

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 12th May, 2010

@9. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 8:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in the offices / branches of National Bank of Pakistan in Balochistan during the last three years with district-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of persons of the said offices / branches promoted during the said period?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The number of persons appointed in the offices/branches of NBP in Balochistan during the last three years with district-wise break-up is as under:—

Cadre	Gawadar	Quetta	Turbat	Total
OG-I	1	1	—	2
OG-II	7	8	1	16
OG-III	—	9	—	9
Clerical	24	91	—	115
Total	32	109	1	142

(b) The number of persons of said offices/branches promoted during the said period is as follows:—

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Cadre	Gawadar	Quetta	Turbat	Total
SVP	1	—	—	1
VP	—	2	—	2
AVP	—	16	—	16

OG-I	33	79	—	112
OG-II	35	90	—	125
OG-III	11	54	—	65
Total	80	241	0	321

@ 11. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 15:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to print more currency notes during the current financial year i.e. 2009-10; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to control inflation in the country?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) placed annual indent for the current year to the Pakistan Security Printing Corporation (PSPC) for printing of 1792 million pieces of currency notes of all denominations having value of Rs.153,750 million. Currently, SBP has no plan for any revision in the current year's annual indent.

(b) SBP has taken following measures to control the inflation:—

- (i) Raised the policy rate by 500 basic points to 15 per cent during 2008.
- (ii) Reduced the policy by 250 basic points in March 2009, which currently stands at 12.5 per cent.

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Due to steps taken by the SBP average Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation has fallen from 20.8 per cent in the FY 2008-09 to 11.3 per cent in March, 2010. Similarly, year-on-year CPI inflation has declined from its peak of 25.3 per cent to 12.9 per cent as compared to August 2008 with March 2010.

@ 12. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the number of officers / officials promoted in FBR during the last two years with province-wise break up?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: 1. The Reply is tabled hereunder:—

Promotions of Officers/Officials during the last two years in FBR
(Province-wise Break-up)

	AJK	FATA/G.B.	Islamabad	KPKhwa	Balochistan	Punjab	Sindh	Total
Officers BS 17-22	6	19	6	70	15	285	100	501
Officials BS 1-16	6	14	0	113	55	424	183	795

64. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 15-04-2010 at 17:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the names of Ministries / Divisions / Departments in which the federal Secretaries belonging to Balochistan are presently posted?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: Presently the posts of Secretary, Local Government & Rural Development and Secretary, Railways Division are held by M/s. Sheikh Ghazafar Hussain and Sami-ul-Haq Khilji, respectively, who belong to Balochistan.

65. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 15:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to allot agro farms in Islamabad during the current year, if so, the criteria to be adopted for that purpose?

@ Deferred from the 4th May, 2010.

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: CDA intends to allot agro farming plots during the current year Agro farming plots will be allotted, by adopting the following procedure/criteria:

- (a) Through auction.
- (b) To the affectees.

Affectees

The allotment of plots to the affectees of Islamabad from whom CDA acquired 100 kanal's of cultivable land. CDA Board has constituted an Allotment Scrutiny Committee (ASC) headed by Member (Estate) and comprising Member (Planning), Member (Finance), Director Land & Rehabilitation, Director Law, Dy. Director (Rehabilitation). The recommendations of the above said Committee are considered by CDA Board and approval is given on case to case basis, following the criteria setforth for the purpose. The meeting of the ASC is held regularly to consider the cases referred to Committee by Land Acquisition Directorate of CDA.

Auction

CDA also holds auction of plots 3-4 times, yearly, considering financial requirement of CDA. Generally CDA auctions 2-3 agro farms in one calendar year. The plots are only auctioned if calculated reserved price is received from the highest bidder, subject to approval by CDA Board.

66. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the funds released for the schemes relating to construction of dams, roads, health and education under the PSDP during the last five years with province-wise break up?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: The information has been called for from different Ministries/Divisions and F.A's Organization. It is awaited from F.A's Organization. This process may take some time in consolidation of the report.

In view of the above, Finance Division may kindly be granted 2 weeks lead time for collection of information and submission of the same in the Honourable House.

67. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 14:45 p.m.)

