

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 11th March, 2016

@*Question No. 50. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 25-01-2016 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on plantation of trees by CDA in the green belts of Islamabad during the last two years with sector-wise breakup?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: It is stated that annually two tree plantations drives are conducted by CDA to make Islamabad green and clean. Total expenditure incurred on plantation campaign during the last two years was 6.000 (M). The plants were collected from CDA Nursery raised departmentally. Sector wise plantation for two years is as under:—

*Question No. 172. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 27-01-2016 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an inquiry is being conducted about the irregularities / misappropriations made in the collection of entry fee of Marghuzar Zoo, Islamabad. if so, the date on which the same was reported and progress made in the matter so far?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: It is correct that an inquiry is under process about the irregularities/misappropriation in the collection of entry ticket fee at Marghzar Zoo. The Zoo administration collected entry ticket fee departmentally with effect from 26-06-2012 to 01-11-2013 but some amount were not deposited in the public *ex*-chequer. Director General Environment took notice of the irregularity in May, 2013 and after inquiring the matter reported to Member Environment.

Consequently Charge Sheets were served to the eight officers in December 2015 to inquire the irregularities/mis-appropriations made in the collection of entry ticket fee of Marghzar Zoo.

Member (P & D), CDA is nominated as Chairman of the Inquiry Committee for fixing responsibility.

In the light of recommendations of inquiry committee, the Competent Authority will take action against the accused.

***Question No. 173. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 27-01-2016 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by which the project for construction of overhead bridge and road near Metro Bus stop on Peshawar Mor, Kashmir Highway, Islamabad will be completed indicating also the cost of the same; and*
- (b) whether the said project is part of Metro Bus Project or otherwise?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) As informed by the Executing Agency (RDA), the Construction of Grade Separating at Peshawar Mor (*i.e.* Peshawar Mor Interchange) will be completed by 23rd of March 2016. The Approved cost of the Interchange is Rs.4.94-Billion.

(b) The Construction of the said Interchange is Part of the Approved Scope of the Metro Bus Project.

***Question No. 174. Senator Farhatullah Babar:**

(Notice received on 08-02-2016 at 03:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to set up a subsidiary of PIA with clean balance sheet, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) whether the said proposal will be placed before the Council of Common Interests (CCI)?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) No decision has been taken so far regarding the company "Pakistan Airways" to work as independent company or as a subsidiary company. However, this company has been registered in Security Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) under the Companies Ordinance 1984 in February 2016.

(b) As yet there is no proposal to place the issue of introducing a new Airline before Council of Common Interest (CCI).

***Question No. 175. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 16-02-2016 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of hostels established for women working in the Federal Government departments in the country with city-wise break up; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more such hostels, if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same will be established?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Staff Welfare Organization is managing one Working Women Hostel for Federal Government Female Employees at G-7, Islamabad.

(b) Initially SWO planned to build 40 rooms in existing Hostel for working women at G-7, Islamabad. The PC-I of the proposed project is submitted with Planning Commission for approval of CDWP. After approval of competent forum the execution for the project will be started by PWD. Further Rs. 50.00 million have also been allocated for the same project which will be released after the approval of project by CDWP.

SWO has also initiated a project for construction of 30 rooms Hostel for Working Women at Wafaqi Colony, Lahore. Rs. 46.00 million have been allocated for the project 2015-16. The execution of the project will be started after release of finances by the Planning Commission. Further Staff Welfare organization is committed to construct more Hostels for Working Women in the provincial capitals, if allowed by Planning Commission and finances given by the Govt. under PSDP.

***Question No. 176. Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 16-02-2016 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the industrial effluent is being flushed into the rivers in the country, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to control the same?

Mr. Zahid Hamid: 1. According to survey conducted by Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA), in Islamabad industrial effluent is being discharged from various industrial units located in I-9/I-10 Sector into the trunk sewer of CDA, which is connected to the Sewerage Treatment Plant located in Sector I-10.

2. The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Environmental Protection Agency has informed that only a small industrial zone exists in Mirpur District and there is no reported incident or practice of throwing/flushing out industrial effluents directly into rivers or other water bodies.

3. The Gilgit-Baltistan Forests Wildlife and Environment Department has reported that no industry exists in Gilgit-Baltistan which releases its waste/effluent into rivers.

4. Environment Protection Department has reported that in Punjab, the cities of Lahore, Faisalabad, Sheikhpura, Multan, Sialkot and Kasur, have industrial units which generate waste water. The said cities are located near rivers and waste water of industrial units joins the rivers through drains/nullah.

5. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab has taken action against the pollution generating industrial units under the provisions of Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (amendment 2012).

