

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 3rd January, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Questions No. 26 : Set down for answering on 15th November, 2012
(ii) Question No 15, 21 and 23 : Set down for answering on 14th December, 2012

26. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-10-2012 at 20:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state whether the persons having dual nationality are eligible for Government Service?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (i) Rule 13 of the Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion & Transfer) Rules, 1973 provides that a candidate for appointment shall be a citizen of Pakistan, provided that this requirement may be relaxed with the approval of the Establishment Division, provided further that, in the case of candidates to be appointed on temporary basis to posts in the Pakistan Missions abroad, such relaxation shall not be accorded for a period exceeding one year at a time.

(ii) Rule 6(iii) of Rules for Competitive Examination(CSS) 2009 lays down that a candidate having dual nationality must surrender his/her nationality and inform the government before joining Civil Services Academy.

15. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 26-11-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of institutions and authorities working under the administrative control of the Cabinet Secretariat indicating also the names and educational qualifications of Chairmen and Member of the Boards of each authority; and*
- (b) *the procedure laid down for appointment of the said Chairmen and Members?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) & (b) The institutions/authorities having Board of Governors, under the administrative control of Cabinet Division with requisite information is as under:—

- i. National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Annex-I)
- ii. Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (Annex-II)
- iii. Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Annex-III)
- iv. Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (Annex-IV)
- v. Frequency Allocation Board (Annex-V)
- vi. Intellectual Property Organization (Annex-VI)
- vii. Pakistan Medical Research Council (Annex-VII)
- viii. National Institute of Health (Annex-VIII)
- ix. Health Services Academy (Annex-IX)
- x. National College of Arts (Annex-X)
- xi. National Book Foundation (Annex-XI)
- xii. Printing Corporation, of Pakistan (Annex-XII)
- xiii. Capital Development Authority (Annex-XIII)

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

21. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 27-11-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the educational qualifications laid down for the members and Chairman of OGRA and that are being held by incumbents?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: In accordance with sub-section 4 of Section 3 of OGRA Ordinance, 2002, the Chairman shall be an eminent professional of known integrity and competence with a minimum of twenty years of related experience in law, business, engineering, finance, accounting, economics, petroleum technology, public administration or management.

In accordance with sub-section 5 of Section 3 of OGRA Ordinance, 2002, the Member Oil shall be a person who holds an appropriate degree in the relevant field and is an experienced, eminent professional of known integrity and competence with a minimum of twenty years of related experience in the field of oil, including the transportation thereof.

In accordance with sub-section 6 of Section 3 of OGRA Ordinance, 2002, the Member Gas shall be a person who holds an appropriate degree in the relevant field and is an experienced, eminent professional of known integrity and competence with a minimum of twenty years of related experience in the field of natural gas, including the transmission and distribution thereof.

In accordance with sub-section 7 of Section 3 of OGRA Ordinance, 2002, the Member Finance shall be a person who holds an appropriate degree in the relevant field and is an experienced, eminent professional of known integrity and competence with a minimum of twenty years of related experience in the field of corporate finance or accounting.

The educational qualifications of present Chairman and Members of the Authority are as under:—

S. #	Name	Qualification
(i)	Mr. Saeed Ahmad Khan, Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master in Public Administration • M.Sc. (Zoology)
(ii)	Mr. Sabar Hussain Vice Chairman/Member (Oil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.Sc (Petrochemical Engineering)
(iii)	Mir Kamal Marri Member (Finance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.B.A. (Finance)
(iv)	Mr. Mansoor Muzaffar Ali, Member (Gas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Graduate Fellowship for M.Sc (Nuclear Engineering) • B.Sc (Pet. & Gas)

23. ***Mr. Nisar Muhammad:** (Notice received on 28-11-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the CDA has not handed over the possession of plots to the allottees in Sector 1-15, Islamabad, so far, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the time by which possession of the said plots will be handed over to the concerned allottees?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Yes it is correct that the possession of plots in Sector I-15 has not been handed over to its allottees because the sector has not been developed so far.

(b) As soon as the development work is carried out the possession of the plots for construction of houses will be given to the allottees.

1. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 21-12-2012 at 13:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

(a) *the names, educational qualification, experience, present assignment, date, of appointment and seniority position of Members of the CDA board; and*

(b) *the procedure laid down for appointment of the said members?*

Reply not received.

2. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 21-12-2012 at 13:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs 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?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh: No officer of EAD holds dual nationality. However, the spouses of following two officers hold dual nationality:—

Name of Officer whose spouses hold dual nationality or nationality of other country	Designation with BPS	Country of nationality of the spouse.
Mrs. Baseerat Memraiz	Section Officer BPS-18	United States of America.
Mr. Afzal Latif	Joint Secretary BPS-20	British

3. ***Mr. Hidayatullah:** (Notice received on 21-12-2012 at 14:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that Industrial Units in sectors I-9 and I-10, Islamabad, are causing pollution and badly affecting the environment of the area; and*

(b) *if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to shift those units to any other place?*

Reply not received.

4. ***Mr. Hidayatullah:** (Notice received on 21-12-2012 at 14:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for conversion of "Sihala Agro Farm" into industrial Area?

Reply not received.

6. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 24-12-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a hospital in National Institute of Health, Islamabad, if so, when; and*
- (b) *the details of clinical / laboratory tests being carried out in the Institute and fees being charged for each test?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) No proposal is under consideration of the Government to establish a hospital in National Institute of Health, Islamabad.

(b) The details of clinical/laboratory tests being carried out by the under mentioned Divisions of this Institute and fees being charged for each test are annexed as follows:

Public Health Laboratories Division (Annex-I)

Drugs Control & Traditional Medicine Division. (Annex-II)

Nutrition Division (Annex-III)

7. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 24-12-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of files of maintenance Directorate of CDA misplaced during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the details of action taken against the officials found responsible of the said lapses?*

Reply not received.

8. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 24-12-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to state whether the Federal Government employees and their families are entitled to free medical treatment at Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Hospital, Rawalpindi, if so, its details?

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: Not relates to Ministry of Capital Administration and Development.

9. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 24-12-2012 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the years during which Pakistan was polio free country; and
(b) *the number of polio cases reported in the country during the years 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) Nil.

(b) The year wise detail of Polio cases is as under

<i>Year</i>	<i>Cases</i>
2007	32
2008	117
2009	89
2010	144
2011	198
2012	57

10. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 24-12-2012 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *in which Financial Year was wealth tax abolished in Pakistan;*
(b) *the annual tax to GDP ratio in the two Financial Years before wealth tax was abolished;*
(c) *the tax to GDP ratio five years after the abolition of the wealth tax; and*

(d) *current tax to GDP ratio?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh: (a) Wealth Tax Act, 1963, was promulgated with the objectives of discouraging concentration of wealth in non-productive assets and to tax the wealthy persons. In the budget speech in June, 2000, the Finance Minister announced that the Wealth Tax Act has been held in abeyance/suspended for the assessment years commencing from 1st July, 2001 and thereafter. The Wealth Tax was finally abolished through the Finance Act, 2003.

(b) The annual tax to GDP ratio in two years before abolition of wealth tax, is as under:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Tax to GDP</i>
1999-2000	10.09%
2000-2001	10.94%

(c) Tax to GDP ratio in five years after the abolition of wealth tax, is as under:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Tax to GDP</i>
2001-02	10.31%
2002-03	10.85%
2003-04	10.32%
2004-05	9.50%
2005-06	10.03%

(d) The current tax to GDP ratio for the Financial Year 2011-12 has substantially improved to 9.1% from the lowest level of 8.6% for 2010-11.

11. ***Mrs. Farah Aqil:** (Notice received on 24-12-2012 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the remuneration being paid to a female worker by the Government during polio campaign?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: One Polio Campaign spans to four days and there are usually eight Polio Campaigns per year, (4 National campaigns and 4 Sub-National Campaigns).

During one Polio Campaign, a female worker is paid per diem and training allowance as follows:—

- Daily allowance @ Rs.250 per day.
- Training allowance @ Rs.150

Total: Rs.1150 per polio campaign

12. *Mrs. Nasreen Jalil (Notice received on 24-12-2012 at 13:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the composition of promotion/selection Board for promotion of Doctors working in Poly Clinic and PIMS from BPS-18 to 19, BPS-19 to 20 and from BPS-20 to 21;*
- (b) *the date of last meeting of the said Board;*
- (c) *the number of vacant posts of Doctors in BPS-20 and 21 at present in the said hospitals separately; and*
- (d) *the names and designation of the doctors in each of the said hospitals who have completed the required length of service for promotion to the said grades and the time by which they will be promoted to the next grade?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) there is only one Departmental Selection Board for consideration of promotion (BS-18 to 19) of all the attached departments of M/o CA&D including doctors of Polyclinic and PIMS. The composition is as follows:—

