 = 3 years in BPS-16

(c) Yes. There is a proposal for up-gradation of the post of Deputy Director(SWO), as personal to the incumbent as there is no avenue for promotion and the officer has spent above 20 years in the same scale. As per Recruitment Rules only Chief Welfare Officers (BS-18) are eligible for promotion to the existing post of Director (BS-19) and they are promoted to this post on seniority-*cum*-fitness basis as and when the post falls vacant.

(d) No.

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

77. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 04-05-2009 at 11:17 a.m.)

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

(a) *the amount collected as Federal taxes during the last 10 years with head-wise, province-wise and year-wise break-up; and*

(b) *the number of NFC award announced by the Government and the amount paid to the provinces under those awards during the said period with year-wise break-up?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The FBR collects taxes on federal basis and does not classify, categorize and compile the tax data on provincial basis. (Head- wise & year-wise data is attached at **Annex-A**)

(b) In the last 10 years, no NFC Award was announced. The amount paid to provinces under federal taxes, with year-wise break-up for the last 10 years is at **Annex-B**.

78. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-05-2009 at 11:20 a.m.)

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

(a) *the names and place of domicile of the members of National Economic council; and*

(b) *the procedure and tenure of appointment of the said members?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) List containing names and place of domicile of the members of National Economic Council is placed at **Annex-I**.

(b) The members of National Economic Council are appointed under Article 156 of the Constitution of Pakistan by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister in terms of Rule 15-A (I) and Serial No.5 of Schedule V-B of the Rules of Business 1973 (**Annex-II**).

Annex-II

EXTRACT OF RULE-15-A OF RULES OF BUSINESS 1973

15-A. Reference to the President

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions made in these rules, where in terms of any provision of the Constitution any function is to be performed or any orders have to be issued by the President or his specific approval is required, the Division concerned shall incorporate a paragraph to this effect in the summary entitled as “Summary for the Prime Minister”. The Prime Minister shall render his advice and submit the case to the President. After the President has seen and approved the case, it shall be returned to the Prime Minister. The cases to which this sub-rule applies are enumerated in Schedule V-B.

79. ***Syed Javed Ali Shah:** (Notice received on 05-05-2009 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of persons reinstated in the Intelligence Bureau (IB) since March, 2009, with rank-wise break-up; and*

(b) *the criteria adopted for the reinstatement of the said persons?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The rank-wise break-up is as under:—

S. No.	Name of Post	Total	Letters Issued	No. of Joined
1.	Director (BS-19) on contract	1	1	—
2.	Assistant Director (BS-17)	119	119	69
3.	Inspector (BS-16)	655	648	445
4.	Sub-Inspector (BS- 14)	230	229	166
5.	Assistant Sub-Inspector (BS-09)	205	204	126
6.	Head Constable (BS-07)	91	91	53
7.	Constable (BS-05)	236	234	159
8.	Drivers/Dispatch Rider (BS-04)	21	21	16
9.	Naib Constable (BS-01)	63	62	47
10.	Sweeper (BS-01)	133	133	90
11.	Gestetner Operator (BS-04)	02	01	1

Total	1755	1742	1171
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(b) The reinstatement has been made in accordance with the Sacked Employees (Reinstatement) Ordinance-2009, please.

80. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 06-05-2009 at 09:40 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 open new residential sectors in Islamabad during 2009, if so, its details?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Yes. CDA has planned to open 7 new Sectors. The Sectors are C-13, D-13, E-13, F-13, C-14, C-15 and C-16. The award of land for all these Sectors has been announced. These Sectors are being acquired on land sharing basis. Every owner of 04 kanals land will be allotted a plot of 500 sq.yd. The acquisition process is likely to be completed by December, 2009. The Sectors are likely to be developed by 2011.

81. ***Syed Javed Ali Shah:** (Notice received on 08-05-2009 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number and cost of vehicles purchased for central pool of cars from 2006 to 2009; and*

(b) *the member of the said vehicles which are bullet proof?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Cabinet Division Central Pool of Cars purchased only one vehicle in year, 2007. Five vehicles are being purchased this year whose delivery is expected in June, 2009. The detail is as under:—

Year	Make & Type	No. of Vehicles	Total Cost
2006	Nil	Nil	Nil
2007	Honda Civic Vti 1.6	01	Rs.1,256,500/-
2008	Nil	Nil	Nil
2009	Honda Civic Vti, 1.8	05	Rs.9,437,500/-

(b) None of the above cars is bullet proof.

82. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 11-05-2009 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications and responsibilities of the consultants presently working in Government departments including the Ministry of Finance and FBR in connection with the IMF programmes indicating also the pay, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: T h e G o v e r n m e n t h a s n o t e n g a g e d t h e services of any Consultant for the preparation or execution of any IMF Programme including the Stand-By-Arrangement signed with the International Monetary Fund in November, 2008.

83. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 11-05-2009 at 11:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to write off the interest levied on farmers loans?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

84. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 12-05-2009 at 09:50 a.m.)

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

(a) *the function and objectives of the Intellectual Property Rights Organization (IPRO);*

(b) *the date of establishment of the said organization;*

(c) *the achievements of the said organization during the last five years with year-wise break up;*

(d) *the qualification of the present Director-General of the said Organization alongwith his date and tenure of appointment; and*

(e) *the monthly salary and privileges admissible to him at present?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan was established as an integrated organization to provide for the protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Pakistan. Detail of the functions of the organization is given in **Annex-I**.

(b) Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan was established on April 08, 2005 through Intellectual Property Organization Ordinance, 2005.

(c) Salient features of the objectives achieved by IPO- Pakistan and its performance since establishment in April, 2005 are attached as **Annex-II**.

(d) The present Director General, IPO-Pakistan is B.A, L.L.B. He has been appointed on contract on December 23, 2008 for a period of two years.

(e) Monthly salary of the Director General	Rs. 145,000 - 15,000—190,000.
House rent allowance	60 % of the basic pay
Utility Charges	10 % of the running basic pay

Medical allowance	10 % of the running basic pay
Orderly allowance	Rs 5,000/- per month.
Official Car	1300 cc
Fuel limit	360 litters per month

Annex-I

FUNCTIONS OF IPO-PAKISTAN

1. Administer and coordinate all government systems for the protection and strengthening of intellectual property rights under the following laws and the rules and regulations made thereunder;

- (i) The Trade Marks Ordinance, 2001 (XIX of 2001).
- (ii) The Copyrights Ordinance, 1962 (XXXIV of 1962).
- (iii) The Patents Ordinance, 2000 (LXI of 2000).
- (iv) The Registered Designs Ordinance, 2000 (XLV of 2000).
- (v) The Registered Layout-Designs of Integrated Circuits Ordinance, 2000 (XLIX of 2000).

2. Prescribe, regulate or implement measures and standards on any matter related to or connected with intellectual property right;

3. Accredite or certify and regulate any person as intellectual property agent;

4. Levy such charges or fees as may be reasonable for services and facilities provided by the Organization and its constituent offices;

5. Carry out such other works or activities as may be deemed by the Organization to be necessary, with a view to making the best use of the assets of the organization;

6. Coordinate, monitor or engage, in conjunction with other authorities, international agencies or Organizations, in any study or cooperation project related to intellectual property;

7. Enter into contracts for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works as may be necessary for the discharge of any of its duties and functions;

8. Supervise and coordinate the working of all intellectual property offices including the Patent Office, Trade Marks Registry and Copyright Office;

9. Evolve and maintain a system to provide access to public documents and information relating to any intellectual property kept or maintained by the Organization;

10. Advise the Government of Pakistan on policy relating to intellectual property rights;

11. Plan for development and up-gradation of the intellectual property infrastructure and capacity in Pakistan;

12. Promote education and research in the field of intellectual property;
13. Advise the Federal Government regarding the international negotiations in the area of intellectual property;
14. Engage in human resource development of its officers and staff;
15. promote awareness about intellectual property issues in the public and private sector;
16. Liaise and interact with counterpart Intellectual Property related organizations in other countries for capacity building and exchange of information;
17. Propose and initiate intellectual property rights legislation for the protection of intellectual property rights in Pakistan;
18. Initiate and monitor the enforcement and protection of intellectual property rights through designated law enforcement agencies of the government and collect related data and information. The law enforcement agencies shall keep the Organization regularly and appropriately informed of their actions and operations against violations of intellectual property rights and ensure full liaison and cooperation with the Organization;
19. Develop working manuals, references, materials and procedures in order to assist in improving the protection of intellectual property rights;
20. Coordinate the implementation of foreign-aided technical assistance projects on intellectual property; and
21. Perform and carry out any other act, thing or function relating to intellectual property assigned to it by the Board or the Federal Government.

