

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 1st November, 2011

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 98, 100, 104, 122, 124, 3, 4, 7, and 88 were originally set down for answering on 11th May, 2011(70th Session) but were deferred

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

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

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: On basis of available information the total number of Overseas Pakistanis living abroad is approximately 6.3 million. The Country-wise break up of the number of Overseas Pakistanis is at **Annexure-A.**

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

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

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

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

Year	No. of Inquiries	Year	No. of Inquiries
2000	10	2006	24
2001	02	2007	44

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

- b. Completion of inquiries and start of investigations is a continuous process. Collection of evidence, tracing of movement of corruption money and delayed response from accused persons / departments are major reasons for not starting of investigations.
- c. The Bureau utilizes its maximum available resources for intime completion of inquiries and subsequent start of investigations. The maximum inquiries which are under progress are expected to be completed in the next six months by starting investigations, if required. As per the decision taken in the 16th Director Generals' Conference, held on 27th and 28th January 2011, Inquiries pending for five years or more are to be decided expeditiously.

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

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

Mr. Moula Bakhsh Chandio: In pursuance of the provisions of Section 57 of the Representation of the People Act, 1976, the Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan has appointed 20 Election Tribunals for disposal of Election Petitions filed under section 52 of the Representation of the People Act, 1976 relating to General Elections, 2008, Election to Senate as well as subsequent bye-elections. As such, a total number of 108 Election Petitions against the Members of Parliament were filed and referred to the Election Tribunals for disposal in accordance with law, from time to time.

2. The position with regard to disposal of Election Petitions by the Election Tribunals upto September, 2011 is as under:

Name of House	Total No. of Election Petitions		
	Filed/ referred to Election Tribunals	Disposed off	Pending with Election Tribunals
Senate	2	1	1

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

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

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in the Ministry of Postal Services with grade-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the names, designation, grade, place of domicile and address of the persons appointed on regular/contract/daily wages basis in the Ministry during the last three years?*

Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij: (a) A statement showing grade-wise total number of sanctioned posts in the Pakistan Post Office (PPO) Headquarters is attached as Annex-A.

(b) The detailed particulars of total employees appointed / engaged on regular, contract or Daily Wages basis in last three years are attached as per Annex-B.

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

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

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

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

Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij: (a) (i) Pakistan Post is providing following services in the international sector:

- Foreign letter Mail Service which includes Letters, Aerogramme, Postcards, Printed Papers, Small Packets and Cecogrammes (Literature for the Blinds).

- Foreign Parcel Service which include Air Parcel Service, Surface Air-Lifted Parcel Service and Surface Parcel Service.
- Express Mail Service.
- Registration Service.
- Insurance Service.
- Western Union Money Transfer.
- Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).

(ii) The details of postal services being rendered to the people are available at **Annex-A** and list of agency services annexed as **Annexure-B**.

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

(Figures in Million Rs)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Profit</i>
2007-2008	128.798
2008-2009	404.199
2009-2010	(145.890)

(i) During the 1st four years, the Pakistan Post Department has earned profit through the above two services as detail given below:—

- Western Union Money Transfer
Rs. 663.477 Million.
- Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)
Rs. 764.483 Million.

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

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

Mr. Moula Bakhsh Chandio: The Government of Punjab had allotted Rawalpindi Medical College (RMC) Boys Hostel to National Accountability Bureau (Rawalpindi) in March 2000. It was lying vacant for last eight years. Now, on the demand of the students for hostel, RMC as well Rawalpindi District Administration stressed NAB

to vacate the hostel building. Considering the genuine demand of the students, NAB has been striving hard for location of a suitable building for shifting the offices of NAB Rawalpindi. A number of buildings were explored but due to security hazards and other reasons no suitable accommodation could be finalized. NAB also approached the Ministries of Law, Housing & Works and Cabinet Division in this regard.

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

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

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

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

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: The required information is at **Annex-I.**

7 ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011 at 8:50 a.m.)

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

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

It is worth mentioning that after completion of investigation the report is submitted to the Prosecution Wing/Division of NAB for scrutiny of legal aspects before taking any decision for closure of the case under section 9 (c) of National Accountability Ordinance. All decisions regarding authorization or closure of investigations are taken place in the Executive Board Meetings both at Regional NABs and at NAB HQ. If investigation officers fail to collect prosecutable evidence, the case is referred and the decision of closure is recommended for the approval of the concerned Accountability Court. The final approval of closure of investigation is accorded by the Court.

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

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons presently working in the Ministry and its sub-ordinate offices; and*
- (b) the number of persons appointed in the Ministry and its sub-ordinate offices during the last three years with grade-wise and province-wise break-up?*

Mr. Moula Bakhsh Chandio: (a) 3819.

(b) 672.

The grade and province-wise break-up is Annexed.

ISLAMABAD :
The 31st October, 2011.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.