

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 19th April, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos. 13, 14, 65, 67 and 68 were set down for answering on 13th March, 2013 (91st Session) but were deferred)

13. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 14:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of cases lying pending in each High Court with category-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not disposing off the said cases so far and the time by which the same will be disposed off?*

Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi: (a) & (b) The information received from Lahore High Court and High Court Sindh is annexed. The Islamabad High Court has regretted to provide the information as it amounts to have a check on Judiciary which militates against its independence and the Peshawar High Court has also regretted for provision of subject information. The information from High Court of Balochistan is still awaited.

14. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 14:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of cases lying pending in the Supreme Court of Pakistan with category-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not disposing off the said cases so far and the time by which the same will be disposed off?*

Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi: (a) & (b) The information is not available in this Division. Therefore, the Registrar of Supreme Court of Pakistan was requested to provide

the requisite information. The Supreme Court has replied that the requisite data is available at the official website of Supreme Court's Annual Report under the following link:—

<http://www.supremecourt.gov.pk/AnnualRpt/Statistical%20Data%20Analysis.pdf>

The data regarding institution, disposal and pending cases from 2000 to 2011, available at the website, is Annexed.

65. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 11-02-2013 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of suo moto action taken by each High Court of the country since 2009;*
- (b) *the number of the said cases disposed off so far; and*
- (c) *the number of the said cases lying pending at present and the time by which the same will be disposed off?*

Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi: (a), (b) & (c) The information as provided by different High Courts are as under:—

- (i) The High Court of Sindh, Karachi vide its letter [Annex 'A'] informed that no Suo Moto action taken by that Court since 2009.
- (ii) The Islamabad High Court, Islamabad vide its letter [Annex-'B'] intimated that such information amounts to have a check on Judiciary which militates against its independence.

2. The information from Lahore High Court, Peshawar High Court & Balochistan High Court is still awaited.

67. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 18-02-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the contract for Karachi - Hyderabad Motorway (M-9) project was awarded to a Malaysian Company 'Vinapuri' on the basis of BOT;*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that the said contract has been cancelled, if so, the reasons therefore; and*

(c) *the time by which the construction of the said motorway will be restarted?*

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) Yes, the concession agreement was signed on January 16, 2012 with M/s Bina Puri of Malaysia for construction of Karachi - Hyderabad Motorway (M-9) project on BOT basis.

(b) Yes, the contract was terminated because of failure on the part of M/s. Bina Puri to achieve Financial Close within stipulated time period *i.e* till July 15, 2012.

(c) Initially, M-9 was planned to be implemented on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) basis. Since this did not materialized, it was decided to commence this project through PSDP. The Federal Cabinet has approved award of works to FWO on single source basis while according waiver from PPRA Rules.

Work has not yet been awarded. Deliberations with FWO for finalization of contract agreement are ongoing. Construction period will be two years after commencement of work.

68. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 18-02-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the length of motorway from Faisalabad to Multan to be constructed;*

(b) *the time by which the construction of said motorway will be completed; and*

(c) *the estimated cost of the project?*

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) NHA has planned/undertaken construction of Faisalabad - Khanewal - Multan Motorway (M-4, 241 km) in four packages:—

Pack	Section	Km
I.	Faisalabad - Gojra	58
II.	Gojra - Shorkot	62
III.	Shorkot-Dinpur-Khanewal*	64
IV.	Khanewal - Multan	57
Total		241

*Including River Ravi & Sidhna Channel Bridges.

(b) Faisalabad - Gojra (Pack-I). Work is likely to be completed by December-2013.

Gojra - Shorkot - Khanewal (Packs-II & III). Land acquisition is held up due to non availability of funds. Work will be awarded once land acquisition process is completed. After award of works, planned construction period will be 30 months.

Khanewal - Multan (Pack-V). Work is likely to be completed by December-2014.