Annex-II

Awareness/IP Education Initiatives

- ✿ Over 10,000 persons including government officers of relevant organizations, judges, students, professors, lawyers, businessmen, etc. have been trained in local training programmes.
- ✿ Approximately 300 persons including officers of IPO-Pakistan, relevant government organizations, universities, judges, and IP enforcement agencies such as Customs, Police and FIA have received foreign training sponsored by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and other international organizations.
- ✿ 14 seminars/workshops, 02 round table conferences and one Intellectual Property Conference have been arranged.
- ✿ 11 Training sessions with Chambers of Commerce and 06 sessions with Bar Associations have been held.

- ✱ 75 one day training lectures have been held with IP stakeholders in Universities.
- ✱ IP Academy in IPO-Pakistan have arranged two one day training sessions for training of over 100 stakeholders and law students.

Improvement of IP Registries Service Delivery

- ✱ Computerization of IP Registries.
- ✱ Installation of Industrial Property Administration System (IPAS) for quick search of data resulting in reduction of time period from 36 months to 3 months of processing of applications of Trade Marks.

Coordination with IP Enforcement Agencies

- ✱ Liaison with all enforcement agencies including FIA, Pakistan Customs, Police regarding IPR violations resulting in 67, 370, and 3498 IPR violations by FIA, Customs and Police respectively.

Miscellaneous activities

- ✱ Liaison with Pakistani trade missions to briefing on IP issues and rebutting international reports portraying false IP situation in Pakistan.
- ✱ Constitution of Copyright Board for hearing of appeals against the decisions of Registrar of Copyrights.
- ✱ Amendments in the 4th Schedule of Trade Marks Rules, 2004 to bring classification of goods and services in conformity with the internationally recognized Nice Classification for goods and services.
- ✱ A bill on “Geographical Indication” is under process.
- ✱ A bill on Plant Breeders Rights is under process.

85. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 15-05-2009 at 09:00 a.m)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs.8 billion was approved for rehabilitation of the flood affectees of Balochistan of 2007; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said amount has not been provided to those affectees so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which it will be provided to them?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) An amount of Rs.8.0 billion was approved by Prime Minister’s Secretariat for rehabilitation of flood affectees in Balochistan of 2007 (Annex-I). However, it was decided that a compensation of Rs.85,000/- per household may be provided to Government of Balochistan.

(b) An amount of Rs.1.300 billion has already been released to Government of Balochistan. Out of this amount, Government of Balochistan has spent an amount of Rs.1,034.180 million (**Details given at Annex-II**).

As regard the release of more funds, the same is being considered by M/o Finance in consultation with Cabinet Division and Prime Minister's Secretariat and will be made available to Government of Balochistan in the Financial Year 2009-10.

Annex-I

PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT ISLAMABAD

*Subjt:—*REPORT ON FLOOD RELIEF MEASURES/ACTIVITIES

The Prime Minister has been pleased to approve the following compensation package for rehabilitation of flood affectees in Sindh and Balochistan:—

(i) Sindh	Rs. 6.00 billion
(ii) Balochistan	Rs. 8,00 billion
Total:	Rs. 14.00 billion

2. The grants will be utilized as under:—

- (a) Compensation @ Rs. 100,000/- per destroyed house for about 29,878 houses in Sindh and 41,718 in Balochistan. Home Ministers of the respective provinces shall be involved in the process;
- (b) The balance amounts will be utilized by the respective provinces for compensation of loss of livestock, while the remaining portions spent on restoration of sanitation and water supply schemes etc.

3. Director General, NDMA/Provincial Governments shall ensure authenticity of the individual claims.

4. Rs. 100,000 for destroyed houses shall be given after due verification and the exact estimates for requirements at para 2(b) above shall be submitted separately to assess the requirement of funds.

5. Finance Division may release the requisite funds, accordingly.

Sd/-
Nasir Mahmood Khusa
Acting Principal Secretary
to the Prime Minister
27-02-2008.