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

(a) the details of meetings held by the Pay and Pension Committee since its formation indicating also the expenditure incurred on each meeting;

(b) the amount spent on the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits of the Chairman and Members of the Committee upto 30th April, 2010; and

(c) the time by which the report of the Committee will be presented and implemented?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Since its formation, the Pay & Pension Commission has held 12 consultative meetings with the stake-holders both at Islamabad and Provincial Headquarters including Muzaffarabad. The detail of expenditure incurred on each meeting is at **Annex-I**.

(b) No amount was spent on the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits, except, air ticket and Hotel charges. Details of expenditure, incurred upon air ticket and hotel charges are mentioned in **Annex-I**.

(c) The Pay & Pension Commission — 2009 has finalized its report and submitted to the Government on 12th April, 2010 which is being considered for implementation by the Federal Government.

68. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 14:45 p.m.)

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

(a) *the number of persons working in the Printing Corporation of Pakistan, Islamabad with province-wise break up; and*

(b) *the names, designation and place of domicile of the said persons belonging to Sindh and Balochistan provinces?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Province-wise number of persons working in Printing Corporation of Pakistan (PCP) is as under:—

PUNJAB	SINDH		Khyber Pakhtoon khwa	Balochistan	FATA/Gilgit/ Bultistan	AJK	TOTAL
	Urban	Rural					
210	25	113	—	2	62	888	476

(b) The list containing names, designation and place of domicile of the persons belonging to Sindh Province is at Annex-I. However, there is no person working in PCP having Balochistan domicile.

69. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 21-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

(a) *the rate of profit paid by the Pakistani Banks to their account holders on PLS accounts during the last five years with bank-wise and year-wise break up; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to fix minimum limit of profit on the said accounts, if so, its details?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Bank wise and year wise break-up of profit paid by commercial banks to their account holders is at Annexure-A.

(b) No fresh proposal in this regard is under consideration.

70. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the salaries, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to the Ministers and Ministers of State?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The Ministers and Ministers of State are entitled to the salaries, allowances and privileges as are admissible under the Federal Ministers and Ministers of State (Salaries, Allowance and Privileges) Act, 1975. These have been summarized as under:—

Salary and Allowances	Federal Minister	Ministers of State
(i) Salary	Rs.63,480/- p.m.	Rs.58,720/- p.m.

(ii)	Utility Allowance	Rs.22,000/- p.m.	Rs.22,000/- p.m.
(iii)	Sumptuary Allowance	Rs.6,000/- p.m.	Rs.6,000/- p.m.
(iv)	Transport	Free use of car (1800 CC) for self and family.	Free use of car (1800 CC) for self and family.
(v)	Official Residence	Free furnished house OR Payment of Rs.82,500/- p.m.	Free furnished house OR Payment of Rs.75,500/- p.m.
(vi)	Daily Allowance during official tour	Rs.1000/- per day.	Rs.1000/- per day.
(vii)	Medical facilities	As admissible under the Medical Attendance Rules.	As admissible under the Medical Attendance Rules.
(viii)	Telephone	(i) One Telephone at residence free without limit.	(i) One Telephone at residence free without limit.
		(ii) One casual telephone during tour within the country.	(ii) One casual telephone during tour within the country.
		(iii) One Cellular Mobile phone at a ceiling of Rs.7000/- p.m. inclusive of line rent.	(iii) One Cellular Mobile phone at a ceiling of Rs.7000/- p.m. inclusive of line rent.

71. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 10% quota reserved for armed forces personnel in Superior Services of Pakistan is being filled in directly by the armed forces personnel without appearing in competitive examination for the last 10 years, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the armed forces personnel appointed in the said services are declared senior to those appointed through competitive examinations during the same year, if so, its reasons?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) As per policy of 1991 induction made from armed forces in BS-17 is equal to 10% annual vacancies in DMG, FSP and PSP with a minimum of 2 vacancies in each group. The officers of the Armed Forces are inducted in BS-17 through a selection process. For this purpose, each Service Headquarter's Board examines the cases of officers willing for induction and fulfilling the prescribed conditions. Each Board recommends names equal to double the number of available vacancies. FPSC selects the officers and allocates them to occupational groups on the basis of psychological test, *viva voce* and regional/provincial quota.

(b) Inter-se Seniority of probationers *i.e* appointed through competitive examination within the same batch of respective occupational group/service is determined on the basis of marks obtained in the competitive examination, initial training programme, specialized training programme and final passing out examination (also conducted by FPSC).

