

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 26th March, 2010

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

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of railways tracks with length on which railways service has been discontinued indicating also the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to resume railway service on the said tracks?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) Pakistan Railways closed 16 sections for rail traffic being commercially non-viable and to reduce the gap in revenue receipts and expenditure. Total length of closed sections is 1498 kms. Details are as under:—

S. No.	Section	Length (kms)
Narrow Gauge Sections		
1.	Bostan-Zhob	295
2.	Kohat-Thal	100
3.	Mari Indus-Bannu	141
4.	Laki Marwat-Tank	75
	Total:	611
Meter Gauge Sections		
5.	Mirpur Khas-Nawabshah	128
6.	Sibi-Khost	133
	Total:	261

S. No.	Section	Length (kms)
Broad Gauge Sections		
7.	Mandra-Bhaun	75
8.	Khanpur-Chachran	34

9.	Tandoadam-Tharushah	172
10.	Nawabshah-Sakrand	22
11.	Padidan-Tharushah-Mehrabpur	77
12.	Keora-Dandoot	3
13.	Bahawal Nager-Fort Abbas	102
14.	Narowal-Chak Amru	51
15.	Pind Dadan Khan-Khoshab	76
16.	Miani-Bhaira	14
Total		626

(b) 1. Revival of Railway traffic on the following sections is under consideration, for which PC-Is are under process for approval of Planning commission:

- a. Mandra-Bhaun (75 kms).
- b. Narowal –Chak Amru (51 kms).

2. Proposals for restoration of Railway traffic on the following sections are also under consideration:

- a. Bahawal Nager-Fort Abbas (102 kms).
- b. Miani-Bhaira (14 kms).

46. ***Maulana Muhammad Saleh Shah:** (Notice received on 01-03-2010 at 08:57 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the details of cases of corruption against Assistant Political Agent, South Waziristan Agency, surfaced since July 2009 and the action taken thereon?

Mr. Najmuddin Khan: There are three Assistant Political Agents in South Waziristan Agency. FATA Secretariat did not receive any formal complaint of corruption against any Assistant Political Agent since July, 2009.

48. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that existing railway tracks in the country are not suitable for fast trains, if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to replace these tracks?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: ● Existing main line track has been designed and laid for a maximum permissible speed of 120 Km per hour. However, newly laid track in connection with Doubling of Track project (from Lodhran to Raiwind) has been designed for a maximum speed of 160 Km per hour.

- For laying high speed track from Lahore to Rawalpindi, a feasibility study has been carried to run the train at a speed of 250 Km per hour. Estimated cost of laying of fast track will be Rs.139.00 Billion, whereas, total investment including coaches and locomotives will be Rs. 395.00 Billion.

- Further more Pakistan Railway has planned to carry out feasibility study for laying fast track on the main line corridor, from Karachi to Peshawar.

- In addition, a length of 224 Km track has been rehabilitated under the Track Rehabilitation Project and a length of 198 Km of double line track laid from Lodhran to Chichawatni.

49. ***Maulana Muhammad Saleh Shah:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to compensate the IDPs of South Waziristan Agency for the damages caused to their properties; and*

(b) *the details of facilities provided / being provided to the said IDPs on their return?*

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: (a) Yes, a proposal regarding compensation for the damages to private property at a uniform rate is under consideration of the government. It will be decided following a survey of damages which shall be conducted, once the IDPs have returned to South Waziristan Agency and after the funds have been provided by the Federal Government /FATA Secretariat for the purpose. Presently no such funds have been provided to the PDMA.

(b) Each registered IDPs families of South Waziristan Agency is being paid Rs.5000/- per month through cash cards. So far 35,366 cards, have reportedly on 12-03-2010, been distributed among the registered families while food items are being supplied to the non registered IDPs from different Food Hubs of World Food Programme (WFP) at D.I. Khan and Tank Districts.

Upon completion of the military operation in South Waziristan Agency, the PDMA will request the UN agencies to send an assessment mission to the affected areas. A comprehensive return strategy comprising provision of free transportation, medical facilities and food for one month to the returnee families, will be evolved after receipt of the report of the assessment mission. After their return, the WFP will establish food hubs in South Waziristan Agency, where free food will be distributed to the returnee families for six months.

50. ***Maulana Muhammad Saleh Shah:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the details of terrorists killed during the operation "Rah-i-Nijat" in South Waziristan?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: During the operation Rahi-i-Nijat in South Waziristan total 823 terrorists have been killed. Detail is annexed.

