

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 5th November, 2015

(Def.) *Question No. 54. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq :**
(Notice received on 21-08-2015 at 12:06 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of projects / proposals presently lying pending with the Planning Commission for approval as on date indicating also the date on which the same was received and the reasons for non-approval so far in each case; and*
- (b) *whether the Government has received requests from Provincial Governments to accord approval of any of the said project / proposal, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Federal Government in this regard?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal: (a) At present 11 projects are under process for placing before the ECNEC for consideration / approval of the projects. List attached at Annex-I.

Whereas 79 projects are pending for consideration by the CDWP and are at different stages. Details are placed at Annex-II.

(b) At Present only two (2) projects are pending for placing before the CDWP regarding which request received for placing the same before the CDWP. Details are placed at Annex-III.

The development projects are placed before the relevant forum CDWP/ECNEC after proper scrutiny by the Technical Section concerned and with incorporation of comments received from members of CDWP/ other technical sections concerned.

In some cases delays occur in coordination/collection /discussion of information from the sponsoring Ministry / Division / Province / Special Areas.

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

(Def.) *Question No. 59. **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 07-09-2015 at 02:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the names, age, place of domicile, educational qualifications and date of appointment of the Governors and Directors / Members of the Board of various organizations under the administrative control of the Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: The Name, Age, Place of Domicile, Educational Qualifications and date of appointment of the Governors, Directors/Members of BoG of various organizations under the administrative control of the Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs Division, Statistics and Privatization is attached at Annex-I, II & III.

*Question No. 53. **Senator Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 20-08-2015 at 03.09 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatizations be pleased to state:

- (a) the loss caused to the economy of the country due to floods from 2010-2015 with year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the amount provided by the foreign countries as assistance / relief in connection with the said floods?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The losses caused to the economy of the country due to floods from 2010-2015 is given in the table below:

Year	Losses due to floods	
	Rs. Billion	US \$ Billion
2010-11	855.0	9.99
2011-12	324.53	3.73
2012-13*	-	-
2013-14*	-	-
2014-15	43.90	0.44
Total:	1,223.43	14.16

*Not estimated

(b) A total of US\$ 697.20 million was provided by the foreign countries as assistance / relief for floods from 2010-2015.

*Question No. 54. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 24-08-2015 at 11:31 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the units and institutions for which the privatization is under consideration by the Government at present; and*
- (b) *whether privatization of the also above said units / institutions will be made completely / partly or by selling some of its shares?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCoP) approved a broad-based privatisation programme of 69 units and institutions for which the privatisation is under consideration. List is at **Annex-I**.

(b) Mode of the privatisation is subject to the recommendation of the Financial Advisor and approval of the Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCoP), and can differ from transaction to transaction.

Since 2013, five (05) privatisations have been accomplished, out of which four (04) were Capital Market Transactions and one is a strategic sale (**Annex-II**).

*Question No. 55. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 29-09-2015 at 03:17 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistic and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that recently some unauthorized officers were granted cash package under the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the details of the cash package policy of the above said programme?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) No cash package has been granted to any officer in BISP, except monthly salary.

(b) Not Applicable.

*Question No. 56. **Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 28-09-2015 at 09:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economics Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date of establishment of Habib Bank Welfare Trust;*

- (b) *the purpose of establishment of the said Trust along with provision of a copy of its deed;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that 5% pretax profit was credited to the account of the above said trust, if so, the amount of profit credited to the account of the Trust for the year 2004 to 2014; and*
- (d) *the details of amount spent by the Government on various welfare projects for the years 2004 to 2014?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Habib Bank Welfare Trust was established on January 9, 1992.

(b) Copy of Trust Deed is attached. Aims and Objects of Trust are mentioned in Para 2 of the Deed.

(c) There is no provision either in any law or in the Trust Deed mandating that any amount be transferred by the Bank to the Trust Fund. Before privatisation in 2004 contributions were made to the Trust but after privatisation no contribution is being made based on amount of profit of the Bank.

(d) No. The government has not spent any amount on Habib Bank Welfare Trust for the year 2004 to 2014.

***Question No. 57. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 29-09-2015 at 01:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state that whether it is a fact that the federal government intend to announce a special package for the revival of sick industrial unit, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: Presently, Ministry of Industries & Production does not deal with the special package for the revival of sick industrial units. However, Finance Division informed that:

- (i) A comprehensive law titled “The Corporate Rehabilitation Bill” has been drafted by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan, Ministry of Finance.
- (ii) The matter is actively under consideration of the Government and SECP to evolve consensus and finalize the Corporate Rehabilitation Law.
- (iii) The Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue discussed Corporate Rehabilitation Bill, 2015 in its meeting held on July 28, 2015.
- (iv) The Committee decided to grant a time period of eight months to SECP for finalization of the draft Corporate Rehabilitation Law in consultation with all the stakeholders.

