

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Wednesday, the 24th March, 2010**

1. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 01-03-2010 at 08:53 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the year in which water tanks of D-type flats in G-10/3, Islamabad, were fumigated or cleaned; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said tanks will now be fumigated or cleaned?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Overhead water Tanks of “D” Type flats in G-10/3 were cleaned and fumigated in August 2009.

(b) The said tanks will also be cleaned during current financial year 2009-10. Moreover, on receipt of any complaint from residents of the Blocks, the water tanks are cleaned without any delay.

2. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 01-03-2010 at 08:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, addresses and place of domicile of the persons granted micro credit loans by the commercial banks in the country during the financial year 2009-10 indicating also the amount granted in each case; and*
- (b) *the criteria adopted for the grant of the said loans?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) was requested for providing names, addresses and placed of domicile of the persons granted micro credit loans by the commercial banks in the country during the financial year 2009-10. However, the Bank has intimated that compilation of the requisite data relating to the realms of the banking industry is an arduous task. SBP is gathering the requisite details in this regard and would be able to submit the same latest by March 25, 2010.

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

3. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 01-03-2010 at 08:55 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Privatization be pleased to state the names and addresses of the industrial units and institutions privatized during the last two years indicating also the name of buyer and the terms and conditions for privatization in each case?*

**Mr. Waqar Ahmed Khan:** The only transaction completed during the period under review is Hazara Phosphate Fertilizer Limited which is situated in Haripur, NWFP, fetching an amount of Rs. 1,340,024,490/-, bought by Pak American Fertilizers Limited.

4. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 01-03-2010 at 08:55 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Privatization be pleased to state:*

(a) *the names and addresses of the Government / Semi Government corporations / enterprises privatized during the last two years indicating also the names of buyers, terms and conditions set down for privatization of each of those corporations / enterprises; and*

(b) *whether the said corporations / enterprises are functional at present?*

**Mr. Waqar Ahmed Khan:** (a) The only transaction completed during the period under review is Hazara Phosphate Fertilizer Limited which is situated in Haripur, NWFP, fetching an amount of Rs. 1,340,024,490/-, bought by Pak American Fertilizers Limited.

(b) Yes, the unit is still functional.

6. **\*Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the amount of loans granted by National Bank of Pakistan during the last two years indicating also the amount of the said loans recovered so far; and*

(b) *the amount of those loans written off?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) Detail of amount of loans granted and recovered by NBP during the last two years is as under:—

(Rs in million),

Year	Amount of Loans granted	Amount of loans recovered
2008	180.922	77.369
2009	237.868	35.336

(b) No amount has been written off during the last two years.

7. **\*Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the volume of exports and imports during the last two years with item-wise break up?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** The volume of exports and import during the last two years is as under:—

<b>Exports</b>	<i>Value in Million US \$</i>
<u>Year</u>	<u>Value</u>
2007-08 (July-June)	19,052.3
2008-09 (July-June)	17,688.0

  

<b>Imports</b>	<i>Value in Million US \$</i>
<u>Year</u>	<u>Value</u>
2007-08 (July-June)	39,965.5
2008-09 (July-June)	34,822.1

The items wise break-up is annexed.

8. **\*Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 03-03-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the members of Planning Commission of Pakistan?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** The Planning Commission of Pakistan is the premier planning body at the federal level. The Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Planning Commission which apart from the Deputy Chairman, comprise of nine (9) Members (Details of place of domicile of Members of Planning Commission are at Annex-I).

9. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-03-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to a governor of a province?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** The Governor of a Province is entitled to receive salary of Rs.480,000/- per annum with allowances and other fringe benefits as at **Annex** admissible under the “Governors’ Salaries, Allowances and Privileges Order, 1975”, modified upto 8-5-2002.

### Annex

#### **Detail of Allowances and Fringe Benefits**

1. Equipment Allowance Rs.5000/- on assumption of office.

2. Allowances on taking up and laying down the office for his family, personal servants and transporting household effects on actual.

3. Privileges in case of journeys from one Province to another *i.e.* to take his wife or one other members of his family.

4. Official residence, railway saloons, aircraft and official cars throughout his term of office.

5. Compensation in case of air accident Rs.300,000/-.

6. Leave, Medical, provident fund facilities.

7. No custom duty shall be levied on the following articles if imported or purchased by a Governor during his tenure:—

(i) Articles of personal use for Governor or members of his family provided that the cost shall not exceed Rs.15,000/- per annum.

