

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 13th November, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTION

Question No. 53 was originally set down for answering on 12th October, 2012 (86th Session) but was deferred)

53. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 12-09-2012 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 37, replied on 5th September, 2012 and state:

- (a) whether the National Telecommunication Corporation is authorized to lay submarine cables, if so, the specific provision in Act/Rules which empower the Corporation to do so; and*
- (b) whether the said Corporation can negotiate with any national or international financial institution for seeking funds for their projects without the approval of Economic Affairs Division, if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications: (a) The National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC), as provided in its License issued under Section 41 (3) read with Section 5(2) and 2(h) of the Telecommunication Re-organization Act 1996 is empowered to establish, operate and maintain Telecommunication systems and services of all kinds to the NTC designated customers.

Note: It may be submitted further that the Telecommunication systems includes submarine Fiber cable also.

(b) NTC, under the provision of Section 41(11) of the Pakistan Telecom Re-organization Act 1996, cannot negotiate with any national or international financial institution for seeking funds (loans) for their projects without the approval of the Federal Government.

9. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-10-2012 at 20:40 p.m.)
Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state whether the persons having dual nationality are eligible for appointment in Judiciary?

Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek: Yes. There is no bar on a citizen of Pakistan having dual nationality for appointment in the judiciary.

10. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of post offices in Rawalpindi region; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish new post offices in the region, if so, its details?*

Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij: (a) Total Number of Post Offices in Northern Punjab Circles Rawalpindi are 1594. A status-wise list of Post Offices is attached as (Annexure-“A”)

(b) Many application have been received for opening / up-gradation of different kinds of Post Offices. These requests have minutely been examined and deserving cases have been included in the N.I.S 2011-2012 (New item statement). On receipt of new posts, from Finance Division, these Post Offices will be opened. (Annexure-“B”)

12. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state the revenue earned by Pakistan post offices during the last five years and details of its utilization with year-wise and head-wise break up?

Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij: (i) The revenue earned by the Pakistan Post Office Department becomes part of the Federal Consolidated Fund and can not be utilized by Pakistan Post Offices on its own. Finance Division allocate Budget for meeting expenditure to the Pakistan Post Office Department.

(ii) The summary of revenue earned by the Pakistan Post Office Department during the last five years is given below:—

(Figures in Million Rs.)

Year	Revenue earned by the Pakistan Post Office Department
2007 - 2008	6,239.464

2008 - 2009	7,725.408
2009 - 2010	8,385.227
2010 - 2011	8,331.576
2011 - 2012	8,249.885

(iii) The year-wise and head-wise breakup of revenue earned by the Pakistan Post Office Department during the last five years is given in attached Annex-I.

13. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the nature of services being provided by Pakistan Post Office Department indicating also the charges of each service;*
- (b) *the details of increase made in the charges of each service during the last five years indicating also the income and expenditure of the Department during the said period with year-wise breakup; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve these services?*

Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij: (a) (I) List of Agency Services performed by the Pakistan Post alongwith the charges of each service is enclosed as **Annexure-A.**

(II) Pakistan Post is providing following services in the international sector:—

- **Foreign Letter Mail Service** which includes Letters, Aerogramme, Postcards, Printed Papers, Small Packets and Cecogramme (Literature for the Blinds). Latest Postage Rates for these categories effective from 01-07-2011 are contained in Director General's Special Circular No.8, dated 14-06-2011 attached as **Annexure-B.**
- **Foreign Parcel Service** which include Air Parcel Service, Surface Air Lifted Parcel Service and Surface Parcel Service. Latest postage rates effective from 15-8-2010 are attached as **Annexure-C.**
- **Express Mail Service:** Latest EMS Tariff effective from 08-09-2010 attached as **Annexure-D.**

(III) The detail of Postal Services being provided to the people are available at **Annexure-E.**

(IV) Pakistan Post is offering a full range of Express Services as detailed below.

