

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 20th December, 2012

69. ***Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the present status of tree plantation along Pindi Bhatian Motorway (M-3) indicating also the future plan thereof?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Current contract for maintenance of drip irrigation system and plantation for median of Faisalabad - Pindi Bhatian Motorway (M-3) was awarded to M/s Millat Enterprises for Rs 11.148 million on Dec 26, 2011 valid upto Dec 25, 2012.

An estimate of Rs. 46 million for future plantation in the median and along both sides of M-3 is in process for approval. Initially, it is planned to plant three rows of trees on both sides and one row in the median. Later, the rows will be increased.

70. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:15 a.m)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons appointed in Motorway and National Highway Police during the last three years with grade-wise and province-wise breakup; and*
- (b) the procedure adopted for these appointments?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Following are the persons appointed in National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) during last three years:

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Total</u>
1.	Uniformed	536
2.	Non-Uniformed	202

The details are at **Annex-I.**

- (b) The details are at **Annex-II.**

Annex-II.

PROCEDURE ADOPTED FOR APPOINTMENT FOR THE POST OF
C/JPO (BS-05)

- I. Advertisement of posts.
- II. Scrutiny of applications.
- III. Computerization of applications.
- IV. Conduct of Physical Test (1.6 Km in 07 Minutes)
- V. Conduct of Written Test who qualify the Physical Test.
- VI. Conduct of driving proficiency test and interview. (03 candidates are called against 01 post)
- VII. Issuance of Offer Letters to the selected candidates.
- VIII. Medical Checkup.
- IX. Issuance of Appointment Letters.

PROCEDURE ADOPTED FOR APPOINTMENT FOR
NON-UNIFORMED POSTS

- I. Advertisement of posts.
- II. Scrutiny of applications.
- III. Computerization of applications.
- IV. Conduct of Written Test.
- VI. Conduct of Interview and Proficiency Test. (03 candidates are called against 01 post)
- VII. Issuance of Offer Letters to the selected candidates.
- VIII. Medical Checkup.
- IX. Issuance of Appointment Letters.

71. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the amount collected through challans/fines on Motorways and National Highways in the country during the last three years and details of its utilization?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Following is the fine collected on Motorway and Highways during last three years:

Financial Year	Motorway (Million)	N-5 Zone (Million)	Total (Million)
2009-10	190.640	1127.265	1371.905
2010-11	188.353	1051.220	1239.573
2011-12	256.862	1656.532	1913.394

The fine is collected by NHA through their contractors and 50% of the collected amount is retained by NHA for road maintenance fund and remaining 50% is transferred to NH&MP. 25% for Road Safety and 25% for performance rewards as approved by the Cabinet and Finance Division.

72. ***Mr. Farhatullah Babar:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the names of superior Courts Judges having dual nationality?

Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek: The information is not available in this Division. Therefore, the Registrars of Superior Courts have been requested to provide the requisite information. The same is still awaited and will be provided in the house as early as received.

73. ***Mr. Nisar Muhammad:** (Notice received on 26-11-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 39-A, replied on 5th September, 2012, and state the sources through which Universal Service Fund is generated?

Reply not received.

74. ***Mr. Nisar Muhammad:** (Notice received on 26-11-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the time by which construction work on Malakand Tunnel will be started?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: A loan agreement for construction of Malakand Tunnel has been signed between the two Governments during the visit of the President of Pakistan to South Korea in the first week of Dec-2012.

Procurement process among South Korean firms will be initiated once the loan agreement becomes effective. Thereafter, construction work is likely to start by mid 2013 for completion within five years.

75. ***Mrs. Zahida Khan :** (Notice received on 26-11-2012 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of the projects approved for District Dir during the last five years indicating also their present status?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: No new construction projects have been approved for District Dir during the last five years. However, for reconstruction / rehabilitation of flood damages (2010) following projects have been approved under Asian Development Bank (ADB) financed Flood Emergency Reconstruction Project (FERP):—

1. **Chakdara Bridge.**

Contract for rehabilitation of old bridge and construction of new adjacent bridge awarded for Rs. 481 million. Work is in progress for completion by Dec-2013.

2. **Chakdara - Chitral.**

Project for rehabilitation of 20 km stretch between km 119 to 175 included in FERP at an estimated cost of Rs. 603 million. Technical bids called / evaluated, but further processing depends on provision of additional funding by ADB.