6. As regards the information from other three provinces, the provincial EPAs have been requested to provide detailed information, which is still awaited.

***Question No. 177. Senator Hafiz Hamdullah:**
(Notice received on 17-02-2016 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the acreage of land /area on which Islamabad Zoo has been established;*
- (b) the names and main responsibilities of the persons working in the said Zoo;*
- (c) the annual expenditures being incurred on that Zoo;*
- (d) the steps being taken to improve the condition of the said Zoo; and*
- (e) whether any arrangements for security have been made in that Zoo, if so, the details thereof?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: The annotated reply of content of starred question are as under:

- (a) Islamabad Zoo has been established on 25 Acres of land.
- (b) The list of Officers/Officials working in Islamabad is at **Annex-A**. Moreover, responsibilities of duties at **Annex-B**.
- (c) The detail of annual expenditure being incurred on Zoo is Rs. 89.879 (Million). Detail is at **Annex-C**.
- (d) The steps being taken to improve the condition of Islamabad Zoo at **Annex-D**.
- (e) There are ten security guard are deputed for security purpose. Eight Security Guard are deputed for safety of whole Zoo from 04.00 PM to 08.00 AM in alternate shifts and One security guard is deputed on the entrance gate of Zoo to check the visitor by metal detector in the morning to sunset. Moreover, the

safe city Project Islamabad has installed 05 cameras on the different places of Zoo for safety of visitors.

*Question No. 178. **Senator Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 18-02-2016 at 02:31 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to introduce bio-remedial Model for waste water treatment in ICT during the last five years; and*
- (b) the percentage / volume of domestic waste water being lost in the said territory on daily basis?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) Recently domestic waste water treatment facility of Bio-Remediation has been developed at Rose and Jasmine Garden with the collaboration of NARC & NIB (National Institute of Bio-Remediation). The capacity of the CDA-PARC Bio-remediation facility is Four (04) Cusec per day. It is being processed through microbial consortia constructed wetland and local aquatic plants. The treated water is under the National Environmental Quality Standards for irrigation and draining in streams.

(b) The above said Bio-Remedial project is established on the main Nullah passing through G-6, catering almost 15 to 20% of waste water of Islamabad Urban area. The other waste water of Islamabad is being treated at CDA's Sewerage Treatment Plant I-9 measuring approximately 4 to 5 MGD per day, however approximately 15 to 25% domestic waste of Islamabad Urban area is being lost.

*Question No. 179. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 23-02-2016 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the income earned by the Government from the tobacco products during the last three years with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the production of the said products has decreased during the said period, if so, the details thereof?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) The year-wise breakup of the income earned by the Government through Federal Excise Duty/Sales Tax realization from Tobacco by Federal Board of Revenue is as under:

Amount in Rs. (million)

Year	Federal Excise Duty/Sales Tax
2012-13	76,197
2013-14	89,066
2014-15	102,890

(b) The production of tobacco increased during 2013-14 as compared to the preceding year, while decreased during the year 2014-15. Year-wise breakup is as under:

Year-wise Production of Tobacco (million kg)

Year	Total Production
2012-13	126,797
2013-14	137.507
2014-15	118.273

*Question No. 180. **Senator Jehanzeb Jamaldini:**

(Notice received on 23-02-2016 at 09:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the official telephone directory was last published in 2012 by the Cabinet Division, if so, the reasons for not publishing the same a fresh during the last four years and the time by which the same will be published?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: According to Rules of Business, 1973 Cabinet Division is responsible for printing of official telephone directory containing name, designation, phone numbers and residential addresses of Government functionaries. The existing edition of telephone directory was got printed from PCP in 2012 and later on it was decided to place the telephone directory on the website of the Cabinet Division which would result in substantial savings. In addition, the compilation and updation of information through computerized data would be easier and more effective in view of the frequent changes in Directory.

2. At present all the materials has been collected from the offices of the Federal Government and will be placed on the website of the Cabinet Division shortly.

***Question No. 181. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:**

(Notice received on 23-02-2016 at 10:54 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure laid down for awarding contracts of shops / stalls at airports in the country;*
- (b) *the rate list of products being sold at the said shops / stalls and that of those products in open market; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the prices of various items on those shops / stalls are higher than the open market, if so, the percentage of hike in prices of those items and the reasons thereof?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) In accordance with Civil Aviation Authority Order (CAAO-004-CMPP-1.0) (**Annex-A**), all commercial licenses (concessions) are awarded through inviting open/public tenders after wide publicity in the newspaper for a period of 03 to 05 years as applicable. The license fee is enhanced by 10% on annual cumulative basis each year of the contract. These commercial concessions includes retail shops, restaurants, snack bars, rent a car, car parking, duty free shops, foreign exchange booth, sweets/gift shops, traveler requisite shops and collection of cargo throughput charges etc. located inside/outside of terminal building to facilitate the passenger and meters & greeters.

