

**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 October, 2012**

**DEFERRED QUESTIONS**

- (i) Question Nos. 20 and 24 : Set down for answering on 3rd May, 2012  
(ii) Question Nos. 89 and 90 : Set down for answering on 11th May, 2012  
(iii) Question Nos. 5, 7, 12, 14, 18, : Set down for answering on 4th September, 2012  
20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27-A and 28

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 of all officers has been withdrawn.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.
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-I9). Dy. CPO-II. Pakistan Railways. HQ Office, Lahore and his wife possesses the nationality Canada.

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.
5. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 13-07-2012 at 13:35 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the details of inquiries initiated into the cases of financial and administrative mismanagement in Pakistan Railways since March 2008 indicating also the present status of each inquiry?*

**Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour:** Twenty-six (26) cases of Financial and Administrative mismanagement have been detected since March, 2008 to till date. In this connection instructions, regarding crackdown on corruption have been issued on the entire system of Pakistan Railways. However, in case of detection of any case proper inquiries are made and culprits are put to task under law.

Names and designation of accused and action taken against them may be referred to at Annexure-“A”.

7. **\*Hafiz Hamdullah:** (Notice received on 13-07-2012 at 13:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the number of trains that were operational in 2008 and at present?*

**Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour:** In 2008, one hundred and twenty nine (129) pairs of trains were plying daily in the country. Their break up is as under.—

Mail /Express trains	54
Intercity	78
Passenger	66
Mixed	48
International	06
Shuttle	06

At present, ninety six (96) pairs of trains are plying in the country. Their break up is as under:—

Mail /Express trains	34
Intercity	36
Passenger	8
Mixed	10
International	06
Shuttle	02

12. **\*Mr. Nisar Muhammad:** (Notice received on 13-07-2012 at 15:55 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of persons appointed in Pakistan Television Corporation since July, 2008 with grade-wise and province-wise breakup;*
- (b) the procedure adopted for these appointments; and*
- (c) the details of promotions made in the Corporation during the said period?*

**Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira:** (a) In PTV, no person has been appointed on regular basis since July, 2008.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Detail of Promotions made in PTVC during the said period is as under:—

Engineering	=	401
Programmes	=	466
News & Current Affairs	=	063
Information Technology	=	016
Admin & Personnel	=	812
Finance	=	168

Marketing	=	022
<b>Total :-</b>	=	<b>1948</b>

14. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 16-07-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the balance sheet of PTV for the last four fiscal years;*
- (b) *whether audit of accounts of PTV for the said period has been conducted, if so, the details of irregularities, if any, reported in audit reports and action taken against the persons responsible;*
- (c) *whether any study was conducted currently to identify the financial weakness of the PTV, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to rationalize the spending/ expenditures of PTV?*

**Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira:** (a) The balance sheet of PTV for the last four fiscal years are attached as per Annexure- "A".

(b) The audit of PTV accounts for the last fiscal three years 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11 has also been conducted by Government Commercial Auditors under the supervision of Auditor General of Pakistan. The irregularities pointed out by the Audit were discussed in DAC/PAC meeting are enclosed at Annexure-"B". The irregularities pointed out during 2010-11 which were not discussed in DAC/PAC are enclosed at Annexure-"C".

It is further confirmed that audit for the year 2011-12 will be conducted as usual after the finalization of accounts by the end of October, 2012.

(c) PTV management had taken the concrete efforts to improve the Financial health of PTV from time to time. The launching of PTV Sports is an viable investment by PTV which will help in increasing the revenue of PTV viz-a-viz provide coverage of multiple favorable sports event to its viewers. Other steps are also being taken to improve the revenue of PTV.

(d) (i) Govt. has issued economy measures which are also applicable in PTV.

(ii) PTV management is answerable before PAC/DAC on the Report of Commercial/External and Internal Auditors.

(iii) Instruction issued by the PAC/DAC are strictly implemented in PTV.