76. ***Mrs. Zahida Khan :** (Notice received on 26-11-2012 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the details of projects approved for District Dir during the last five years indicating also present status of each project?

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: There is no project launched in District Dir during last five years by this Ministry.

77. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-11-2012 at 13:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology & Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) the original estimated cost of Optical Fiber Based Transmission Link between Gawadar and Jewani Project; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the said cost has increased due to delay in completion of work, if so, its extent?*

Reply not received.

78. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-11-2012 at 13:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology & Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which work on the project of Optical Fiber Based Transmission Link between Gawadar and Jewani was started;*
- (b) the original date of completion of the said project; and*
- (c) whether the date of completion of that project has been revised, if so, the time by which it will now be completed?*

Reply not received.

79. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-11-2012 at 13:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of the project of Optical Fiber Based Transmission Link between Gawadar and Jewani;*
- (b) the date on which tender for the project was awarded and the name of the company/firm to which awarded; and*
- (c) the procedure adopted for awarding the contract?*

Reply not received.

81. ***Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:** (Notice received on 28-11-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) the job description of National Training Bureau (NTB) and National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTEC);*
- (b) the details of funds allocated to those organizations during the last five years; and*
- (c) the details of training courses conducted by each organization during the said period indicating also the amount incurred on each course?*

Sheikh Waqas Akram:

National Training Bureau, (NTB).

(a) National Training Bureau, (NTB) was established in 1976 NTB has the mandate to assess existing and future training needs, develop training syllabi, specifying training standards, and conduct trade testing. Since its inception, keeping in view the local & foreign labour market needs, National Training Bureau has implemented & completed different training projects on vocational training. The Govt. recognized technical education and vocational training as driving force for human resource development. Therefore at the national level, National Training Board was constituted under National Training Ordinance 1980 for coordinating vocational training. National Training Bureau provides the secretariat services to National Training Board. Its main role and functions are as per **(Annex-I)**.

National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC).

National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) is an apex body and a national regulatory authority to address the challenges of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the country. It is involved in policy making, strategy formulation, and regulation & revamping of TVET system. The Commission is establishing and promoting linkages among various stakeholders existing at national as well as international level. Since 2006, the Commission has given a high priority to un-addressed areas and challenges being faced by TVET. (Detail is as per **(Annex-II)**).

(b) National Training Bureau, (NTB) **Annex-III.**

National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) **Annex-IV.**

(c) National Training Bureau, (NTB) organizes two typists of training courses:—

1. Training of Trainers.
2. Youth Training.
 - During last 05 years **894** instructional staff has been trained working in National Vocational Training System (NVTS) in the country and **3470** youth / skilled workers training at Technical Training Centre (TTC) / National Training Bureau Campus, Islamabad. (**Annex-V**).
 - NTB was not charging any fee from the trainees but since for last year trainees are being charged fee of Rs.500/- to Rs.1000/- per month. However, staff training courses are offered free of charge.

National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) **Annex-VI.**

Annexure-I

FUNCTION OF NTB.

- National Training Need Assessment.
- Development of National Vocational Training Systems.
- Designing of Training Programmes, Setting Occupational Skill Standards & Developing Curriculum.
- Conduct of Training courses for Trainers and skilled workers.
- Development of Trade Testing & Certification System.
- Affiliation of training institutes and accreditation of training courses and programmes.
- Standardization of training system, coordination and harmonization of TEVT sector and informal sectors.
- Regulation, monitoring & evaluation of TEVT programmes.
- Testing & Certification of Skilled Workers from formal sectors.
- Regulation and Implementation of Apprenticeship Training.
- Legislation on Technical and Vocational Training.

Annexure-II

The functions of the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) are to—

- (a) devise and review policies and evolve strategy relating to human resource development with a focus on vocational and technical training and employment in general;
- (b) prepare for approval of the Board, national training plans, programmes and projects in coordination with stakeholders for the expansion of vocational and technical training infrastructure in the country;
- (c) formulate policies building in the field of vocational and technical training;
- (d) develop national occupational skill standards, curricula and trade testing certification systems for all sectors in which vocational and technical training is imparted;
- (e) prescribe conditions under which institutions in the public and private sector may be established and operated;
- (f) facilitate skill development and employment generation through enhancement of public – private partnership;
- (g) improve quality of training of instructors through skill up-gradation programmes;
- (h) regulate affiliation of establishments and institutions offering vocational and technical training;
- (i) issue regulations for licensing of Federal establishment and institutions;
- (j) organize workshops, seminars, symposia and panel discussions in respect of employment and training issues;
- (k) establish an internationally linkages with organizations of repute to make national programmes credible and promote marketing of manpower;
- (l) establish an internationally acceptable system of accreditation for vocational and technical training;
- (m) coordinate with the Provincial Governments in the field of vocational and technical training;
- (n) review existing laws and regulations and vocational and technical training and recommend appropriate legislation;