(Annex)

TERRORIST KILLED DURING OPERATION-RAH-E-NAJAT

Date	Terrorists Killed
17/18-Oct-09	145
19-Oct-09	18
20-Oct-09	12
21-Oct-09	15
22-Oct-09	24
23-Oct-09	13

Date	Terrorists Killed
24-Oct-09	21
25-Oct-09	15
26-Oct-09	19
27-Oct-19	42
28-Oct-09	25
29-Oct-09	11
30-Oct-09	14
31-Oct-09	33
1-Nov-09	9
2-Nov-09	12
3-Nov-09	21
4-Nov-09	30
5-Nov-09	28
6-Nov-09	24
7-Nov-09	12
8-Nov-09	20
9-Nov-09	8
10-Nov-09	9
11-Nov-09	7
12-Nov-09	22
13-Nov-09	6

14-Nov-09	7
15-Nov-09	5
18-Nov-09	6
19-Nov-09	7
20-Nov-09	5

Date	Terrorists Killed
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Nov-09	14
22-Nov-09	5
23-Nov-09	9
27-Nov-09	15
6-Dec-09	1
10-Dec-09	5
14-Dec-09	5
16-Dec-09	6
19-Dec-09	6
21-Dec-09	2
22-Dec-09	4
26-Dec-09	8
28-Dec-09	15
29-Dec-09	1
31-Dec-10	4
2-Jan-10	4
3-Jan-10	8
4-Jan-10	5
5-Jan-10	2
11-Jan-10	8
17-Jan-10	1
18-Jan-10	1
19-Jan-10	10
22-Jan-10	3
24-Jan-10	2
28-Jan-10	4
20-Feb-10	30

Total:

823

51. ***Nawabzada Muhammad Akbar Magsi:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the number of offices of NADRA in Balochistan and the details of staf posted there?

Reply not received.

52. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Human Trafficking Information System (HUTIS) has been installed at various places in the country, if so, the locations thereof*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that all Zonal Directors and FIA Anti-Human Trafficking Circles have been directed to compile the data of all human smugglers, traffickers, agents, sub-agents and facilitators in the said system, if so, the progress made in this regard since 2008; and*
- (c) the number of cases of human trafficking registered in the country during the said period indicating also the names of persons arrested and convicted in those cases?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) HUTIS (Human Trafficking Information System) is a web base application like CMS (Case Monitoring System). It is accessible on internet on its specific IPs (Internet Protocols) address. So its location is web-site.

(b) Each Zone/Anti-Human Trafficking Circle (AHTCs) has been asked to access the application and compile the data of all human smugglers/traffickers, agents, subagents and facilitators. Names of 951 smugglers/traffickers, agents, subagents and facilitators have been entered in HUTIS since 2008, 241 by AHTC Karachi and 41 by AHTC Faisalabad, 116 by AHTC Gujranwala, 19 by AHTC Multan, 503 by AHTC Quetta and 31 by AHTC Rawalpindi.

(c) In 2008, under the provisions of Prevention & Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance (PACHTO) 2002, 89 cases were brought forward, whereas 264 fresh cases were registered, 251 cases were challaned and 73 cases were decided by the courts.

Similarly 120 cases were brought forward from 2008, 551 fresh cases were added in 2009, 540 cases were finalized/challaned and finally 625 cases were decided by the courts.

53. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 11: 15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of unutilized scholarships under National ICT Scholarships Programme 2008;*
- (b) *the reasons for not utilizing the said scholarships; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to utilize all scholarships under that programme in future?*

Sardar Muhammad Latif Khan Khosa: (a) The target for number of scholarships for the year 2008 was 550 scholarships and under the National ICT Scholarship Program all the 550 scholarships were awarded to the rural/non metropolitan area F. Sc. students to pursue undergraduate degrees in ICT related disciplines. Out of 550 students only 440 reported to the universities. 110 scholarships remained unutilized.

(b) For the subsequent year (2009) it was decided to provide about 5% extra seats to account for students that do not join universities and take up the scholarship. So, 737 scholarships were offered instead of a target of 700 for the year 2009. However, 519 students joined the universities and remaining could not join due to their personal priorities of the disciplines and university.

54. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 11: 15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state the number of complaints of irregularities in the managements: of National ICT R&D Fund Company received during the years 2000 to 2009 and action taken thereon?

