

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 4th February, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question No. 150 Deferred on 28th October, 2014 (108th Session)

150. (Def.) *Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain: (Notice received on 25-06-2014 at 1:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms be pleased to state whether any feasibility report has been prepared for Islamabad-Rawalpindi Metro Bus Project, if so, its details including estimated number of people who will travel by that bus on daily basis?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal: Yes: Prefeasibility study and traffic model study have been conducted for the project as per following details:

- a. A Prefeasibility study conducted by Capital Development Authority (CDA) in November, 2012 under Asian Development Bank (ADB.) funding.
- b. Transport Modeling for Mass Transit System between Rawalpindi & Islamabad – Study carried out by NESPAK in 2014.

As per the above studies following is the data of estimated passengers:

- o Approximate daily total passengers between twin cities over various routes = 525,000
- o Total traffic volume between twin cities over major corridors is as under:
 - Murree Road = 79,110 PCUs
 - Islamabad Highway = 113,587 PCUs
 - 7th Avenue = 34,206 PCUs

- 9th Avenue = 60,556 PCUs
(PCUs – Passenger Car Units)
- o Daily Public Transport Demand = 1,224,102 passengers (total demand for twin cities)
- o Passenger demand (Ridership) over the proposed Metro Corridor is as under:
 - Without routes and fare integration = 135,000 passengers per day
 - With routes and fare integration = 221,602 passengers per day
 - Passenger carrying capacity of the proposed Metro Buses = 313,278 passengers per day.

35. *Mr. Hidayat Ullah : (Notice received on 05-11-2014 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether any subsidy has been given or is proposed to be given for revival of sick industrial units in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa?

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: No public sector sick Industrial unit exists in KPK, and no subsidy has consequently been given.

The Federal Government with the assistance of World Bank and of the donors is executing a project “Economic Revitalization of KPK and FATA (ERKF)”. The objective of the project is revitalization of Flood / Militancy / Earthquake hit areas. Total cost of the project is USD 20 million SMEDA, an organization under M/o I&P is a working partner in this project. To date, 880 SMEs in KPK have been rehabilitated at the cost of Rs. 611, 636, 732.

36. *Mrs. Sehar Kamran : (Notice received on 05-11-2014 at 11:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of ongoing development projects in the country which are being funded by the international donors / financial institutions; and*
- (b) *the details of financial assistance, donations and loans provided by the said donors / institutions for those projects during the present regime and the details of its utilization with province wise break up?*

Reply not received.

39. *Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq : (Notice received on 05-11-2014 at 02:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for revival, up-gradation and modernization of sick industrial units in the country from 2008 to 2013 and the results achieved therefrom;*
- (b) the details of research undertaken by the Government for the development of industries in the country indicating also the amount allocated and released for the same during the said period with year-wise break-up; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government for revival of the sick industrial units in the country at present?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) There are 3646 industrial units in the country, out of which 1333 are listed as sick units. Most of the industrial sick units fall within the private sector; The Government is constantly reviewing tax & investment regimes to facilitate the revival of industrial sector.

As regards, public sector sick units Government is determined to fully reform and restructure public sector corporations. The government has devised following policy initiatives.

(1) To appoint professional managers in all public sector corporations through a competitive and transparent process of recruitment.

(2) All such corporations that can be profitably privatized will be put to a credible process of privatization.

(3) Where privatization is not a possible option either a management contract will be negotiated or fully independent management will be inducted to run the corporations on pure professional grounds as well as financial restructuring will be carried out to enable them to run on sound commercial grounds.

(b) The Government has initiated Industrial Research Program (IRP) through Engineering Development Board, Ministry of Industries and Production to promote Research & Development activities in the industry. The Program aims to address Industry's Technical issues pertaining to Product Design/Development, Production Process and its Materials to foster much-needed innovation in the industry to enhance its competitiveness.

EDB has taken on board a team of 992 Professors, Scientists, Technologists, Researchers (Ph.D and M.Phil) in 308 fields to conduct R&D activities. These fields cover almost all products related to, engineering, applied physics and applied chemistry.

So far different industries from sugar, steel re-rolling, surgical, cutlery, fan, automotive vendor, HVACR, electric fittings, etc are availing R&D facilities under IRP. These services are provided on competitive basis, funded purely by the recipient industry, as such, no allocation/releases for the R&D activity under IRP program have been made so far.

(c) Same as in (a)

40. *Mrs. Sehar Kamran : (Notice received on 06-11-2014 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

(a) *the steps being taken by the Government for growth of industrial sector in the country; and*

(b) *the details of assistance being provided by the Federal Government to the provincial governments for growth of the said sector in each province?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) Ministry of Industries and Production has offered certain incentives/facilities for the growth of industrial sector in the Country through establishment of Export Processing Zones (EPZs) / Industrial Parks. List of incentives/facilities available for the investors in EPZs/Industrial Parks is at (Annexure-I).

Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) is the apex SME development organization of Pakistan, working under the administrative control of Ministry of Industries and Production. SMEDA is taking key initiatives for the growth of industrial sector in the country.