- (o) carry out training needs assessment survey;
- (p) prepare and maintain a data bank of institutions and establishments imparting vocational and technical training and directory of their graduates and their placements;
- (q) suggest innovative programmes for promotion of vocational and technical training among females, challenged and neglected sections of society;
- (r) suggest performance evaluation parameters for vocational and technical training programmes and conduct performance evaluation of technical and vocational institutes,
- (s) bridge the widening gap between planning and implementation for improving access, delivery and quality of vocational and technical training by applying new instructional and communication technologies;
- (t) suggest ways and means for effective coordination and linkage between vocational and technical training and industry, business and commerce to make vocational and technical training relevant and response to market needs;
- (u) formulate and recommend strategies for pre-service and in service training of vocational and technical training staff; and
- (v) develop code of conduct for vocational and technical training institutions and staff for meeting quality assurance standards.

82. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 28-11-2012 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education and Trainings be pleased to refer to the Senate starred questions Nos.48 and 76 replied on 12th October and 22nd November, 2012, respectively, and state:

- (a) *whether prior permission of the Ministry of Finance was sought in the matter of depositing an amount of Rs.794.127 million in account titled Basic Education Community School Project, if so, the date on which the permission was granted,*
- (b) *whether the Basic Education Community School Project was empowered to open an account in the National Bank of Pakistan, Aabpara Branch, Islamabad;*
- (c) *the authority that was authorized to operate the account;*

- (d) *whether the Project Director of BECS had statutory powers to approve the transfer of said funds;*
- (e) *whether it is a fact that the said transfer of funds was legal, if so, the reasons for referring the case to NAB; and*
- (f) *the steps being taken by the concerned quarters to pursue that case in NAB?*

Sheikh Waqas Akram: (a) The prior permission was not obtained from the Ministry of Finance for depositing an amount of Rs. 794.127 million in the account titled 'Basic Education Community Schools Project' due to the shortage of time, as the funds were received on 30th June, 2011. However later on 11-07-2011, Secretary, Cabinet Division was requested to resolve the matter. Accordingly, the Joint Secretary (Devolution), Cabinet Division requested to the Finance Division on July 18, 2011 to resolve the issue and convey appropriate directions to the bank concerned for disbursement of salaries of the employees and teachers of the project.

(b) Basic Education Community School Project was empowered to open an Assignment Account in the main branch of the National Bank of Pakistan. The funds were transferred from assignment account and placed in the NBL Aabpara branch in account titled 'Basic Education Community Schools Project' to avoid laps-ability as huge liabilities in term of honorarium to teachers etc were to be cleared. No financial embezzlement took place. However, not surrendering funds on 30th June was against the Government Rules.

(c) In consultation with Finance Division, M/o Professional and Technical Training (now M/o Education & Trainings) had authorized to operate account with the following joint signatories:

- i. Mr. Kamran Zafar, Ex MD, NEF
- ii. Brig. Siraj-ud-Din (R), PD, BECS

(d) No officer has the statutory powers to retain funds after 30th June, and the funds have to be surrendered.

As per the OM No. 13(38)Ed/PC/2011 dated May 3rd , 2011 of the Planning Commission, Project Director of the BEGS Project, it is the responsibility to implement the project in its true spirit, and take all actions to run the project. However, Project Director does not the powers not to surrender the funds on 30th June.

- (e) The said transfer of funds was not legal.

However, this was done to avoid laps-ability of funds on 30-06-2011 and to clear the huge liabilities in term of honorarium to teachers etc, the funds were transferred to another account as the Planning Commission has closed the project on 30-06-2011. No

financial embezzlement took place. However, not surrendering funds on 30th June was against the Government Rules. The case against *ex. MD* and *ex. PD* have been forwarded for various complaints of corruption and irregularities, to NAB and FIA authorities for investigation.