Each inductee from the armed forces who joins the initial training programme is given notional marks equal to the marks of the senior most probationer of the respective occupational group/service. Each inductee who joins specialized training programme directly is given notional marks equal to the marks obtained by the senior most probationer of the respective occupational group. Accordingly the seniority of the inductee officers is determined on the basis of notional marks given to such inductee and the marks obtained by him in the initial training programme or specialized training, as the case may be plus marks obtained by him in the final passing out examination in the first attempt.

Inter-se seniority of the probationers and inductees is determined on the basis of total marks obtained by each officer as mentioned above.

72. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the number of employees of Trading Corporation of Pakistan and representatives of various companies sent abroad by that Corporation during the last two years?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: The number of employees of Trading Corporation of Pakistan and representatives of various companies sent abroad by Trading Corporation of Pakistan during the last two years are as under:

i. Dr. Yousaf Junaid, former Director (Commercial), trading Corporation of Pakistan, Karachi, proceeded to Canada from 26-05-2008 to 07-06-2008 to participate in 41st International Grain Industry Program Organized by the Canadian International Grain Institute (CIGI).

ii. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Khan, former Chairman, Trading Corporation of Pakistan, Karachi proceeded to Dubai from 15-02-2010 to 17-02-2010 for a meeting/discussion for supply of sugar on Government to Government basis on deferred payment.

73. ***Prof.khursihd Ahmed:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 09:50 a.m.)

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

(a) *the estimated cost for National Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy; and*

(b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Rs. 988.547 million.

(b) An allocation of Rs. 300.00 million was made in PSDP 2009-10 but due to non approval of the project no amount could be released against the project.

74. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-04-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of residential and commercial plots in Islamabad auctioned or sold by CDA during the last three years with sector-wise break up indicating also the rate at which the same were auctioned or sold; and*

(b) *the revenue collected from the said sale or auction and the details of its utilization?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The details of plots auctioned/disposed off through balloting is given as under:—

Residential Plots	62
Commercial Plots	10
Agro-Farming Plots	11
Industrial Plots	10

Sector-wise break up indicating the rate at which the same were auctioned/balloted are at (Annex-“A to D”).

(b) The revenue collected from the said balloting/auction is as under:—

Residential	=	Rs.971,647,994/-
Commercial	=	Rs.457,559,970/-
Agro-Farming	=	Rs.350,738,000/-
Industrial	=	Rs.334,182,015/-
Grand Total:	=	Rs.2,114,127,979/-

As per Section-42 of CDA Ordinance 1960 as amended from time to time a CDA fund stand created in which all receipts are credited and payments made from this fund, as well.

75. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 26-04-2010 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) *the quantity of Wheat and sugar, with rates, imported by the Trading Corporation of Pakistan during the last five years with year-wise break up;*

(b) *the names of firms and countries participated in bidding for the said import indicating also the rates quoted by each bidder; and*

(c) *the names and rates of the successful bidders for the said imports?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The year wise quantities of wheat and sugar imported by TCP.; during last five years is as under:—

YEARS	WHEAT MT	SUGAR MT
2005-06	—	815.000
2006-07	—	—
2007-08	1,730,000	—
2008-09	2,588,500	225.000
2009-10	—	350.000

(b) A list showing the names of firms and countries participated in the said biddings along with rates quoted by each bidder are attached at Annex-I to V. Statement at Annex-I & II give the details of bids for import of wheat, whereas Annex III to V show import of sugar.

(c) The names and rates of the successful bidders for import of sugar and urea may be seen in the lists at Annex I to V.

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

76. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:**(Notice received on 27-04-2010 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) *the volume of imports and exports with countries where commercial attaches have been posted during the last five years with year-wise break up; and*

(b) *the percentage of increase or decrease in the said imports and exports during that period and reasons for the same?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) Volume of imports and exports with countries where Commercial Attaches are posted is given at Annex.-I.

(b) Year-wise details of percentage of increase or decrease in the imports from these countries during the last five years (from 2004-05 to 2008-09) is at Annexure-II.