*Question No. 58. **Senator Kalsoom Parveen:**

(Notice received on 29-09-2015 at 03:34 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of projects to be executed under the China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC); and*
- (b) *the province-wise breakup of the said projects indicating also the cost of each project?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal: (a) & (b) During the 3rd Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting held on August 27th, 2014 between National Development Reform Commission (NDRC) of Peoples Republic of China and Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform (MPDR) of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, a list of 36 early harvest projects (EHP)/priority projects of energy, transport infrastructure, Gwadar and others was agreed which is attached as Annex A along with their estimated cost and Province wise location. All energy projects are in Independent Power Producer (IPP) mode.

*Question No. 59. **Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 30-09-2015 at 09:14 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the employees of the Pakistan Steel Mills are entitled to get gratuity in lieu of pension, if so, whether the same is being granted to those employees?

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) There is no Pension Scheme in Pakistan Steel for its employees.

- (b) Employees are entitled for Gratuity at the time of leaving Corporation as under:—
 - (i) Officers become entitled for Gratuity after completion of 05 years service of the Corporation @ one month basic pay for each year of service.
 - (ii) Unionized Staff become entitled for Gratuity after completion of 03 years service of the Corporation @ one month gross pay for each year of service.
- (c) Gratuity Fund Trust is formed for managing the Gratuity Scheme by Trustees and includes members from CBA union and Management representatives.
- (d) Due to severe financial crisis faced by the Corporation, Government of Pakistan is making payments of net monthly salary of PSM employees and Gratuity Fund contribution is not being paid by the GoP.
- (e) Pakistan Steel has paid Gratuity Fund to its entitled *ex*-employees upto April, 2013.
- (f) An amount of Rs. 03 billion is required to clear the dues of Gratuity to *ex*-employees upto 30-06-2015.

*Question No. 60. **Senator Kalsoom Parveen:**

(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) country wise breakup of the amount of foreign aid / assistance/ loans received / negotiated by the Government, during the last two years; and*
- (b) province wise details of those projects on which the above said amount would be spent?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a&b) The status in respect of country-wise breakup of the amount of foreign aid/assistance/loan received/negotiated by the Government, during the last two years is as under:—

Status of province-wise foreign aid/assistance/loan received/negotiated for various projects by the Government, during the last two years is annexed.

(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library.)

*Question No. 61. **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 06-10-2015 at 03:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the process of privatization of the Pakistan Steel Mill is being undertaken by the Government, if so, the reasons of disconnection of its natural gas connection which would cause the proceeds from the said privatization bound to be less as it would be considered a closed unit?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: Yes, it is a fact that the process of privatisation of Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) is being undertaken by the Government.

The Council of Common Interests (CCI), *vide* its decisions dated May, 1997 and August, 2006, has twice approved the privatisation of the PSM. Similarly, the Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCOP) in its meeting held on October 03, 2013 also approved the privatisation of PSM. Subsequently, pursuant to the approval of the PC Board dated July 22, 2014, the Financial Advisor (FA) for the privatisation of the PSM was appointed in April, 2015.

PSM has suffered huge losses and its accumulated liabilities stand at approximately PKR 130 billion as on June, 2015. This figure includes liabilities of approximately PKR 35 billion of the Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL). Owing to these liabilities, the SSGCL in March, 2015, disconnected the gas supply to PSM and have demanded the outstanding liabilities to be cleared before restoring of the gas supply.

The Privatisation Commission in collaboration with the Ministry of Industries and Production and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources is actively trying to resolve this issue at the earliest and have the gas restored to PSM for it to become a going concern before the selloff.

*Question No. 62. **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 07-10-2015 at 10:22 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economics Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of projects, firms, partially or fully privatized since the year 2013 to date;*
- (b) *the names of the firm / company to whom the above said projects and firms were sold during the said period; and*
- (c) *the proceeds received in respect of the above said privatization in each case separately?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a, b, c) The details of the privatisation transactions conducted since the year 2013 to date is at **Annex-A**.

*Question No. 63. **Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja :**

(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 02:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the number of Commercial Bank branches established in all provinces indicating also the number of the branches of the said Banks established in the rural areas of the country with province-wise breakup?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: Number of Commercial Bank branches established in all provinces indicating also the number of the branches of the said Banks established in the rural areas of the country with province-wise breakup is as follows:

Province	Total commercial bank branches	Number of Branches in Rural/Underserved Areas
Punjab	6,560	1,898
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1,278	480
Sindh	3,197	409
Azad Jammu Kashmir	441	200
Baluchistan	451	90
Gilgit Baltistan	99	49
FATA	60	39

Federal Capital	443	13
Total:	12,529	3,178

*Question No. 64. **Senator Saeed Ghani :**
(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 03:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of Eurobond issued by Pakistan in 2015;*
- (b) *the details of coupon rate and period of Eurobond issued by Pakistan; and*
- (c) *the details of the individuals firms which purchased Eurobond issued by Pakistan during the said period?*

Reply not received.