(c) The approved PC-I cost of M-4 is as follows:—

	Section	Km	Rs. in M
a.	Faisalabad - Khanewal	184	32,521.379
b.	Khanewal-Multan	57	14,494.942

44. ***Mrs. Naseema Ehsan:** (Notice received on 14-03-2013 at 10:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of the company of Singapore with which agreement regarding operation of Gwadar Port was signed;*
- (b) *the period for which the said agreement was signed; and*
- (c) *whether the agreement is being implemented at present or otherwise?*

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) The agreement was signed between Gwadar Port Authority and PSA Gwadar PTE. LTD.

(b) The agreement was signed for forty (40) years.

(c) The Concessicm Agreement 2007 is currently operative.

45. ***Mrs. Naseema Ehsan:** (Notice received on 15-03-2013 at 10:15)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to link Turbat city with M-8, if so, when?

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: Two lane Gwadar-Turbat-Hoshab Road (M-8, 193 km) is already under construction. It passes at a distance of about 4 km from Turbat City; which is planned to be linked through a local road.

Presently, work on the project is suspended due to adverse law and order situation. Overall progress is 65%.

46. ***Mr. Hamza :** (Notice received on 15-03-2013 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the estimated cost of construction of motorway (M-4);*
- (b) *the date of completion of the project;*
- (c) *the number of underpasses constructed on the said motorway indicating also the width and height of the same;*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that width and height of the said underpasses is not of required standard, if so, its reasons; and*
- (e) *the steps being taken to rectify the situation?*

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) & (b) NHA has planned/undertaken construction of Faisalabad - Khanewal - Multan Motorway (M-4) in four packages. Work on only two packages is ongoing. Estimated cost as per approved PC-I is Rs 47.016 Billion. Progress of each package is as indicated :

Pack	Section	Km	PC-I Cost (Rs in B)	Progress	Completion
I.	Faisalabad - Gojra	58		38%	Jun-2014
II.	Gojra - Shorkot	62	28.564**	—	After award construction
III.	Shorkot-Dinpur-Khanewal*	64	3.957***	—	period will be 30 months
IV.	Khanewal - Multan (Extension)	57	14.495	8%	Dec-2014
		241	47.016		

* Including River Ravi & Sidhna Channel Bridges. ** Revised PC-I is under process for approval

*** Land

acquisition

Cost has increased, as original PC-I was prepared in Sep-2007 while contract for Faisalabad - Gojra (58 km) only was awarded for Rs 10.289 billion. Contracts for Gojra - Shorkot -Dinpur-Khanewal (126 km) are yet to be awarded. These packages are getting delayed as additional funds required for land acquisition (approx Rs 1.821 billion) have not yet been provided by GoP.

(c) Five different types of crossing structures have been provided in Faisalabad-Gojra (Pack-I):

Structure	Size	(Meters)	No
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i.	Underpass	10 x 5.3	:	1
ii.	Underpass	7.3 x 5.3	:	1
iii.	Road Underpass	4.5 x 4.5	:	18
iv.	Subways	4.0 x 4.0	:	29
v.	Cattle Creeps	2.5 x 2.5	:	5
Total				62

(d) It is confirmed that international design standards have been used for crossing structures. Size of underpasses (provided on major roads) has been kept as 7.3 x 5.3 m. Size of road underpasses is 4.5 x 4.5 m. While of subways, it is 4 x 4 m as these have been provided on minor / farm-to-market roads. Width of all crossing structures has been kept symmetric to width of crossing roads / tracks. As per international standards, width of loads (loaded trolley / truck) is restricted to 2.6 m while height of carriage from ground level to top cannot be more than 4.0 m for local and rural traffic.

(e) Width & height of underpasses / subways is as per international design standards. A total of 62 crossing structures have been catered for in a 58 km length although as per international standards, one crossing structure is to be provided in every two km. Therefore, the underpasses / subways provided in the contract are adequate. Still, however, additional 1 x subway and 5 x cattle creeps have been provided to satisfy public demand.