(b) The licensee is bound to provide the items/products on the rates approved by concerned Airport Manager and the same is also required to display at prominent place of the shop. Copies of some price list of Jinnah International Airport Karachi, Benazir Bhutto International Airport Islamabad and Allama Iqbal International airport Lahore are attached as (**Annex-B**).

(c) All branded shops are selling their products at CAA airports on standard rates *i.e.* Mr. COD, Elbow Room, Butler Cafe, Duty Free Shops and Mc Donald's etc. (**Annex-C**). Whereas, the other shops/ stalls allowed to charge the rates as per mechanism for pricing of products *i.e.* 10% on consumable items, 25% on life saving drugs and 20% to 25% on luxury items (**Annex-D**).

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

***Question No. 182. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:**

(Notice received on 23-02-2016 at 11:05 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure laid down for awarding contracts of parking lots at airports in the country;*

- (b) *the names of contractors who have been awarded contracts of parking lots at major airports in the country during the last 20 years indicating also the amount collected / received from each of them; and*
- (c) *the amount charged by the contractors for parking of cars at those airports during the said period?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) All Car parking contracts (concessions) are awarded on yearly basis through inviting open/public tenders after wide publicity in the newspapers on licence basis in accordance with Civil Aviation Authority Order (CAAO 004-CMPP-1.0) (**Annex-I**). The gap between contracts is due to either termination of licence or completion of agreements. At some occasions Civil Aviation Authority was not able to get desired results in tenders the Authority operated the car parking operation itself. The license fee is enhanced by 10% on annual cumulative basis each year of the contract.

(b&c) Complete details on Part (b & c) of the question are given at **Annex- II**.

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***Question No. 183. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 22-02-2016 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the details of roads being constructed to connect New Islamabad Airport with the Kashmir Highway, Islamabad, indicating also the present status of work in each case?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: The responsibility of approach roads for the new Islamabad Airport falls on National Highway Authority.

However, a small stretch of Kashmir Highway from Golra Chowk to G.T Road also falls on the route of Islamabad airport. It has already been constructed but needs to be widened only.

***Question No. 184. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 25-02-2016 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the availability of public transport and parking spaces in Islamabad Capital Territory, if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *whether the Government has devised any plan for provision of parking spaces including multi-level parking for vehicles and to decongest urban areas in Islamabad, if so, the details thereof;*

- (c) *the funds allocated for implementation of the said plans since fiscal year 2012-13 with year-wise break up; and*
- (d) *the steps taken to improve the public transport system and make the urban areas in Islamabad congestion free during that period?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) The Capital Development Authority carried out the following studies regarding public transport in Islamabad.

1. Prefeasibility for BRT system in Islamabad (Study conducted by Asian Development Bank-2013).
2. Quality Bus Service - Travel Demand Study. (Study conducted by NUST 2013-14).
3. Transportation Modeling & Feasibility Study for Mass Transit System in Rawalpindi & Islamabad. (Study conducted by NESPAK 2014-15).

(b) Presently, in Jinnah Super Market (F-7 Markaz), CDA has developed two Multi level Public Car Parking Sites.

CDA has planned Five Sites for construction of Multi Storey Parking Plazas in Blue Area, Islamabad, at following locations:

- (i) South of Parade Ground Metro Station in G-6
- (ii) South of Stock Exchange Metro Station in G-7
- (iii) North of 7th Avenue Metro Station in F-7
- (iv) North of PIMS Hospital Metro Station in F-8
- (v) North of Kachahry Metro Station in F-8.

Two multi level car parking plazas have been constructed in Markaz F-7, (Jinnah supper, Islamabad with the total capacity of 440 cars.

(c)

				Year
F-7 Markaz	F-7 Markaz south side	Total North side		
2014-15	88.187 (M)	81.735 (M)	169.922 (M)	2015-16
60.387 (M)	25.748 (M)	86.135 (M)		
Total:	148.574 (M)	107.483 (M)	256.057 (M)	

(d) A public transit system based on BRT has been constructed in Islamabad & Rawalpindi namely the Rawalpindi Islamabad Metro Bus System in Islamabad during 2014-15. This public transit system has helped in easing the traffic congestion in the urban area of Islamabad which it is serving.

ISLAMABAD:
The 10th March, 2016.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.