(ii) Foodstuffs and tobacco for consumption by a Governor or by his family members.

(iii) Articles for furnishing of the Governors' official residence.

(iv) Official cars or Aircraft.

10. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 04-03-2010 at 10:15 a.m.)

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

(a) *the estimated cost of Support of Good Governance Islamabad (phase-III) UNDP funded project; and*

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

Reply not received.

11. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 04-03-2010 at 10:16 a.m.)

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

(a) *the estimated cost of Centre for Excellence for Urdu Informatics Development of Standards, NLA, 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?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** The information regarding Centre of Excellence for Urdu Informatics Development Standards, NLA, Islamabad is as under:—

(a) Cost of the project is Rs.37.121 Million.

(b) Rs.1.131 Million were allocated in PSDP 2009-2010. Entire amount has already been released and spent.

12. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 04-03-2010 at 10:16 a.m.)

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

(a) *the estimated cost for Tax Administration Reform Project (TARP) Islamabad, World Bank / IDA loan; 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) **Total cost of the TARP Project is as under:—**

Total Cost:	Rs: 6472.817 million
Foreign Component :	Rs: 5433.759 million
Local Component :	Rs: 1039.058 million

(b) **Amount Allocated by the Government in PSDP 2009-10:—**

Total	Rs: 1472.000 million
Foreign Component :	Rs: 1222.000 million
Local Component :	Rs: 250.000 million
<b>Amount Released</b>	
Foreign Component :	Rs: 274.810 million
Local Component :	Rs: 102.250 million
<b>Amount Spent</b>	
Foreign Component :	Rs: 274.810 million
Local Component :	Rs: 98.001 million

13. **\*Nawabzada Muhammad Akbar Magsi:** (Notice received on 04-03-2010 at 15:10 p.m.)

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

(a) *the number of persons working in PTA at each level with province-wise break up; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that Provincial / regional quota is not being observed while making these appointments?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Total number of personnel currently working in PTA is **373**. Province-wise break-up is **Annexed**.

(b) PTA is strictly observing provincial / regional quota for all recruitments currently. There had, however, been some imbalances in quota observance due to the fact that PTA needed highly technical manpower which normally was not available from areas of Sindh (Rural), Balochistan and FATA.

Furthermore, the quota for Balochistan was being observed @3% while the same has been doubled from 3% to 6% by the GoP. Recruitment against quota reserved for Balochistan is under process and the shortfall will be overcome accordingly by 31st March 2010 as per schedule of GoP.

14. **\*Nawabzada Muhammad Akbar Magsi:** (Notice received on 05-03-2010 at 12:20 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for poverty reduction in Balochistan under the Poverty Alleviation Programme during the fiscal year 2008-09 with district-wise break up?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbai Khar:** Under Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) the following interventions were made by the Government for poverty reduction in Balochistan during the fiscal year 2008-09:—

<b>A. Micro-Credit Interventions</b>	
No. of Loans	17,354
Total Beneficiaries	107,319
Amount Disbursed	277,190,769
<b>B. Community Physical Infrastructure Interventions</b>	
No. of Projects	142
Total Beneficiaries	35,251
Amount Disbursed	48,685,257
<b>C. Water Related Interventions</b>	
No. of Projects	334
Total Beneficiaries	76232
Amount Disbursed	134,569,087
<b>D. Social Mobilization Interventions</b>	
Community Organizations Formed	9,605
Membership	143,114
Amount Disbursed	569,527,366
<b>E. Health &amp; Education Interventions</b>	
<u>Education Project</u>	
Schools Supported	2
No. of Students	55
Amount Disbursed	464,000
<u>Health Project</u>	
Health Facilities Supported	4
Outreach Population	405
Amount Disbursed	944,096

The district-wise break up of the above interventions in the province of Balochistan is annexed.

15. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 06-03-2010 at 08:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of official accommodations for the employees of the CDA in Islamabad with sector-wise and category-wise break up;*
- (b) *the names and designation of the retired CDA employees who are in occupation of the said accommodations indicating also the address of accommodation in occupation of each of them;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the extension to some of the said retired CDA employees has been granted more than once in violation of CDA rules, if so, its reasons; and*
- (d) *the time by which the said accommodations will be got vacated and handed over to the new allottees?*

Reply not received.