URGENT MAIL SERVICE (*w.e.f.* 01-01-1987)

- UMS (Local)
- UMS (City to City)

URGENT MONEY ORDER SERVICE (UMO)
 FAX MONEY ORDER SERVICE (FMO)
 FAX MAIL SERVICE (FMS)
 ELECTRONIC MONEY ORDER (EMO) SERVICE

(b) (I) To the extent of increase made in each service in the last five years, it is submitted that no increase has been made in the service charges of major agency services dealt with by the AF/Savings/PMP branches.

(II) The details of increase made in the charges of each service during the last five years is as below:—

- (i) **Letter-mail Postage Rates:** Last increase was made from 01-07-2011.
- (ii) **Foreign Parcel Postage Rates:** Last increase was made from 15-08-2010
- (iii) **Express Mail Service Tariff:** Last increase was made with effect from 8-9-2010.
- (iv) **The revenue and expenditure** of the Department during last five years period remained as under:—

(III) UMS RATES: (Revised on 15-03-2008)

(A) UMS TARIFF FOR WALKING CUSTOMERS:

Type of Service	Rate of fee for a weight upto 0.5 Kg. (500 Grams)	Rate of Fee for a weight exceeding 0.5 Kg. but not exceeding 1 Kg.	Rate of Fee for every additional 0.5 Kg. or part there of
UMS (Local)	Rs. 15/-	Rs. 25/-	Rs. 10/
UMS (City to City)	Rs. 30/-	Rs. 50/-	Rs. 20/-

(B) DISCOUNTED UMS TARIFF FOR CORPORATE CUSTOMERS: (Revised on 15-03-2008)

Type of Service	Rate of fee for	Rate of Fee for	Rate of Fee
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	a weight upto 0.5 Kg (500 Grams)	a weight exceeding 0.5 Kg. but not exceeding 1 Kg.	for every additional 0.5 Kg. or part there of
UMS (Local)	Rs. 9/-	Rs. 15/-	Rs. 6/-
UMS (City to City)	Rs. 18/-	Rs. 30/-	Rs. 12/-

Note:- Above UMS tariff is subject to levy of GST @ 16%.

UMO RATES OF COMMISSION: (Revised on 06-10-2011)

- A flat rate of commission of Rs. 50/- per UMO Rs. upto Rs. 10,000/
- A flat rate of commission of Rs. 75/- per UMO from Rs. 10,001/- upto Rs. 20,000/
- Special fee of Rs. 15/- for UMO intended for payment in the same city.
- Special Fee of Rs. 30/- for UMOs meant for payment at other destinations.

FMO RATES/COMMISSION: (Revised on 15-03-2008)

Sl. No.	Value of FMO	FMO Commission
1.	Upto Rs. 25,000/-	Rs. 150/
2.	From Rs. 25,001 to Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 300/-

FMS RATES/COMMISSION: (Revised on 12-12-2010)

For entire country Rs. 35/-

Between Rawalpindi and Islamabad and *vice versa* Rs. 20/-

RATE OF COMMISSION OF ELECTRONIC MONEY ORDER.

The following rate of commission on EMOs shall be realized by the booking clerk:—

Slab	Rate of Commission
Upto Rs. 2,000	Rs. 50
From 2,001 and upto Rs. 5,000	Rs. 100
From 5,001 and upto Rs. 10,000	Rs. 200
From 10,001 and upto Rs.15,000	Rs. 250

From 15,001 and upto Rs. 20,000	Rs. 350
Slab	Rate of Commission
From 20,001 and upto Rs. 30,000	Rs. 400
From 30,001 and upto Rs. 40,000	Rs. 450
From 40,001 and upto Rs. 50,000	Rs. 500
From 50,001 and upto Rs. 100,000	Rs. 600

(III) During last five years the inland postage rates were increased in November 2009 only as detailed in **Annex-F**.

(i) The summary of last five years income (Revenue) and expenditure of the Pakistan Post Office Department is given below:—

(Figures in Million Rs.)

