

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Friday, the 11th May, 2012**

**DEFERRED QUESTIONS**

*(Questions Nos. 20, 22, 24, 26 and 27 were originally set down for answering on 3rd May, 2012 but were deferred)*

20. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 21-03-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Railways, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

**Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour:** (a) Year-wise expenditures are as under:—

(Rs. in Million)

Ministry /Corporation	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Ministry/Attached Deptts/ Subordinate Offices	51,070.855	48,045.764	47,334.513
PRACS	772.676	836.824	1,230.803
RAILCOP	628.913	634.843	956.853

The details of expenditures of Ministry of Railways/Attached Departments and subordinate offices are attached as Annexure-I. The details of expenditures of two

companies of PR *i.e* PRACS and RAILCOP are attached as Annexure-II and Annexure-III respectively.

(b) Government has taken following steps to reduce the expenditure during 2011-12:—

- i. There will be a ban on fresh recruitment.
  - ii. There will be ban on purchase of physical assets including all types of vehicles.
  - iii. Expenditure on travelling allowance, stationery, entertainment, advertisement, repairs/maintenance and utilities will be curtailed by 20% of budget estimates.
  - iv. Entitlement of periodical, magazines etc. of all officers has been withdrawn. Only one copy of periodical/magazine will be available in the library of each Ministry/Division/Department/organization for reference purposes. Only one daily newspaper will be allowed to the entitled officers.
  - v. Officers will not be allowed to use A.C before 11:00 a.m and below 26 degrees.
  - vi. Principal Accounting Officers will ensure rationalization of utility bills.
  - vii. Both sides of papers should be used.
  - viii. Serving of officials lunches/Dinners should be restricted.
  - ix. Ministries/Attached Departments will not be authorized to re-appropriate funds from the above mentioned heads of expenditure.
  - x. In addition, Ministry of Railways imposed a total ban on payments in December, 2011 in order to ensure that inventory replenishment takes place only after verification of stock and utilization of dispatches.
22. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 03-04-2012 at 09: 15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years; and*

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

**Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira:** (a) & (b) The details of cases of corruption, and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporation during the last three years are as under:—

24. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-04-2012 at 10:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers in BPS-17 and above in the Ministry, its attached departments and subordinate offices who themselves or their spouses hold dual nationality indicating also the names of the countries of their nationality?*

**Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour:** As per information furnished by employees, the following officers of BS-17 & above and their spouses of Pakistan Railways hold dual nationality:

1. Mr. Rana Abrar Anwar (BS-19), Divisional Superintendent Workshops, Pakistan Railways Moghalpura, Lahore and his wife possesses nationality of Canada.
2. The wife of Mr. Muhammad Nasir Khaliliy (BS-18). Works Manager/C. Moghalpura Pakistan Railways possesses the nationality of UK.
3. Mr. Waseem Ahmed (BS-19). Dy. CPO-II. Pakistan Railways. HQ Office, Lahore and his wife possesses the nationality Canada.

26. **\*Mr. Farhatullah Babar:** (Notice received on 12-04-2012.)

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

(a) *the date of appointment of Commission of Enquiry on Enforced Disappearances; and*

(b) *whether the Commission has prepared any report, if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to publish the said report?*

**Mr. A. Rehman Malik:** (a) The details/break-up are as under: —

1. 2nd Commission of Enquiry on Enforced Disappearances was constituted vide Notification S.R.O 149 (I)/2011 dated **1st March 2011 (Annex-A)**. The Commission comprised of the following:—

- a. Mr. Justice Fazal-ur-Rehman, *Chairman*  
former Judge of Balochistan high Court

b. Mr. Muhammad Sharif Virk, IG of Police (Retd) *Member*

2. Later Mr. Justice Fazal-ur-Rehman, Chairman of the Commission was appointed as Member, Election Commission of Pakistan. The stature of the Commission was raised and Mr. Justice Javed Iqbal, former senior most Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan was appointed as President of the Commission *vide* Notification S.R.O 895 (I)/2011 dated 26th September, 2011 (**Annex-B**). Further the tenure of the Commission was revised and extended for a period of three years *vide* Notification S.R.O 1141 (I)/2011 dated 30th December, 2011 (**Annex-C**). Presently the Commission is functional at its independent Secretariat established in the Dte General of Civil Defence Building, Mauve Area, Sector G-9, Islamabad (Telephone No. 051-9106340, Fax No. 051-9106344).

3. The performance of the Commission since 13th March, 2011 to-date (though it remained inactive for the period **13 June to 31st October, 2011** for want of its new Chairman and shifting of the Secretariat of the Commission) is given below:

a. Number of Cases transferred to the	–	138	Commission
b. New Cases received by the Commission	–	538	
c. Total No. of Cases	–	676	
d. Number of Cases Disposed of by the Commission.	–	209	
e. Balance Cases as on 2nd May, 2012	–	467	

4. Province-wise status of the cases of enforced disappearances is at **Annex -D**.

(b) The 2nd Commission of Enquiry on Enforced Disappearances has not prepared report as yet.

27. **\*Mrs. Muddassir Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 13-04-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have extradition treaty, if not, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to do so, if so, when?*

**Mr. A. Rehman Malik:** Yes, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have an extradition treaty.

82. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-03-2012 at 09:35 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has withdrawn “145 Approval” in relation to PM; and*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar:** (a) Yes. The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has temporality suspended the EASA-145 certification of PIAC.