(f) the inquiry is under process in the NAB and FIA. The Ministry is actively pursuing with them They requested for additional documents which have been provided to the NAB. The Ministry will continue to cooperate and follow up with them.

85. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 29-11-2012 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the names of law officers appointed during the present regime indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to each?

Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek: In respect of Central Law Offices presently **117** Law Officers (Attorney General for Pakistan, Additional Attorneys General, Deputy Attorneys General and Standing Counsels) are working. Out of them **115** Law Officers have been appointed during the present regime. Detail is at **Annexure-A**.

86. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 29-11-2012 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to deal with negative effects of global warming particularly to protect marine life, coastal resources and enforce vigilance checks on industrial waste?

Rana Mohammad Farooq Saeed Khan: Pakistan has been actively participating in the global climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts. Following activities have been undertaken by Pakistan under the climate change initiatives:

- A high level National Committee on Climate Change, chaired by the Prime Minister of Pakistan has been formed to review policies and monitor progress on climate change initiatives in the country.
- National Climate Change Policy (2012) by the Cabinet has specific recommendations for Coastal and Marine Ecosystem:
- A report titled “Environment and Climate Change Outlook of Pakistan” with the assistance of UNEP has been finalized which is a review of the

environmental conditions, the impacts of climate change and the status of national response to the changing situation in the country.

- To mitigate the risks caused by sudden discharge of huge volume of water from glacial lakes, a first of its kind project titled “Reducing Risks and Vulnerabilities from Glacier Lake Outburst Floods” (GLOF Project) has been initiated.
- Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) & National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) are being finalized.

87. ***Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 30-11-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount released by the Federal Government in connection with 2012 floods in the country and details of its utilization; and*
- (b) the details of compensation paid to the affectees of the said floods?*

Rana Mohammad Farooq Saeed Khan: (a) The amount released by the Federal Government in connection with 2012 floods in the country is Rs. 2010.00 million. Their detail is as under:—

Amount released:—

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|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| (i) | Rs. 710 million | Ration packs |
| (ii) | Rs.500 million | Family Tents |
| (iii) | Rs. 800 million | Relief goods |

Total Rs. 2010 million

Utilization:

710 million was allocated for procurement of ration packs. Procurement is being made through Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan (USC) and till date 262,495 ration bags has been dispatched to the flood affected areas of various districts of Sindh, Balochistan and Punjab as per detail as (Annexed-A). Further distribution of ration packs to these areas is in progress. An amount of Rs. 630.00 million has been released to the (USC).

Rs. 500.00 million has been received recently by NDMA for Purchase of Tents and relief goods for rain affectees in Pakistan. Procurement order has been placed by NDMA out of the allocation of Rs. 500.00 million.

(b) Payment of compensation is not the mandate of NDMA.

Annexure-A

**RATION DISTRIBUTION- SUMMARY
19-10-2012**

S#	Province	Delivered
1.	SINDH	176,245
2.	PUNJAB	21,000
3.	BALUCHISTAN	65,250
TOTAL		262,495

88. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 03-12-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount collected at toll plazas on the National Highways and Motorways in the country during the last four years and details of its utilization with year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the details of money spent by FWO from above said collection during the last four years with year-wise break-up?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Year-wise net toll collection from national highways & motorways during the last four years was as follows:—

Rupees in Million

Year	Highways	Motorways
1. 2008-09	5297.23	2083.95
2. 2009-10	6804.52	2287.34
3. 2010-11	8232.54	2877.15
4. 2011-12	9762.83	3476.38
Total	30097.12	10724.82

Detail of utilization is at **Annex “A”**.

(b) This part of the question may be referred to FWO being an independent entity functioning under Pak Army/ Ministry of Defence.

Year-wise revenue collected by FWO from the motorways is, however, given below:—

Rupees in Million			
F/Year	M-1	M-2	M-3
1. 2008-09	503.69	1332.38	171.59
2. 2009-10	521.53	1454.00	169.32
3. 2010-11	699.85	1776.69	189.46
4. 2011-12	821.80	2138.36	208.66
Total	2546.87	6701.43	739.03

Note.—From Jul-2009 to Jun-2012, the revenue was withheld by FWO on non-payment of their dues for development projects of NHA. Pursuant to PAC directive of Jun 7, 2012, the withheld amount has been adjusted against payable amount of certified liabilities of development projects.

ISLAMABAD :
The 19th December, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.