47. ***Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 15-03-2013 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- the expenditure incurred on the construction of Motorways, M-1, M-2 and M-3;*
- the date of inauguration of each Motorway; and*
- the amount collected as toll tax from each of the said Motorways so far from the date of inauguration, with year-wise break-up?*

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) Following expenditure has been incurred on the construction of the Motorways:—

Motorway	Rs in B
M-1 Islamabad-Peshawar (upto Jan 2013)	43.272
M-2 Lahore - Islamabad	41.357
M-3 Pindi Bhattian - Faisalabad	5.600
Total	90.229

(b) Inauguration dates of the Motorways were as under:—

Motorway	Date
M-1 Islamabad - Peshawar	Mar-2006
M-2 Lahore - Islamabad	Nov-1997
M-3 Pindi Bhattian - Faisalabad	Oct-2003

(c) Upto-date toll collected from the Motorways is as under. Year-wise break-up is at **Annex-A** :—

Motorway	Rs in B
M-1 Islamabad - Peshawar	3.811
M-2 Lahore - Islamabad	15.372
M-3 Pindi Bhattian - Faisalabad	1.602
Total	20.785

Revenue collection through e-tag system on Motorways (M-1, M-2 & M-3) is being carried out by National Database Registration Authority. NADRA has collected Rs 904 million from FY 2006-07 till date making a total of Rs 21.689 billion.

48. ***Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 15-03-2013 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated construction cost of bridge on River Chenab Linking Shorkot and Garh Maharaja, indicating also the inauguration date; and (b) the time by which the bridge will be completed?

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) The estimated construction cost of Bridge across River Chenab linking Shorkot-Garh Maharaja including river training works and approach roads being executed in packages is Rs 2547.460 million:—

Description	Rs in M
1. Main bridge	770.544
Garh Maharaja Side	
2. Approach road & guide bank	570.119

3. Flood protection bund	146.000
4. J-Spur	204.000

Shorkot Side

5. Approach road & guide bank	572.111
6. Raising of flood protection bund	53.000
7. J-Spur	231.686

Total	2547.460
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Project will be inaugurated after completion of main bridge and approach roads expected in Dec-2013.

(b) Main bridge and approach roads are expected to be completed by Dec-2013 subject to smooth flow of funds. However, river training works are likely to be completed by Mar-2014.

49. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 25-03-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Post Offices presently functioning in the country with district-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the profit earned from post offices during the last three financial years with head-wise breakup?*

Reply not received.

50. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 25-03-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the payable amount to the Frontier Works Organizations (FWO) by the National Highway Authority; and*
- (b) *the time by which it will be paid to FWO?*

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) Following payments of FWO for various development projects are pending /payable in NHA Finance Wing :—

Project	Rs in M
1. Khanewal-Multan Inter District Road	97.123

	(Bosan Road) (Pack-II)	
2.	West Bank Bypass (Muzaffarabad City, AJ&K) (Pack-II)	49.289
3.	Torkham - Jalalabad Road Afghanistan	747.891

- (b) 1. Khanewal-Multan Inter District Road (Bosan Road) (Pack-II). Release of 3rd quarter tranche of NHA's PSDP allocation 2012-13 is still awaited from the Finance Division. Liabilities & claims of FWO will be released on receipt of funds.
2. West Bank Bypass (Muzaffarabad City, AJ&K) (Pack-II). Project has been undertaken by NHA as "deposit work" on behalf of Earthquake Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA). Liabilities & claims of FWO will be released on receipt of funds from ERRA.
3. Torkham-Jalalabad Road Afghanistan. Funds for this project were provided by GoP through a special grant of USD 100 million under the auspices of the Council for Rehabilitation & Reconstruction of Afghanistan (CRRA). Liabilities & claims of FWO will be released on receipt of funds from CRRA.

51. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 27-03-2013 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is fact Road Safety, Welfare and Reward Funds (RSW&RF) maintained by the National Highways and Motorways Police (NHMP) is according to law, if so, the sources through which it is generated;*
- (b) *the head under which the fund is utilized,*
- (c) *the details of the utilization of the fund during the last five fiscal years with year-wise break-up; and*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that massive irregularities have been detected in the utilization of the said fund, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to carry out audit of the fund by the third party and punish those found responsible for the said irregularities?*

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) The fund is being maintained as per Section 89 and 93 of National Highways Safety Ordinance 2000 and NH&MP (Road Safety Campaign, Performance Reward) Rules-2007. 50% share of fine collected at motorways and national highways is the source of generation.