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| (1) Secretary CA&D | Chairman |
| (2) Additional Sec (Estt Div) | Member |
| (3) Additional Sec(Law Div) | Member |
| (4) Additional Sec/ Sr.Joint
Secretary M/o CA&D | Member |
| (5) Head of Institute | Member |

Central Selection Board

Considers promotions of officers BS-19 to 20 and BS-20 to 21 of all the civil Servants i.e including all the attached departments of M/O CA&D. since the Board is constituted by the Estt Div, its composition is not available in the Ministry, however, Chairman FPSC is the Chairman of CSB, Secretary Establishment Division holds the meeting and all the Secretaries of the concerned Ministries/ departments whose cases are being considered are members.

- (b) i Last DSB (BS-18 to 19) was held on 19-10-2012.
- ii Last CSB (BS-19 to 20) was held on 23rd to 24th September, 2011.

(c) 19 posts in BS-20 are lying vacant in PIMS. Detail is at Annex-A.

There are 46 sanctioned posts of BPS-20 in PIMS. As per Government policy, 12.50% quota of the sanctioned posts should be promoted to BS-21 on meritorious grounds. According to the proportion (12.50%), the number of positions to be placed in BS-21 should be 06 in PIMS. All these 06 positions in BPS-21 (meritorious) are lying vacant. Further more, there are sanctioned posts of BS-21 in Federal Government Polyclinic. As the seniority of both institutions is combined, therefore, the total number of positions to be placed in BS-21 are more than

PIMS

(d) The details/names and designation of the doctors working in BPS-20 who have completed the requirement for promotion to BPS-21 is attached at Annex-B.

The eligible candidates will be promoted as & when the Board will be scheduled by the concerned authorities.

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List of vacant posts and eligible doctors may be seen at Annexure-C. The eligible persons will be promoted as and when meeting of CSB convened.

13. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 24-12-2012 at 16:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No.10 replied on 14th December, 2012 and state:

- (a) *whether the instructions regarding facility of enhanced encashment of leave preparatory to retirement to the officers retired w.e.f 01.07.2012 have been issued, if not, its reasons and the time by which it will be issued, and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that vide Senate unstarred question No.1 replied on 9th October, 2012, it was stated that the Officers in 13PS-20 to 22 retired on or after 01.07.2012 will be entitled for Special Additional Pension equal to enhanced rate of pre-retirement Orderly Allowance, if so, whether necessary instructions have been issued to the concerned departments, if not, its reasons and the time by which the same will be issued?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh: (a) Yes, it has been issued on 29-8-2012.

(b) On the recommendations of the Pay and Pension Commission-2009, the Establishment Division, and request of retired government officers in BPS-20 and above,

the competent authority has been pleased to approve that -the retired officers in BPS-20 and above shall be paid Special Additional Pension equal to the Orderly Allowance admissible to serving officers w.e.f. 01-01-2013 and that whenever the Government revises the rates of Orderly Allowance in future, the same increase shall. be made applicable to the Special Additional Pension of the retired officers. This was notified on 24-12-2012.

14. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 26-12-2012 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to slate:

- (a) *whether it is fact that after completion of 15 years of mandatory period, the commuted part of pension of a pensioner is revived by including the various increases granted by the government from time to time; and*
- (b) *whether it is also fact that such financial benefit has not been granted to all retired government employees who have completed 15 years of mandatory period after retirement by the AGPR despite the verdict of Supreme Court of Pakistan, if so, the reasons thereof along with remedial steps being taken by the Government?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh: (a) No.

(b) Prior to 01-12-2001, a civil servant was allowed to commute 50% of gross pension at his option *vide* Finance Division's O.M. No. F. 10(3)- Reg.6/86(II) dated 1st July, 1986. It is pointed out that prior to 01-12-2001 the pensioners were also allowed increases in pension from time to time on gross pension. However, in pursuance of Cabinet decision, Finance Division *vide* para 16(f) of its O.M. No. 1(5)-Imp/2001 dated 04-09-2001 issued instructions that in future *w.e.f.* 01-12-2001 the increases in pension to the pensioners shall be allowed on net pension instead of gross pension.(Annex-I) *w.e.f.* 1-12-2001 increases in pension are allowed in net pension *i.e.* pension drawn. This policy was challenged in FST and the FST accepted the appeal *vide* its judgment dated 5-1-2012. The Apex Court has also upheld the judgment of FST. The issue is now under process in Finance Division.

ISLAMABAD :
The 2nd January, 2013.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.