

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 20th December, 2013

@25. ***Mrs. Nasreen Jalil:** (Notice received on 18-11-2013 at 02:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and place of domicile of the Members of Board of Governors of PEMRA;*
- (b) the powers and functions of the said Board;*
- (c) the procedure being adopted by PEMRA for making decisions regarding the affairs of electronic and print media; and*
- (d) whether the said board is independent in making policy regarding electronic and print media?*

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: (a) The Federal Government on 28th June 2011 has appointed following Members of PEMRA Board:—

Sr. No.	Name	Place of Domicile
1.	Mr. Gohar Ejaz	Federal Capital
2.	Mian Shams	Lahore, Punjab
3.	Mrs. Zeba Shahzad Husain	Karachi, Sindh
4.	Mrs. Shama Parveen Magsi	Quetta Balochistan
5.	Mrs. Farreha Iftikhar	Abbottabad, KP
6.	Mr. Israr Ahmed Abbasi	A J & K

@ Transferred from Cabinet Division.

Moreover, the Secretary Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the Secretary Ministry of Interior, the Chairman Federal Board of Revenue, the Chairman Pakistan Telecommunication Authority are *ex-officio* members of the Authority.

(b) The Authority/Members of the Board can exercise all powers as conferred under PEMRA Laws. Section 4 of PEMRA Ordinance 2002/Amendment Act 2007 provides the functions of the Authority, which are reproduced below:—

Section 4. Functions of the Authority:

- (1) The Authority shall be responsible for regulating the establishment and Operation of all broadcast media and distribution services in Pakistan established for the purpose of international, national, provincial, district, local or special target audiences.
- (2) The Authority shall regulate the distribution of Foreign and local TV and radio channels in Pakistan;
- (3) The Authority may, by notification in the official Gazette, make regulations and also issue determinations For carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

(c) PEMRA deals with electronic media whereas print media does not fall under the ambit of PEMRA. The members of the Board take decision in Authority meetings. Section 8 of PEMRA Ordinance 2002/Amendment Act 2007 states the procedure of meeting of the Authority, the same is reproduced below :

Section 8. Meetings of the Authority, etc.

- (1) The Chairman or, in his absence, the member elected by the members For the purpose, shall preside at a meeting of the Authority..
- (2) One-third or the total members shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Authority requiring a decision by the Authority.
- (3) The members shall have reasonable notice of the time and place of. the meeting and the matters on which a decision by the Authority shall be taken in such meeting.
- (4) The decisions of the Authority shall be taken by the majority of its members present, and in case of a tie, the member presiding a meeting shall have a casting vote.
- (5) All orders, determinations and decisions of the Authority shall be taken in writing and shall identify the determination of the Chairman and each member separately.

(d) Yes, the Authority/Board is independent in making policy regarding electronic media under section 4 and section 39 of PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007.

Print media does not fall under the ambit of PEMRA.

@54. ***Dr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 08-11-2013 at 01:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of missing persons in the country reported since 2001 with province-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the number of the said persons recovered so far with gender-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *the number of mutilated bodies found in the country during the said period?*

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: (a) Federal Government constituted a Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances, which is headed by a former judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. This Commission is maintaining data of alleged Missing Persons. A statement showing the province-wise statistics of such cases is placed at Annex-A. In addition to the above, cases of Missing Persons are under process in the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Lahore High Court, Sindh High Court, Peshawar High Court and Balochistan High Court as per details given below :

@ Deferred from 12th December, 2013.

- i. Number of Missing Persons in the Commission of Inquiry of Enforced Disappearances as on 27th November, 2013 (**813**)
 - ii. Number of Missing Persons Cases in the Supreme Court of Pakistan - **304**
 - iii. Number of Missing Persons Cases in Lahore High Court -**14**
 - iv. Number of Missing Persons Cases in Sindh High Court -**174**
 - v. Number of Missing Persons in Peshawar High Court -**101**
 - vi. Number of Missing Persons Cases in Balochistan High Court – **22**
 - vii. Total number of Cases -**1428**
 - viii. Duplications (cases under Process in the Commission as well as Supreme Court/ High Court) —**346**
 - ix. Net number of cases of Missing Persons - **1082**
- (b) No female has been enlisted as the missing person till date.

(c) Provincial Governments, AJ&K, Gilgit Baltistan and ICT were requested to provide the number of mutilated bodies recovered in the country since 2001. Nil report has been received

from IG of Police, Gilgit Baltistan. IGP ICT *vide* letter No. 60-29/10171/IGP/C dated 2.12.2013 has reported that since 2001 till date, **12** mutilated bodies were found in ICT, out of which **08** dead bodies were of male, whereas **04** dead bodies were females. Necessary cases were registered in different Police Stations. Details is attached at **Annex-B**.

Reports from remaining provinces are awaited.

121. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 18-11-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the acreage of land of Pakistan Railways in Provincial Capitals in the country which is presently leased out indicating also the names of lessee and period of lease in each case; and*
- (b) *the monthly / annual income from the said land and the purpose for which the same is utilized?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) The acreage of railway land leased out in the Provincial Capitals is as under:—

Provincial Capital	Total leased out land (acres)
Karachi	445.323
Peshawar	441.60
Lahore	120.280
Quetta	Nil
Total:-	1007.203

The detail of said land regarding names of lessees and period of lease is indicated in annexures-A &B.

(b) The said land is leased out for the purpose of commercial, agricultural, material stacking and parking etc. The annual income from the said land is Rs. 158.38 million.

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

122. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 20-11-2013 at 09:10 am)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of officers of Police Service of Pakistan promoted in 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, separately; and*
- (b) *the number of junior officers of Islamabad Capital Territory Police promoted during each of the said years?*

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: (a) Officers of Police Service of Pakistan (PSP) are promoted by the Establishment Division. Therefore, the matter relates to that Division and not to the Ministry of Interior.

(b) Promotion of *ex-cadre* Police Officers of ICT Police in BS-17 & BS-18 are allowed by the Ministry of Interior and Junior Police Officers from Constables (BS-05) to Inspectors (BS-16) are promoted by the Inspector General of Police, Islamabad (IGP).

Details of promotion allowed by the Ministry of Interior and IGP, Islamabad are as under:—

S. No.	Promoted as	1999	2002	2003	2004	2005
01	SP (BS-18)	—	—	—	—	—
02	DSP (BS-17)	—	—	04	—	14
03	Insp. (BS-16)	05	—	—	67	—
04	Sub Insp.(BS-14)	40	13	—	187	—
05	ASI (BS-09)	36	15	—	127	297
06	HC (BS-07)	36	83	—	02	679

ISLAMABAD :
The 19th December, 2013.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.