*Question No. 65. **Senator Saeed Ghani :**
(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 03:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the details of remittances from Pakistan to India during the last five years with years-wise breakup along with list of senders?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: An amount of US\$ 81,500 was sent from Pakistan to India during the last five years (FY11 to FY15). Year-wise break-up of the same is given below:

Amount in US Dollars

Year	Home remittances for family maintenance to India
2010-11	-
2011-12	-
2012-13	-
2013-14	-
2014-15	81,500

State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has advised that information relating to individuals is treated as strictly confidential under Section 46A of SBP Act, 1956, Section 33A of Banking Companies Ordinance (BCO) 1985 and Section 9 of Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1962.

*Question No. 66. **Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja :**
(Notice received on 14-10-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of FBR offices established in the country with province-wise breakup; and*
- (b) the amount of tax collected by those offices for the period from 1st July, 2013 to 1st July, 2015?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) List of FBR offices established in the country with province wise breakup is at **Annex-A**.

(b) FBR offices provided at Annex-A are not involved in revenue collection. However, tax collection position in respect of offices involved in revenue collection is at **Annex-B**.

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*Question No. 67. **Senator Nisar Muhammad :**

(Notice Received on 14-10-2015 at 09:10 A.M.)

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

- (a) the cost of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project; and*
- (b) the share of the Government of Pakistan indicating also the foreign funding in the said project?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal: (a) During the 3rd Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting held on August 27th 2014 between National Development Reform Commission (NDRC) of People's Republic of China and Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform (MPDR) of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, a list of early harvest projects (EHP) of energy, transport infrastructure, Gawadar and others was agreed which is attached as Annex-A alongwith their cost.

(b) It is estimated that a major portion of the financing (approx. 75%) envisaged under the CPEC will be Foreign Direct Investment in energy sector. These will be implemented through Independent Power Producer mode and hence no governmental borrowing is involved.

For other projects the major financing is expected to be of concessional loans from Chinese financial institutions.

*Question No. 68. **Senator Kamil Ali Agha :**

(Notice received on 14-10-2015 at 03:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of debt obtained through Euro Bond by the present Government;*

- (b) *the period of the said debt along with the percentage of its mark up; and*
- (c) *the number of years for which the said debt has been obtained along with the amount of mark up to be paid on it indicating also the responsibility of its payment after completion of tenure of the present government?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar:

- (a) The amount of the Euro Bond executed by the present Government is as follows:

Transaction date	Amount
(i) April, 2014	US\$ 1000 million
(ii) April, 2014	US\$ 1000 million
(iii) September, 2015	US\$ 500 million

- (b) The period of the said debt alongwith mark up per year is given below:

	Period	Mark-up	Transaction date
(i) April, 2014	10 years	8.25%	
(ii) April, 2014	5 years	7.25%	
(iii) September, 2015	10 years	8.25%	

- (c)

Transaction date	Number of years	Amount US\$ million
(I) April, 2014	10 years	82.50 per year
(II) April, 2014	5 years	72.50 per year
(III) September, 2015	10 years	41.25 per year

The repayment will be made by the Government from the national budget on maturity date.

*Question No. 68-A. **Senator Nisar Muhammad:**
(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms be pleased to state the details of utilization of amount of Rs. 27008.963 million allocated in Public Sector Development

Programme (PSDP)
 2014-15 for Un-Funded/Under Funded Important Projects with province-wise breakup?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal: An allocation of Rs. 27008.953 million was earmarked in PSDP 2014-15 in order to meet the additional requirement of important ongoing as well new projects during course of the year. The sectoral re-allocation / release of Rs. 26.4 billion made out of Rs. 27 billion during the year is indicated as below:

Rs. In million

Sector / sub-sector	Allocation / release
A. Infrastructure	17128.3
(i) Power	10333.2
(ii) Transport & Comm.	5615.8
(iii) Water Resources	131.4
(iv) Physical Plg. & Housing	1047.9
B. Social	9181.9
(i) Higher Education	7065.4
(ii) Health	1586.2
(iii) Sports	530.3
C. Governance	58.4
D. Industry & Commerce	3.7
Total	26372.3

Funds out of the said provision were re-allocated and released in favor of relevant federal Ministries / Divisions for utilization. The provincial break-up of this allocation was not pre-determined but its utilization depended upon the requirement of the national level projects such as Karachi Coastal Power Project, Higher Education, Construction of 6 Maritime Patrol Vessels PMSA, Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) Control of Diarrheal Disease, projects of FBR etc.

*Question No. 69. **Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja :**
 (Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economics Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the services of contractual employees of the National Bank of the Pakistan who have completed five years service have not been regularized so far despite judgment of courts of law, if so, the reasons thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: National Bank of Pakistan hires contractual officers/executives initially for three years and their contracts are only renewed after completion of three years satisfactory service and with mutual agreement of employee and employer. Such hiring is approved by the bank's board of directors and there is no provision in bank's policy to automatically regularize their services. NBP has not yet received any judgment of courts of law in this matter.

ISLAMABAD :
The 4th November, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.