18. **\*Hafiz Hamdullah:** (Notice received on 18-07-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

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

(a) *whether or not drone attacks are taking place under agreement; the date since when these attacks are taking place, and the number of casualties occurred so far in these attacks, indicating separately the number of civilian casualties and the number of terrorists being killed;*

(b) *the time up till which these attacks will continue and whether there is any strategy underway to stop these attacks or they will continue as usual?*

Reply not received.

20. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 19-07-2012 at 15:30 p.m.)

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

(a) *the profit earned and the losses sustained by the Pakistan Railways during the last three years with year-wise break-up; and*

(b) *the subsidy / financial assistance given by the Government to Pakistan Railways during the said period with year-wise break-up?*

**Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour:** (a) Pakistan Railways suffered following losses during the last three years:—

(Rs.in Million)

Financial Year	Amount
2009-2010	24,979.136
2010-2011	31,090.553
2011-2012	30,360.859
Total	86,430.548



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The losses have been met from subsidy provided by the Federal Government and overdraft from State Bank of Pakistan.

(b) Federal Government provided following amounts of subsidy during the last three years:

(Rs. in Million)

Financial Year	Subsidy	Overdraft
2009-2010	18,432.370	4,599.367
2010-2011	32,642.400	202.733
2011-2012	30,467.000	—
Total	81,541.770	4,802.100

21. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 19-07-2012 at 15:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the income and expenditure of PTV during the last three years with year-wise and head-wise breakup and the subsidy given to PTV during the same period?*

**Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira:** The details of income and expenditure of PTV during the last three years with year wise and head wise breakup is given at **Annex "A"** and subsidy given to PTV is Rs. 1034 million during the year 2008-09. No subsidy was given to PTV during the year 2009-10 and 2010-11.

22. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 19-07-2012 at 15:30 p.m.)

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

(a) *the income and expenditure of Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation during the last three years with year-wise breakup; and*

(b) *whether any amount was provided by the Government to the Corporation as financial assistance / support during the same period, if so, the amount so provided?*

**Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira:** (a) The summary of income and expenditure of the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation for the last three years *i.e.* from 2009 to 2011 is as under:—

**INCOME**

Rupees in Million

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Subsidy from Government	1,720.744	1,771.939	2,155.694
Advertisement income	132.632	148.991	147.281
Other income	38.320	28.223	34.530
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,891.696</b>	<b>1,949.153</b>	<b>2,337.505</b>

#### **EXPENDITURE**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Salaries and allowances	786.187	840.644	1015.607
Pension and gratuity	306.218	396.285	530.521
Personnel expenses	299.651	295.051	302.055
Traveling and conveyance	52.202	49.549	51.927
Programme expenses	109.370	116.716	104.270
News expenses.	48.077	48.796	50.072
Other administrative expenses	125.244	158.733	167.756

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Repairs and maintenance	11.809	12.486	10.333
Financial & professional charges	2.273	2.021	2.465
Power and fuel charges	179.181	185.993	194.769
Stores and spares consumed	13.763	20.902	11.178
goods/assets	45.923	48.303	18.544
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,979.898</b>	<b>2,175.479</b>	<b>2,459.497</b>

Break up of other income and expenditure for the last three years is annexed.

(b) The M/o Information & Broadcasting Islamabad has very kindly sanctioned an amount of Rs. 192.000 million as supplementary grant on account of financial impact of 50% Adhoc Relief allowance to PBC employees/ pensioner announced by the Government in the Federal Budget of 2010-11.

24. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-07-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for National Regulations and Services be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of multinational pharmaceutical companies working in Pakistan;*
- (b) *the number of local pharmaceutical companies working in the country;*
- (c) *whether it is fact that sub-standard and unregistered medicines are sold in the open market; and*
- (d) *whether there is any mechanism for monitoring the pharmaceutical business in the country; if so, the reasons for failure of the monitoring mechanism to control the sale of unregistered and sub-standard medicines in the open market?*

**Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan:** (a) Total number of multinational pharmaceutical companies working in Pakistan is 18 as of July, 2012.