Year	Revenue Receipts	Expenditure
2007-2008	6,239.464	6,110.666
2008-2009	7,725.408	7,321.209
2009-2010	8,385.227	8,531.117
2010-2011	8,331.576	10,224.680
2011-2012	8,249.885	12,508.425

(ii) The year-wise breakup of income and expenditure of last five years of the Pakistan Post Office Department is given in **Annex “G”** and **Annex “H”**.

(c) (I) Pakistan Post has computerized 83 GPOs and launching of (CSS) Central Software Solution is under active process to improve performance of Agency Services.

Following steps have been taken to improve these services:—

- i. Web tracking facility has been enforced facilitating Postal customers to track their Registered items, Parcels and EMS items for latest disposal through Internet based track and trace system.
- ii. Delivery Information Updating System for foreign inward Registered items, Parcels and EMS items has been enforced. In this connection 2,234 mobile devices have been issued to delivery staff.

- iii. Motorized Collection and Delivery of mail has been introduced in all big cities through providing 650 Motor Cycles to Delivery/Collection staff.
- iv. As a step towards customer's satisfaction, new Web-Based Compliant Management System (CMS) has been put in place. All Units/Regional Offices have been allotted IDs providing access to the system. All concerned offices have been directed to utilize system fully and respond to the complaints of partner units promptly with in stipulated time.
- v. In response to movement of the Universal Postal Union towards improvement in quality of service, Pakistan Post introduced Internet Based Inquiry System (IBIS) known as "CRICKET" with effect from 01-01-2008. The performance of the IBIS is monitored by the UPU and annual reports are submitted to all designated operators. Our performance during the period from August 2010 to January 2011 was recorded as 61% which was below the standards of 95%. As a result of concerted efforts and on-the-job training of concerned staff at International Mail Offices chased the standards of on-time response of 95.2% in March 2012.

In order to enhance habit of writing letter, Pakistan Post organized a Mega Letter Writing Competition in the year 2011 giving opportunity to all social classes to participate and win heavy cash prizes. In response, 106,000 entries were received through UMS generating good revenue.

(II) The details of septs taken to improve the services of Pakistan Post are available at **Annexure-I**.

(III) The step taken by Pakistan Post is attached as **Annexure- "J"** .

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

14. ***Mrs. Nasreen Jalil:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the names, designation and names of departments of the officers/ officials of the Federal and Provincial Governments against whom cases of corruption were registered with NAB from 2008 to 2011 and the amount embezzled by each of them; and*
- (b) the steps taken by NAB to recover the said amount?*

Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek: The NAB has informed that necessary informations are being collected from Regional Offices of the NAB and reply will be submitted as and when received from quarter concern.

@94. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 25-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education and Trainings be pleased to state:

(a) *the funds provided by the Government to each University in public and private sector from 2008 to 2012; and*

(b) *the criteria laid down for provision of funds to Universities?*

Sheikh Waqas Akram: (a) The funds provided by the Government to each public sector universities from 2008 to 2012, are given below:—

(Rs. In Billion)

Year	Recurring	Development	Total
2008-09	15.766	16.417	32.183
2009-10	21.500	11.303	32.803
2010-11	29.057	14.064	43.121
2011-12	28.887	09.763	38.650
Total	95.210	51.547	146.757

@ Transferred from the Cabinet Division.

The head wise details of Recurring and Development Funds for each year are at Annex-I & II respectively.

HEC do not provide funds to the private sector universities.

(b) As per funding mandate enunciated in the ordinance, HEC allocates funds to the universities on 'need and performance basis through a funding formula approved by the Commission, which assigns different weightages to (i) type of enrollment in different disciplines like Arts / social sciences, Basic/Natural Sciences, Engg./Medical etc, and (ii) level of studies undergraduate/ postgraduate (iii) Need of university, region/location backwardness, income disparity compensation, impact of completed development projects (iv) on performance output based on parameters like Ph.D Faculty, Research Publications in impact factor journals, QEC Reports, etc.

ISLAMABAD :
The 12th November, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

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