16. **\*Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 08-03-2010 at 14:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of employees of the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) with grade-wise and province-wise break up?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** The Total number of employees in NCHD is 34437. Present status of NCHD employees is as under:—

S. No.	Province/Area	No. of NCHD Employees
1.	AJK	311
2.	Balochistan	3746
3.	NWFP	5477
4.	Punjab	14469
5.	Sindh	10262
6.	FATA	155
7.	ICT	17
<b>Total:</b>		<b>34437</b>

Province-wise and grade-wise detail of all types of employees (regular, contract and volunteers being paid honoraria) is **Annexed**.

17. **\*Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri:** (Notice received on 09-03-2010 at 11:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount of loans granted by various banks in the country to Government employees under the advance salaries scheme during the last six years indicating also the amount of interest / profit charged on the same;*
- (b) *the rate of service charges being charged on the said loan; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the rate of interest on the said loans has been increased, if so, its reasons?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) was requested for providing amount of loans granted by various banks in the country to Government employees under the advance salaries scheme during the last six years as well as amount of interest / profit charged on the loan. However, SBP has responded that the requisite information is not readily available with the Bank and needs to be collected from commercial banks.

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

18. **\*Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri:** (Notice received on 09-03-2010 at 11:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the category of government employees who are entitled for computer allowance; and*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for granting the said allowance?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) Computer allowance is admissible to the following category of Government employees.

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|------|---|-----------------|
| (i)  | Data control<br>staff up to BPS-15        | Rs. 750/-p.m    |
| (ii) | Computer personnel<br>in BPS-16 and above | Rs. 1500/- p. m |

(b) Computer Allowance is admissible to the qualified and trained computer personnel in the Government departments employed full time on computer in a full-fledged computer centre /cell and the computer personnel hold appointments under the prescribed recruitment rules. Detailed criteria is **Annexed**.

*Islamabad :  
The 23rd March, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*



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**“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Wednesday, the 24th March, 2010**

1. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 01-03-2010 at 08:55 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications, place of domicile, BPS and date of appointment of the Federal Secretaries indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** A list of Federal Secretaries indicating their names, educational qualification, place of domicile, BPS, date of appointment as Federal Secretary and salary and allowances admissible to them, is annexed.

2. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 01-03-2010 at 08:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) the amount allocated for granting loans to the needy students for higher education through the National Bank of Pakistan from 2005 to 2009;*
- (b) the number of students belonging to Islamabad and Rawalpindi who applied for the said loan;*
- (c) the names of said students who were granted loans indicating also the amount of loan granted to each of them; and*
- (d) the terms and conditions laid down for the said loans?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) An amount of **Rs. 701.310 Million** was allocated for granting loan to the needy students for higher education through the National Bank of Pakistan from 2005 to 2009,

(b) There were **1732 students** belonging to Islamabad and Rawalpindi who applied for loan during 2005 to 2009.

(c) Complete list containing name of said students who were granted loan alongwith amount is at Annexed.

(d) The terms and conditions of the Student loans are as under:—

Under the scheme the students are eligible to apply for loans provided:

- (i) He/She has obtained admission on merit through normal course/procedure in the approved Universities/Colleges of the public sector.

(ii) He/She falls (at the time of admission) within the age bracket of:—

For Graduation	Not exceeding 21 Years
For Post-Graduation	Not exceeding 31 Years
For Ph.D	Not exceeding 36 Years

(iii) He/She has secured at least 70% marks in the last Board/University examination.

(iv) He/She has undertaken the study of the subjects given in ..... (i) Engineering (ii) Electronics (iii) Oil Gas & Petro-Chemical Technology (iv) Agriculture (v) Medicine (vi) Physics (vii) Chemistry (viii) Biology, Molecular Biology & Genetics (ix) Mathematics (x) Other Natural Sciences (xi) DAWA and Islamic Jurisprudence (LL.B/LL.M Sharia) (xii) Computer Science/Information System and Technology including hardware (xiii) Economics, Statistics and Econometrics (xiv) Business Management Sciences (xv) Commerce.

(v) He/She is unable to pursue studies due to financial constraints.

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

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*The 23rd March, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*