(b) Total number of local pharmaceutical companies working in Pakistan is 525 as of July, 2012.

(c) Sub-standard and unregistered medicines are not allowed to be sold in the country and Federal Government is cognizant of its responsibilities in this regard. In February, 2012, Federal Government formed a Drug Regulatory Agency or Pakistan (DRAP) at central level which through its federal inspectors and in coordination with provincial inspectors of drugs carry out sampling of drugs on regular basis for qualitative and quantitative analysis at federal and provincial levels. No firm or Pharmaceutical Company/medical store/pharmacy is allowed to sell any unregistered drug and if any such drug is found during visit of field inspectors of drugs, then case is registered against that firm due to violation of Section 23 of the Drugs Act, 1976 and prosecuted in the Drugs Court under section 30 of the Drug Act, 1976.

(d) An efficient monitoring mechanism is already in place which has been able to control the sale of un-registered and sub-standard drugs quite effectively.

In order to make the system more effective, the Federal Government has taken following additional steps to curb sale of substandard and un-registered medicines in the country:—

- i. The Drug Control Organization in Federal Ministry of Health has been strengthened by induction of more technical persons for improving its working.
- ii. Inter provincial coordination has been strengthened for effective checking of drug quality at manufacturer and retailer levels. A number of Inter provincial meetings were held during past two years for this purpose.
- iii. The Drug Testing Laboratories have been strengthened in terms of equipments, trained manpower etc.

- iv. Central Drug Laboratory Karachi has been accredited for compliance with the international standards by ISO 9001 (version 2008) and Total Quality Management (TQM).
- v. The technical officers in inspectorate/secretariat are being regularly trained locally and abroad to update their knowledge and skills.
- vi. Extensive surveys of pharmaceuticals units and markets are regularly carried out to ensure conformance of drug quality with specified standards.
- vii. Crackdown on illegal advertisements for drugs/cure of diseases is carried out regularly to protect the public.
- viii. Inter Departmental coordination with Police/FIA has been improved to track down the culprits involved in manufacturer/sale of spurious/unregistered drugs.
- ix. The meetings of Regulatory Boards (Central Licensing Board & Drug Registration Board) which consider and decide the cases relating to drug quality are held more frequently to ensure prompt disposal.
- x. Drug Courts have been persuaded through Ministry of Law & Justice to expedite the disposal of cases of spurious drugs.

25. **\*Mr Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 26-07-2012 at 12:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the date of installation of TV booster at Laram, District Dir Payeen; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the booster is being run on trial basis, if so, its reasons and the time by which it will be operated on regular basis?*

**Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira:** (a) Rebroadcast Station Laram Top was installed in 2006.

(b) From July 2006 to August, 2008 trial transmission was started from Rebroadcast Station, Laram. Now regular transmission is going on from this RBS *w.e.f 1st August, 2008.*

27-A. **\*Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 06-08-2012 at 11:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Heavy Industries Taxila manufactures APCs named "Muhafiz & Talha";*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Sindh Police, Punjab Police and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police have purchased these APCs from Heavy Industries Taxila;*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that these APCs are of poor quality and failed to serve the purpose; and*
- (d) *if so, the steps being taken by Heavy Industries Taxila to improve the standard of these APCs?*

**Sardar Bahadur Khan Sehar:** (a) Yes, APC Talha (Tracked Version) and Mohafiz (Wheeled Version) are manufactured in HIT for Law Enforcement Agencies as per agreed protection levels *i.e.* against 7.62 x 51 mm NATO Ball Standard ammunition.

(b) Yes, the Mohafiz vehicle has been purchased through contract defining clearly B6 level of protection by Sindh Police, Punjab Police and Khyber Pakhtunkhaw, whereas Talha APC has only been purchased by Sindh Police and Punjab Police.