Finance Secretary:
No.201/PSPM/08

cc. Cabinet Secretary
Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi
Chief Secretary, Govt. of Balochistan, Quetta.

Annex-II

No. FD(SO-COORD:)1-4/2008/82
GOVERNMENT OF BALOCHISTAN
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Dated Quetta, the 11th February, 2009

To,
Section Officer
PF-III Finance Division
Government of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

Subject.—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE FLOOD AFFECTEES

I am directed to refer to your letter No. F-9(4)/PF, III/2008-09, dated 9th February, 2009, on the above subject and to furnish herewith the requisite information as hereunder:—

Funds Receipt from Federal Govt.			Funds released to Whom (Rupees in Million)	
Purpose	Amount	Date	Released to whom	Expenditure
Relief operation in coastal and other Areas	200,00	14-7-2007	To DCOs as per F/A	599.280
Financial Assistance for flood affectees	300,00	14-7-2007	Death Compensation to DCOs as F/B	20.200
-do-	300,00	21-7-2007	Over all relief to DCOs as F/C	183.000
Special dispensation for flood affectees	500,00	30-6-2008	To various Agencies & Provincial Government Department as F/D	231.700
Total: 1300.00				1034.180*

*The balance amount (Rs. 265.820 million) will be utilized when Rs. 8.000 billion promised by the Federal Government are received by Government of Balochistan.

RAHAT MASIH,
Section Officer (Coord.)
Ph: 9202140

cc.

P.S to Secretary Finance for information.
86. *Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi: (Notice received on 15-05-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state the names of Custom Collectors with their posting date at KPT and Port Qasim?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: Requisite information is at **Annex-I.**

87. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 15-05-2009 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

(a) *the details of remittances received from Overseas Pakistanis during the last 3 years with month-wise break up; and*

(b) *the percentage of increase/decrease in the said remittances during that period with reasons thereof?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Break-up of remittances received from Overseas Pakistanis during the last three years is given below:—

(Million US Dollars)

Month	FY-2005-06	FY-2006-07	FY-2007-08
July	310.01	376.33	495.40
August	346.54	434.72	489.38
September	339.93	421.56	515.84
October	371.58	410.57	580.20
November	308.05	448.46	505.28
December	369.10	475.04	479.11
January	390.87	391.27	556.48
February	358.00	457.03	502.46
March	423.44	519.89	602.07
April	401.35	513.01	590.66
May	506.28	537.65	584.59
June	462.88	505.44	547.37
Total	4,588.03	5,490.97	6,448.84

(b) SBP has taken various steps to facilitate the flow of remittances through formal channels, which has *interalia* contributed to increase in remittances during this period. The percentage increase on annual basis and for three years period is given below:—

FY-2006 To FY-2007	19.68%
FY-2007 To FY-2008	17.44%
FY-2006 To FY-2008	40.56%

88. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 16-05-2009 at 13:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the steps being taken by the government to remove backwardness and deprivation of Baluchistan province?

Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination: The necessary information is being collected from relevant Ministries/ Divisions. The same shall be placed before the august House on its receipt from all concerned.

89. ***Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo:** (Notice received on 18-05-2009 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state the number of Foreign visitors / delegations hosted by the Ministry of Economic Affairs since March, 2008, indicating also the date of arrival and departure, purpose of visit, the amount spent and the details of benefits achieved by Pakistan in each case?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: During the period since March, 2008, four delegations consisting of 22 members from various countries visited Pakistan who were declared state guests. Total expenditure incurred was to the tune of Rs.16,38,000/-. Out of the four delegations, one delegation visited Pakistan to attend mandatory meeting of Pak-Yemen Joint Ministerial Commission, whereas the other three delegations visited Pakistan to conduct loan/grant negotiations for various development projects. Details are at Annex-I

90. ***Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 20-05-2009 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

(a) *the names of contractors awarded contracts for electric works in Parliament Lodges during the years 1997 to 2003, indicating also the amount paid as a result of escalation or the amount of security deducted from the bills of each of the said contractors; and*

(b) *whether security amount of any of the said contractors is pending at present, if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same will be released?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) In the year 1997 to 2003, Electrical works in Parliament Lodges were awarded to the following contractors:

- i. M/s. Babar Brothers.
- ii. M/s. Samra Enterprises.
- iii. M/s. Sitara Engineering & Construction.