Sardar Muhammad Latif Khan Khosa: National ICT R&D Fund Company was established in November 2006. During the period 2006 to 2009, the numbers of complaints of irregularities in the management of National ICT R&D Fund Company are three (03). Details are as under:

Complainant/Complaint

Shahnawaz s/o Sawan Khan—Complaint was filed against Ministry of IT and FAST University. (The Candidate is currently studying at Bahauddin Zakariya University). The Student has filed cases in Federal Ombudsman both in Lahore and Islamabad. The complaint is related to non award of scholarship to the complainant.

Action Taken

The Federal Ombudsman has decided in favor of the respondent.

Complainant/ Complaint

Muhammad Nadeem Azam S/o Muhammad Azam—Complaint was that as per National ICT Scholarship brochure it states that Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences (GIK) has been allocated 22 seats and the complainant was not awarded even one seat. The Complaint has been filed with Federal Ombudsman Peshawar. The complainant without waiting

for the result of testing service of the Company, got admission in the university on his own merit and paid a certain amount requested by the university. Student according to merit list was able to secure admission in COMSATS university. He insisted to get admission in GIK and demanded refund of the money paid by him to the institution.

Action Taken

The case is still pending with Federal Ombudsman Peshawar.

Complainant/Complaint

Dr. Amir Farooqui –The Complainant filed a complaint through Transparency International Pakistan. The Complaint was against three currently funded projects which the complainant believes that the projects were funded incorrectly as the work has already been done internationally. He has also referred his own proposal which was not approved by the fund because of bias and nepotism.

Action Taken

The report by Transparency International Pakistan was forwarded by the Ministry of IT to National ICT R&D Fund and a thorough audit was conducted by the internal auditor of the fund. The report has been submitted to the Project Management Committee (PMC) for scrutiny and will also be discussed in next Board of Directors meeting.

55. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-03-2010 at 09:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in the Ministry of Narcotics Control during the last two years with province-wise break up; indicating also the number of posts lying vacant so far and the time by which these will be filled?

Mr. Arbab Muhammad Zahir: No. of persons appointed during last two years.

Ministry of Narcotics Control	Anti Narcotics Force ANF (Attached Department)	Total
14	7	21

Province wise breakup

Province	No. of Persons	
	Ministry	ANF
Punjab	0	4
Sindh (U)	1	0

Sindh (R)	1	3
NWFP	1	0
Balochistan	1	0
FATA/NA	0	0
AJK	0	0
Locally appointed (Naib Qasid)	10	0
TOTAL	14	7

VACANT POSTS:

(a) **MoNC** – Recruitment against 8 vacant posts in the Ministry of Narcotics Control have been advertised and will be filled shortly.

(b) **ANF**

- i. Recruitment against 5 vacant posts of Assistant Director (BS-17) are under process in FPSC.
- ii. Recruitment against 18 vacant posts of Inspector (BS-16) has been advertised by FPSC.
- iii. Recruitment against 667 vacant posts in (BS-1 to 15) is under process and will be filled up till June-2010. Advertisement, Receipt of applications, written tests, finalization of results have been made and interview/ practical tests will be done shortly.

56. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 03-03-2010 at 09:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of prohibited and non prohibited arms licenses issued to foreign nationals during the last two years;*
- (b) *the reasons for issuing those licenses; and*
- (c) *the procedure adopted for issuance of the said licenses?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: No arm license was issued to Foreign Nationals by Ministry of Interior during the said period.

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

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) *the estimated cost of PTV sports and youth channel; and*
- (b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: (a) The estimated cost for launching of PTV Sports and Youth channel as per PC-1 form already submitted to concerned quarters on 16-12-2008 would amount to Rs. 603.680 million, in addition to the estimated recurring expenses of Rs.740.612 million per annum.

(b) An amount of Rs. 40.000 million has been allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10, but no funds have been released so far.

64. ***Prof Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 08-03-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the estimated cost of Track Rehabilitation (Rehabilitation Plan); and*
- (b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) Estimated cost of Rehabilitation and improvement of Track is Rs. 9405 million.

(b) The amount allocated by the Government for the Rehabilitation and Improvement of track is Rs.800 million for the current financial year *i.e.* 2009-2010. The amount released is Rs. 350.000 million till date and Rs. 250.000 million has since been utilized.

65. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 08-03-2010 at 13:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure adopted for utilization of special fund of FATA Secretariat during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the balance amount under the said head of account at present?*

Mr. Najmuddin Khan: (a) There is no such special fund provided to FATA Secretariat by any source so far.