(b) The decision to suspend EASA-145 has been taken on the basis of SAFA (Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft) inspection report –January, 2012.

83. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 27-03-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the number of aircrafts of PIA in working condition and those which have been grounded at present?*

**Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar:**

● Total No. of aircraft in PIAC fleet	–	39
● No. of aircraft presently in operation	–	30
● No. of aircraft grounded for Scheduled maintenance checks	–	05
● No. of aircraft under repair	–	04

84. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 29-03-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to build an International Airport at Mirpur, Azad Kashmir, if so, when?*

**Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar:** Construction of an International Airport at Mirpur, Azad Kashmir is not under consideration of CAA at the moment. However, a feasibility study was conducted by CAA in the year 2009, wherein, it was concluded that the proposed airport shall not be financially viable.

85. \_\_\_**\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 10-04-2012 at 18:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Interior, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

Reply not received.

86.      **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-04-2012 at 10:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

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

Reply not received.

87. **\*Mr. Hidayat Ullah :** (Notice received on 17-04-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of approved Statement of New Expenditure (SNE) in Education and Health sectors in FATA during the last four years with agency-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for distribution of Statement of New Expenditure amongst various agencies?*

Reply not received.

88. **\*Mr. Hidayat Ullah:** (Notice received on 17-04-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *when FATA Secretariat was declared as an independent Secretariat; and*
- (b) *the role of Ministry of States and Frontier Regions in the affairs of FATA?*

**Engr. Shaukat Ullah:** (a) FATA Secretariat was established in November, 2007 by the President of Pakistan in accordance with provisions of Article 247 of the

Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to function as the Local Administration for the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, within the meaning assigned to the expression in the Rules of Business, 1973, *vide* SRO No 1116(1)2007 dated 1st November, 2007 (Annex-I). Pursuant to the establishment of FATA Secretariat, certain arrangements have been made for administration of these areas and conveyed by Ministry of SAFRON *vide* letter No. 2(8)-TA/2006 dated 1st November, 2007 (Annex-II). The official business in FATA Secretariat is being conducted in accordance with Rules of Business of FATA Secretariat formulated and approved by the Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa who also ensures that the administration in FATA is carried out in conformity with the policies laid down and the directives issued by the Federal Government from time to time.

(b) Ministry of SAFRON as the administrative Division for FATA discharges its responsibilities including consultation with other Ministries of the Government wherever necessary, and represents Local Administration of these areas (FATA Secretariat) before the National Assembly and the Senate. Other responsibilities include liaison with the Economic Affairs Division, foreign donors and lending agencies for external assistance for the development of these areas. FATA Secretariat is authorized to correspond directly with the Federal Government Departments. However, they are required to endorse copies of all communications to Ministry of SAFRON to keep the Ministry abreast of the development of the FATA.

89. \_\_\_\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen: (Notice received on 23-04-2012 at 14:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

- (a) the details of railways land leased out during the last 10 years;*
- (b) the amount collected from the said lease so far; and*
- (c) the criteria laid down for leasing out railways land?*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour:** (a) The total Railway land leased out during the last 10 years is 10157.52 acres. Detail is enclosed as Annexures A & B.

(b) The total amount collected from the said lease, so far, is Rs.6122.023 million.

(c) The criteria adopted for leasing is summarized as under:—

SHORT-TERM LEASE (upto 10 years)

- All the Railway land are leased out through open public auction/sealed bidding after proper advertisement in newspapers.

LONG-TERM LEASE (upto 99 years)

- All Railway land intended for leasing are widely publicized throughout the country in atleast one national English daily newspaper and one of the largest circulating Urdu Newspapers.
- Minimum reserve lease values are set keeping in view the price ascertained by Pakistan Banking Association accredited valuator and assessment of concerned Railways Division. The reserve price is always invariably based on and higher than the minimum values notified by the District Revenue Authorities.
- Bidding process is held by a three member committee of Railway officers of Accounts, Property & Land and Marketing Department in the presence of all interested parties in a transparent manner.
- Bid results are presented to the Executive Committee of Railway Board for approval.

90. \_\_\_\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen: (Notice received on 23-04-2012 at 14:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

- (a) the present composition of the Railway Board;*
- (b) the number of meetings of the Board held during the last three years and current year; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to include private members on the Board?*

**Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour:** (a) Composition of the newly constituted Railway Board is as under:

**Public Sector**

1. Federal Minister for Railways, Chairman.
2. Secretary, Member, Ministry of Railways.

**Private Sector Member**

1. Dr. Hafiz Ahmed Pasha Professor BEACON, House National University.



2. Pir Muhammad Qasim Qureshi.
3. Dr. Abdul Malik Kasi .
4. Mr. Mohsin Aziz, Peshawar.
5. Prof. Imran Ali, LUMS.
6. Mr. Shakeel Durrani, Chairman, WAPDA.
7. Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb Khan, Ex-G.M P.R.
8. Mr. Iqbal Samad Khan, Ex- G.M. Pakistan Railways.
9. Ms. Nasreen Haque, Secretary, President's Secretariat, Islamabad.

**Ex-Officio Member**

1. Secretary, Privatization Commission.
2. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Pakistan Railways.
3. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Member Finance.

(b) The Board was notified on 29th March, 2012. The only Meeting of the Railway Board so far was held on 09-4-2012 at Islamabad under the chairmanship of Federal Minister for Railway.

(c) There are nine Members from the Private Sector already on the Board.

*ISLAMABAD :*  
*The 10th May, 2012.*

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,  
*Secretary.*