(b) The funds transferred to NH&MP is used as under;

50% Road Safety Education Campaign.
50% Reward/Welfare Fund of the Police Officers.

(c) Year	Road Education Safety Campaign (Rs. in Million)	Reward (Rs. In Million)
2008-09	5.324	38.540
2009-10	160.457	37.250
2010-11	158.904	26.936
2011-12	48.331	70.835
2012-13	87.301	153.695
Total:	460.317	327.256

(d) The audit up to 30-6-2012 has already been conducted by the Auditor General of Pakistan. However, no serious irregularities have been reported in the Audit Reports.

52. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 01-04-2013 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that construction work on Hassan Abdal-Mansehra Express way has not been started so far, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the time by which the work will be started and completed?*

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) NHA has planned construction of this Expressway (E-35) in two phases split into 6 x packages:—

1. Hasanabdal - Havelian (58 km).

Pack Section	Km
I. Burhan Interchange - Jarikas	20
II. Jarikas - Sarai Saleh Chowk	18
III. Sarai Saleh Chowk - Samlaila	20

2. Havelian – Mansehra (51 km).

Pack Section	Km
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I.	Samlaila - Dhamtor	15
II.	Dhamtor - Mirpur	11
III.	Mirpur - Mansehra	25

Construction work has not yet started due to revision of land acquisition policy by ADB. The whole process shall be re-visited and evaluation of award and resettlement shall be carried out by ADB Specialist. Commencement of work is also delayed because approval of PC-I costing Rs 46.81 billion; which has been cleared by CDWP, but ECNEC is awaited.

(b) Phase-1. Work can commence in 2013-14 subject to approval of PC-I and allocation / provision of necessary funds. Pack-wise progress is as follows:—

Packs-I & III. Procurement process will be initiated on completion of land acquisition.

Pack-II. Jarikas - Sarae Saleh Chowk is ready for construction subject to conditions of resettlement imposed by ADB.

Phase-2. Delayed as land acquisition and design process will commence after finalization of alignment.

53. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 01-04-2013 at 10:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the total revenues collected at toll plazas by the Motorway Police during the financial year 2011 and 2012; and*

(b) *the total strength of employees of Motorway Police and the province-wise details of recruitments made during the years 2011 and 2012 consecutively?*

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) The revenue collection at toll plazas does not pertain to NH&MP.

(b) Total Sanctioned strength
(Uniformed + Civilian) = 6101
Total Present Strength = 5371
(Uniformed + Civilian)

Detail of recruitment

SUMMARY OF RECRUITMENT OF JUNIOR PATROL OFFICER DURING 2011

Province/ Region	Quota %	General Quota	Women Quota	Minority Quota	Total	Total Appointed
Merit	7.5	15	0	0	15	15
Punjab	50	86	10	5	101	100
Sindh-R	11.4	20	2	1	23	23
Sindh-U	7.6	13	2	1	16	13
KPK	11.5	21	2	1	24	22
Balochistan	6	11	1 + 5*	0	12+5* = 17	13
GB/FATA	4	7	1+ 1+	1	9+1* = 10	8
AJK	2	4	1*	0	4+1* = 5	5
Total	100	177	18 + 7*=25	9	204+7*=211	199

(ii)

RECRUITMENT OF CIVIL/NON-UNIFORMED STAFF DURING THE YEAR 2011

Designation of the post	BPS	Punjab	Sindh-R	Total
LDC	7	2	1	3

(iii) No Recruitment was made during the year 2012

54. ***Mr. Amar Jeet :** (Notice received on 04-04-2013 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the present status of development work on Iserkey Interchange, Farooq Abad, District Sheikhpura; and*

(b) *the time by which it will be completed?*

Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel: (a) Presently there is no plan under consideration to construct Iserkey Interchange. Farooq Abad District Sheikhpura.

(b) As above

ISLAMABAD :
The 18th April, 2013.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