SME Development Plan (2013-18)

SMEDA has developed a 5 - Year SME Development Plan (2013-18). The Plan envisages following exponential growth of key emerging and conventional SME sectors in terms of employment, contribution to GDP and exports:

Indicators	2013*	2018	Incremental Change
Employment	14.85 M	25.00 M	10 M
GDP	\$ 73.95 B	\$ 193.50	\$ 120 B
No. of Enterprises	1.73 M	2.00 M	0.27 M
Exports	\$ 18.21 B	\$ 54.20 B	\$36 B

Besides. Engineering Development Board has launched Industrial Research Program (IRP) in collaboration with engineering universities to promote R & D in local industry and make the local industry competitive in the international market.

(b) Ministry of Industries and Production has also initiated a number of projects in the Provinces of the Country for the growth of industrial sector. The objectives targeted in Public Sector Development Programme aim at rejuvenating the industrial sector through 27 projects worth Rs. 28.830 Billion (Annexure-I) with focus on:—

a. Innovation and efficiency in industrial sector

- b. Building high skilled human capacity through targeted worker skills development programs.
- c. Technological up-gradation including Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Computer Aided Manufacturing(CAM).
- d. Development of emerging sectors like Gem & Jewellery, stone development and energy auditing in the textile sector.
- e. Targeted development of small and medium business entities to boost employment and reduce poverty.
- f. Industrial infrastructure development through development of Industrial Estates.

46. *Mrs. Sehar Kamran : (Notice received on 11-11-2014 at 11:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the profit earned or loss suffered by Pakistan Utility Stores Corporation during the last financial year; and*
- (b) *the number of new utility stores proposed to be established / opened in the country during the current financial year with province-wise breakup?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) According to un-audited accounts the Corporation has earned profit of Rs.830.588 million during the last Financial Year.

(b) There is no proposal for further expansion of the network of the Corporation during the current financial year 2014-2015.

49. *Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: (Notice received on 17-11-2014 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more utility stores in Hyderabad, if so, when?

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: At present there is no proposal for establishing more stores in Hyderabad City.

52. *Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi : (Notice received on 20-11-2014 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of car manufacturing companies in the country at present indicating also the locations and capacity of plants / factories of each company; and*
- (b) *the name and price of each car being manufactured in the country?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) The names of car manufacturing companies in the country at present, their location and capacities are as under:

Name	Location	Capacity in units/annum
Pak Suzuki Motor Company	Karachi	150000
Indus Motor Company (Toyota)	Karachi	75000
Honda Atlas Cars Ltd.	Lahore	50000

(b) The names and price of each car being manufactured is enclosed as annex-A.

61-A *Mrs. Saeeda Iqbal: (Notice received on 13-01-2015 at 3:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms be pleased to state the names, designations and grades of the persons presently working in Pakistan Institute of Development Economics and PIDE University who have been granted extension in service more than once?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal: The services of Mr. Muhammad Hussain, Additional Registrar (BPS-19) PIDE were retained after his retirement on July 3, 2014 for a period of Six months followed by another extension of six months since no substitute was available.

Both extensions were granted under Section 11(4) of the PIDE ACT 2010 and Section 24 of the PIDE Service Statues.

ISLAMABAD :
The 3rd February, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

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“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Wednesday, the 4th February, 2015

1. **Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq :** (Notice received on 07-11-2014 at 11:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of persons who were appointed in the Planning, Development and Reforms Division under the Prime Minister’s Assistance Package for the families of Government Employees who died in service, since announcement of the package;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the services of the said persons have been terminated instead of their regularization, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reinstate those persons and regularize their services, if so, the steps being taken in this regard?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal : (a)

- (i) Ms. Anny Gulzar, Assistant (BS-14).
- (ii) Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Anwar, Assistant (BS-14).
- (iii) Ms. Qamar-un-Nisa, Assistant (BS-14).
- (iv) Syed Muddassar Tufail, Assistant (BS-14).
- (v) Mr. Abdul Salam Shah Assistant (BS-14)
- (vi) Ms. Sadia Iqbal, Assistant (BS-14).
- (vii) Mr. Muhammad Atif Ali, UDC (BS-9).
- (viii) Mr. Zeeshan Kashif, LDC (BS-07).
- (ix) Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Askeri, LDC (BS-07).
- (x) Syed Ali Hassan Gilani, LDC (BS-07).
- (xi) Mr. Muhammad Junaid Ali, LDC.
- (xii) Mr. Muhammad Ubair Sheikh, LDC.
- (xiii) Mst Gulnaz Nasir, Naib Qasida
- (xiv) Mr. Misri Khan Naib Qasid
- (xv) Mr. Javed Ahmad Naib Qasid
- (xvi) Mst. Sajida Yousaf Naib Qasida

- (xvii) Mst. Zahina Khatoon Naib Qasida
- (xviii) Mr. Naveed Khan, Naib Qasid.

(b) No, services of none have been terminated.

(c) As against (b) above.

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