(c) No, it is strongly negated that version of “poor quality of APCs of failing to serve the purpose”. Vehicles meet the requisite quality standards and performed according to laid down Standards. Attention is invited to following facts:—

- (1) According to the Joint Inspection Report prepared by Representatives of Sindh Police and Heavy Industries Taxila (HIT) the mechanical performance of these vehicles remained exceptionally good. It may be noted that all standard 7.62mm (soft core bullet) have not penetrated the defined protection level of the vehicles.
- (2) It is quite evident from the Joint Inspection Report that a total 445 bullets were fired on 18 APCs (10 x Mohafiz and 8 x Talha) and only 17 x bullets penetrated the 5 APC, the penetrated bullets were either of 7.62 mm Armoured piercing rounds or 12 mm rounds which are of the higher caliber and the B6 level of manufactured APC is not intended to provide protection against higher caliber bullets.
  2. HIT manufactures equipment as per requirement of the customer. HIT has capability to manufacture different protection levels of vehicles as per indenting customer.
  3. The country should be proud of manufacturing the Security Vehicles indigenously achieving self-reliance, thus saving substantial Foreign Exchange contributing to the down ward Industry (Private Sector), the automobile industry with assured follow up logistic support to all Law Enforcing Agencies (LEAs) operating in the field.

28. **\*Professor Sajid Mir:** (Notice received on 07-08-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that USAID funded a programme titled “Sim Sim Hamara” recently telecast by PTV, if so, the terms and conditions of the telecast;*
- (b) *the revenue generated by PTV from the said programme; and*
- (c) *the number of employees of PTV who remained engaged with the said programme?*

**Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira:** (a) PTV is televising the USAID sponsored programme “SIM SIM HAMARA” consisting of four seasons (of 26 episodes of 25 minutes each) on time sale basis. Three seasons will be in Urdu, and one in other regional languages *i.e.* Pushto, Sindhi, Baluchi, and Punjabi).

PTV televised 26 episodes of 25 each against the amount of Rs.6,500,000/- on time sale basis from 05.30 pm to 06.00 pm.

- (b) PTV received an amount of Rs.6,500,000/- for 26 episodes of first season.
- (c) None.

33. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 04-06-2012 at 16:20 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the names of countries with which Pakistan has dual citizenship agreements indicating also the year of enactment of agreement with each country?*

**Mr. A. Rehman Malik:** The Government of Pakistan has dual nationality arrangements with sixteen (16) countries as per “**Annex-A**” indicating the year of commencement of the arrangements country-wise.

35. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 07-09-2012 at 17:45 p.m.)

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

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** In this regard, PIA has signed an agreement with M/s Boeing Company on 14th February, 2012 for purchase of 05 Boeing 777- 300ER. These aircraft will be delivered in the year 2015.

36. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of PIA flights which got late/delayed during the last financial year indicating also the destination of those flights, names of airports at which these got late and the fine, if any, paid by PIA for delay in each case;*
- (b) *the names and designation of the persons responsible for the said delay and the action taken against them; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to avoid delay in departure and arrival of PIA flights?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) & (b) The details of PIA flights which got late or delayed during the last financial year are being attached as **(Annex-A)**. PIA always tries its best to maintain the punctuality as per schedule, therefore, there are no such flights which have been fined due to any delay during the said period.

- (c) Following steps have been taken to minimize flight delays:—
  - (i) All station heads have been advised to minimize ground time and curtail delays.
  - (ii) Passenger Handling division has been advised to streamline functions at their ends in minimizing delays.
  - (iii) All Station Managers have been advised to keep close liaison with government agencies including CAA, Immigration, Customs, Security and Air Traffic Control to minimize delays in these areas.
  - (iv) Engineering has been advised to ensure serviceability of aircraft within stipulated ground time to minimize technical delays.
  - (v) However, a major account of delays is subject to weather conditions which are unavoidable keeping in view safety of passengers and aircraft.
  - (vi) PIAC management has been directed to announce delays before hand and facilitate the passengers by serving food & entertainment whenever required. Special care is to be given to families and senior citizens.
  - (vii) PIAC management has also been advised to adopt polite and decent attitude towards the passengers and their attendants.

37. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons working in Pakistan Railways at present;*
- (b) *the number of trains with Pakistan Railways which are operational at present; and*
- (c) *the per train ratio of employees working in Pakistan Railways and the international standard in this regard?*

**Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour:** (a) There are 82,940 officers/officials currently working over the entire system of Pakistan Railways.

(b) At present 86 passenger trains and 05 goods trains (at an average) are running per day. The details are as under:—

<i>Type of Trains</i>	<i>Operative</i>
Mail/Express	17=34
Intercity	15=30
Passenger	4=8
Mixed	3=6
International	3=6
Karachi Shuttle	1=2
<b>Total</b>	<b>43=86</b>

(c) The per train ratio of employees varies across the world according to the operation system in use, and there is no widely recognized international standard. A comparison with the foreign railway system would therefore, not be accurate and truly reflective of operational efficiency.

38. **\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 12:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the bereaved families of the passengers who lost their lives in the crash of plane of Air Blue in Islamabad have not been paid compensation by the concerned airline so far, if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** • The airline has made payment of Rs.500,000/- to all families.

- As far as payment of insurance is concerned, the Insurance Company, through M/s Air Blue, has so far made payment of Rs.50,000,000/- each to the families of air crash victims as per following details:—



(i) Payment made	:	113
(ii) Payment in process	:	18
(iii) Cases under litigation in Pakistan/USA	:	15
(iv) Cases where documents are still awaited	:	06
<b>Total</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>152</b>

39. **\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that insurance of passengers by Airlines is compulsory under the International Civil Aviation Rules;*
- (b) *whether the airlines which have been granted licenses by the Civil Aviation Authority of Pakistan are also bound to get insured their passenger, if not, its reasons and, if yes the action taken by the Government against the airlines not abiding the rule; and*
- (c) *the amount paid by the insurance companies / airlines concerned to the bereaved families of passengers of major international airlines in case of air crash and the amount being paid to the bereaved families of passengers of Pakistani Airlines in such cases?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) Insurance of passengers by Airlines is compulsory under the International Civil Aviation (Rules as well as under Civil Aviation Rules, 1994 (CARs, 94).

(b) As stated above, the Airlines issued Licences and regulated by CAA have to arrange passengers insurance under CARs, 1994.

(c) The amount of compensation payable by Airlines to bereaved families of passengers is now regulated under Carriage By Air Act, 2012, whereby Rs.5 million have been fixed as compensation in case of death of a passenger during domestic flight operation. All Airlines are bound to follow the limits of compensation laid down by law of the land as quoted above.

40. **\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 11-09-2012 at 10:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of the private security agencies working in the country indicating also the name of the owner and year of issuance of licenses in each case; and*

(b) *the names of private security agencies licenses of which have recently been canceled and the reasons for cancellation in each case?*

**Mr. A. Rehman Malik:** (a) List of private security companies indicating incorporation date, name of Executive and Director's name is at Annex-A.

(b) Licences are issued to private security agencies by Provincial Governments after security clearance by Ministry of Interior. The prerogative to cancel the licence is thus vested with respective Provincial Governments.

*(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library)*

41. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 13-09-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of cases of stove burning, honour killings, wanni and domestic violence against women registered in the country from 2009 to 2011; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to control such crimes?*

**Mr. A. Rehman Malik:** The requisite information is being collected and will be placed before the house on receipt from concerned quarters.

42. **\*Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 13-09-2012 at 13:10 p.m.)