Percentage increase in the imports of these countries during the last five years is as under:—

Afghanistan (138.4%), Argentina (30.6%), Bangladesh (28.8%), Belgium (49.4%), Brazil (101.6%), Canada (140.0%), Chile (341.4%), China (121.7%), Czech Republic (281.8%), Egypt (27.8%), France (88.0%), Germany (46.0%), Greece (113.9%), India (118.2%), Indonesia (46.6%), Iran (280.4%), Italy (131.9%), Kazakhstan (119.9%), Korea, Republic of (15.8%), Kuwait (147.5%), Malaysia (135.7%), Mexico (319.8%), Morocco (307.1 %), Netherlands (139.5%), Nigeria

(279.8%), Poland (16.1%), Russian Federation (115.1%) Saudi Arabia (73.0%), South Africa (131.1%) Spain (46.5%), Sweden (31.7%), Thailand (41.7%), Turkey (24.8%), UAE (87.4%), USA (18.9%) and United Kingdom (70.7%).

Main reasons for increase in Imports are as under:

(a) import of heavy machinery from the developed countries.

- (b) Import of Oil from middle Eastern countries like Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, UAE, is the main reason the imports from these countries. In 2008-09 increase in imports from Russian Federation was observed. It was due to import of wheat
- (c) Central Asian Republics are the major cotton producing countries. Import of Raw cotton is the major reason for negative balance of trade while overall bilateral trade is almost steady with these countries.

Percentage decline in exports to these countries is as under:

Canada (10.5%), France (14.7%) Greece (27.7%), Indonesia (31.5%), Canada, Italy(1.5%), Japan(32.5%), Kazakstan (69.8%), Morocco (28.5%), Nigeria (56.4%), South Africa (1.5%), Switzerland (59.8%), USA (3.1%) and U.K.(2.1%). Detail is given at Annex-III.

Main reasons for declining exports:

The following major factors contributed to decline in the exports:—

- (a) declining export prices
- (b) lower demand from recession hit export markets;
- (c) Domestic power shortages and poor law and order situation,
- (d) little foreign Direct Investment in manufacturing and exportable sectors.
- (e) Pakistan's competitors *e.g.* Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and other have been given better market access by EU under GSP plus, thus Pakistan's exports facing higher tariff are facing stiff competition.
- (f) Our export competitiveness has also been impacted negatively due to diversion of funds to war on terror.

*Islamabad :
The 11th May, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Wednesday, the 12th May, 2010

@ 1. **Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of Agro-farms leased out in Islamabad so far indicating also the name of the allottee, size and address of the farm, period of lease, terms and conditions of the lease and amount received in each case?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: A total of 504 Agro farms in Islamabad have been leased out so far. Out of these farms, 332 were leased out, through open auction to general public and 172 were leased out to the affectees of Islamabad under the Rehabilitation Policy at **Annex- “A”**.

2. Names and addresses of the allottees and amount received in each case is given at **Annex- “B”**.

3. These plots are initially allotted for 33 years lease period which is further extendable of two terms of 33 years each. The terms and conditions of lease to the affectees and general public are given at **Annex- “C and D”** respectively.

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

3. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 09:50 a.m.)

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

(a) the estimated cost for Competitiveness Support Fund,. and

(b) the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?

Ms. Hina Rabani Khar: (a) The estimated cost of the Competitiveness Support Fund (CSF) as per PC-1 project is as follows:

PC-I:

Local cost (GoP)	US\$ million (Rs. 1487.50 million)
Foreign Donors	US\$ 25 million (Rs. 1487.50 million)
	US\$ 50 million (Rs. 2995 million)

As per Project’s PC-1, the GoP had been negotiating grant funding for the project with a number of donor organizations including USAID, the EU, etc. and as a result, on 20th January,

2006, USAID and GoP signed, a Limited Scope Grant Agreement (LSGA), whereby, both the parties made following financing commitment towards CSF project:

USAID	US\$ 11,8225,766 (US\$ 11.8 million)
GoP	US\$ 10,000.000 (US\$ 10 million)
	US\$ 21,822.766 (US\$ 21.8 million)

(b) The amount allocated by Government of Pakistan for the CSF in Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) in F.Y. 2009-10 is Rs. 170 Million. However, sofar no funds have been released by government of Pakistan (GoP).

4. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 09:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) the estimated cost for Project Monitoring and Evaluation (Project Implementation Unit, Finance Division) Islamabad; and*
- (b) the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Ms. Hina Rabani Khar: (a) Rs. 34.920 million.

(b) The allocation for the project during current financial year is Rs. 14.360 million. An amount of Rs. 6.436 million have been released and an amount of Rs. 3.270 million have been spent.

ISLAMABAD :
The 11th May, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.