The other requisite details are Annexed.

(b) The available security amounts of the firms have been adjusted against recoveries, as directed by the NAB.

91. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 26-05-2009 at 10:36 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that during the visit of the President of Pakistan to the U.S. in May, 2009 the American Government pledges \$ 1.9 billion aid to Pakistan if so, the time by which the amount will be received;*
- (b) *whether the said amount will be interest free or otherwise; and*
- (c) *the details of utilization of the said aid?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) 'Kerry-Lugar Bill' has recently been introduced in the U.S Senate this bill envisages U.S support of \$ 1.5 billion of annual economic assistance to Pakistan for a period of five years as reported by media. The bill is however, subject to debate / approval by the US legislation system.

- (b) All US assistance to Pakistan are grants including the proposed bill.
- (c) The aid is yet to be approved and utilization report/data can only be provided after disbursement.

92. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 28-05-2009 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the name of contractor / firm to which the contract for construction of overhead bridge at Zero Point, Islamabad has been awarded;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that a bridge constructed in Karachi by that firm sometime ago had collapsed; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the said firm has been blacklisted by the National Highway Authority, if so, the reasons for awarding the contract of the said bridge to that firm?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) M/s. Maqbool Associates (Pvt.) Ltd.

(b) No. The collapsed Sher Shah Bridge in Karachi was constructed by M/s. National Logistic Cell (NLC).

(c) Not applicable.

93. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 29-05-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount of loan received from IMF by the present Government so far;*
- (b) *the names of projects /schemes for which that loan has been received; and*

- (c) *whether it is a fact that the Government has made another request to IMF to increase loan if so, its details indicating also the purpose for which that loan has been requested for?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) We understand, the question refers to the recent Standby Arrangement signed with the IMF in November, 2008. Under the SBA, IMF would provide an amount of SDR 5169 million equivalent to \$7.6 billion to be disbursed in 7 installments over a period of 23 months. The first installment of \$ 3.053 billion under the SBA was disbursed in November, 2008 while the second installment of \$840 million was disbursed on April 2, 2009. The third disbursement of \$ 840 million is expected shortly. It may be pertinent to mention that Pakistan became a member of IMF in 1950. Since its membership Pakistan has received an amount of **SDR 8.00 billion** approximately equivalent to **US\$ 10.806 billion** from IMF under various facilities of IMF.

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

- (c) No. The Government of Pakistan has made no such request to the IMF.

ISLAMABAD :
The 10th June, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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For Thursday, the 11th June, 2009

6. **Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 16-05-2009 at 10:46 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of offices of National Commission for Human Development in the country with province-wise breakup;*
- (b) the expenditure incurred on telephone bills, transport and maintenance of those offices during the last three years with month-wise break up; and*
- (c) the names, designation, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons working in those offices indicating also the pay, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible them?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The Head Office of National Commission for Human Development is at Islamabad. Presently, the provinces-wise total number of Hub offices of the National Commission for Human Development in the country is as under:—

(i) Punjab	=	13
(ii) Sindh	=	09
(iii) NWFP	=	06
(iv) Balochistan	=	09
(v) AJK	=	01
Total:	=	38

The activities of NCHD are being carried out in 109 districts. Detail is placed at **Annex-I**.

(b) Expenditure incurred on telephone bills, transport and maintenance of those offices during the last three years is as under:—

2005-06

Telephone /			
Utility bills	=	Rs.	9,246,734/-
Transport	=	Rs.	7,905,174/-
Maintenance	=	Rs.	41,003,940/-
Total	=	Rs.	58,176,473/-

2006-07

Telephone /			
Utility bills	=	Rs.	17,173,174/-
Transport	=	Rs.	18,966,786/-
Maintenance	=	Rs.	114,698,309/-
Total	=	Rs.	150,839,368/-

2007-08

Telephone /			
Utility bills	=	Rs.	23,413,064/-
Transport	=	Rs.	3,056,443/-
Maintenance	=	Rs.	142,721,969/-
Total	=	Rs.	169,240,378/-

Statement showing average month-wise break-up for the last three years is at **Annex-II**.

(c) Statement showing names, designations, educational qualification, place of domicile, pay, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to the employees of those offices is at **Annex-III**.

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

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The 10th June, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
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