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

(a) *the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to the officers of the rank of Lieutenant General and above in Pakistan Army, Navy and Air Force;*

(b) *the age limit fixed for superannuation of the said officers;*

(c) *the details of pension, allowances and fringe benefits admissible to the said officers on their retirement;*

(d) *the details of pension and other facilities admissible to the widows of the said officers;*

(e) *whether plots / houses are allotted to the said officers or their widows on ownership basis, if so; its details; and*

(f) *the procedure laid down for allotment of the said plots?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** The requisite information is being collected from the concerned quarters and will be submitted in the next Rota day.

43. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of prohibited bore arms licenses issued during 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011; and*

(b) *the normal period required by NADRA for issuance of arms licenses?*

**Mr. A. Rehman Malik:** The requisite information is being collected and will be placed before the house on receipt from concerned quarters.

44. **\*Mrs. Saeeda Iqbal:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 14:15 p.m.)

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

(a) *the names and place of domicile of Patwaries working in Revenue Department, Islamabad Capital Territory;*

(b) *whether the appointment of the Patwaries was made under the West Pakistan Land Revenue Act 1967, if not, the reasons thereof;*

(c) *the number of posts of Patwaries lying vacant and the time by which the same will be filled in;*

(d) *the number of Patwaries working on deputation basis;*

(e) *the number of Patwaries appointed on deputation basis who have been absorbed so far; and*

(f) *the date on which the last appointments of Patwaries was made?*

**Mr. A. Rehman Malik:** Names and place of domiciles of Patwaries, presently working in the Revenue Department of ICT Administration, are indicated at (**Annexure “A”**).

Appointment of Patwaries was made under the West Pakistan Land Revenue Act, 1967 as well as the decision of ex-Prime Minister of Pakistan regarding applicability of regional/provincial quota, conveyed by the Ministry of Interior in the year 1994 (**Annexure “B”**).

Presently no post of Patwari is lying vacant in the Revenue Department of Deputy Commissioner, ICT.

Presently 11 Patwaries are working on deputation basis. **Annex-C.**

07 Patwaries, who initially joined on deputation basis, have been absorbed in Revenue Department, ICT, on different points of time.

10 Patwaries were appointed on 29-04-2005.

01 Patwari has been appointed on 12-04-2012 on contract basis for two years, being son of a deceased Patwari of Revenue Department, ICI. His appointment has been made under the "Assistance Package for families of the deceased Civil Servants, who die during service", as circulated *vide* Establishment Division's O.M No.7/40/2005-IE-2 dated 13-06-2006 (**Annexure-"D"**).

45. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 09:15 a.m.).

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

(a) *the value of Government advertisements telecast through PTV since 2011; and*

(b) *the revenue generated by PTV through advertisements of private companies/entities during the said period?*

**Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira:** (a) The value of Government advertisements telecast through PTV (all PTV Channels) since 2011 (Jan-11 to Aug-12) comes to Rs. 222.586 millions.

(b) The total amount of revenue generated by PTV (all PTV Channels) through advertisements of Private companies since 2011 (Jan-11 to Aug-12) comes to Rs.4,152.374 millions.

46. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 10:00 a.m)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the Government has offered compensation to the victims of various terrorist attacks in the country carried out during the period March, 2008 to 2012; if so, its details; and*

(b) *whether any inquiry report of those incidents has been submitted before the Parliament if so, its details thereof?*

**Mr. A. Rehman Malik:** The requisite information is being collected and will be placed before the house on receipt from concerned quarters.

47. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the names and addresses of those companies/institutions against which P.T.V. and Radio Pakistan have outstanding dues under the head of advertisements indicating also the amount due in each case?*

**Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira:** *Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC)*

The requisite Information is attached at **Annexure “A”**.

**Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC)**

The names and addresses of those companies institutions against which PTV dues are outstanding are at **Annexure “B”**.

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

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

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,  
*Secretary.*