(b) Nil.

66. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 08-03-2010 at 13:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure adopted for utilization of funds under FATA Rural Development programme during the last two years; and*

(b) *the balance amount under the said head at present?*

Mr. Najmuddin Khan: (a) ♦ Annual Work Plan for each agency is approved by Agency Project Board under the chairmanship of Political Agent of the respective agency:

- ♦ The work Plan of the three agencies are consolidated at the Project Management Unit and approve by Project Steering Committee (PSC) chaired by Additional Chief Secretary FATA.
- ♦ Community Organization (Cos) are formed in the Project Area by Community Mobilization staff of the Project.
- ♦ The needs of the Cos are identified and prioritized in consultation with the concerned communities.
- ♦ Schemes/activities are awarded to the Cos on the basis of their needs and the allocation under the Work Plan.
- ♦ Schemes are accorded formal Administrative Approval from the approved forum.
- ♦ Schemes costing under Rs.4.50 million are implemented directly through the concerned communities.
- ♦ Schemes costing over Rs.4.50 million are executed through the concerned Government Department.

(b) The cumulative financial utilization of Project as of February 2010 stands at Rs.2107.320 million reflecting an overall achievement of 60% against the total PC-I cost of Rs.3510.0 million. The Project thus has balance funds of Rs.1400 million which would be utilized in the remaining two years *i.e* till December 2011.

67. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 10-03-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons appointed as Junior Clerks in FATA Secretariat and its subordinate offices during the last two years?

Mr. Najmuddin Khan: (a) The information is being collected from attached institutions of FATA Secretariat and the reply will be given on next ROTA day.

68. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 11-03-2010 at 08:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to link Gwadar with railways, if so, its details?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: There is a proposal for connecting Gwadar sea port through a Rail link with Pakistan Railway's network. The feasibility study has since been completed. As per Feasibility Study, Gwadar is proposed to be linked with main Railway network at Mastung station located on Quetta-Taftan section. The length of proposed Railway link would be 901 Km. Estimated cost of construction is Rs.150.00 billion. PC-1 of the project is under preparation. After approval of PC-I and allocation of funds, it will take nine years to complete the project.

69. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 11-03-2010 at 09:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in NADRA Headquarters on regular, contract and daily wages basis, separately; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the number of persons hailing from Sindh and Balochistan working in the said Headquarters is less than the prescribed quota for those provinces, if so, its reasons and the steps being taken by the Government to make up that deficiency?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) The number of persons working in NADRA Headquarters on regular, contract and daily wages basis are as under:—

S. #	Status	Employee's Strength
a.	Regular	211
b.	Contractual	1458
c.	Daily Wages	
	Total	1669

(b) Number of persons hailing from Sindh and Balochistan working in NADRA Headquarters are less than prescribed quota. All the employees hired by NADRA are working on contract basis and they get a consolidated cash salary package with no other regular benefits like house hiring etc. Therefore, it becomes very difficult for the people from Sindh and Balochistan to join the positions at HQ NADRA, Islamabad without any additional benefits. Further, NADRA has a vast network of offices spread all over the country upto Tehsil level, which makes it possible for employees to be posted in their respective area.

NADRA has two Regional Headquarters in Sindh (Karachi & Sukkur) and a Provincial Headquarters in Quetta with large manpower requirements. Most of the employees belonging to these Provinces are given opportunity to work in their nearest NADRA Regional Headquarters. Currently over 95% employees in Sindh and Balochistan regions are local domicile based.

70. ***Mr. Naeem Hussain Chattha:** (Notice received on 11-03-2010 at 13:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct an overhead bridge on railway crossing on Gujranwala - Shaikhupura road in Shaikhupura city, if so, when?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: There is no proposal under consideration of Pakistan Railways to construct an overhead bridge on Railway crossing on Gujranwala-Sheikhupura road in Sheikhupura City. In fact the matter relates to the Provincial Highway Department or the City Government. Pakistan Railway can only facilitate construction of such a bridge in case the proposal is initiated by these agencies.

*Islamabad :
The 25th March, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Friday, the 26th March, 2010

8 **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 02-03-2010 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a NADRA Swift Registration Centre in Narang Mandi, District Sheikhupura, if so, when?

Mr. A Rehman Malik: Nadra has already established Semi Mobile Registration Unit (SMRU) at Narang Mandi, District Sheikhupura *w.e.f.* 10th March, 2010.

ISLAMABAD :
The 25th March, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.