

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 9th February, 2010

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos.139, 140, 141, 142, 145, 146, 147 and 148 as well as Question Nos.96 and 99 were originally set down for answering on 19th and 22nd January, 2010 respectively during 57th Session but were deferred)

139. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 23-10-2009 at 08:20:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the funds provided by WHO since 2006 with year-wise break up, for health sector in Pakistan, indicating also its utilizations with year-wise and province-wise break up?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: WHO allocation of funds and its utilization for last three years is as under:—

<u>2006 Budget Allocation(US\$)</u>	
Regular	Other Sources
2,542,254	39,438,279
<u>Budget Utilization(US\$)</u>	
Regular	Other Sources
2,542,254	36,248,145
<u>2007 Budget Allocation(US\$)</u>	
Regular	Other Sources
2,542,254	39,438,279
<u>Budget Utilization(US\$)</u>	
Regular	Other Sources
2,542,254	36,248,145
<u>2008 Budget Allocation(US\$)</u>	

Regular	Other Sources
2,654,000	46,141,013

Budget Utilization(US\$)

Regular	Other Sources
2,654,000	44,141,013

WHO does not allocate funds province-wise. However, WHO collaborative Polio, EPI and STOP TB programmes have regular provincial expenditure. A list of yearly province-wise expenditure breakup is at **Annex-I**.

140. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-10-2009 at 10:40:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names of the foreign donors who have provided aid for control of Malaria, Hepatitis and Cancer disease in the country during the last five years and the extent of the donations?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: During the last five years, the Ministry of Health has not received aid from any foreign donor for prevention and control of Hepatitis and Cancer in the country. For control of Malaria, the Directorate of Malaria Control has received financial assistant only from Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) as per following details:

Year	Assistance received from GFATM (US\$)
2004-05	3.27 million (Round-II)
2005-06	0.78 million (Round-III)
2006-07	12.0 million US\$ (Round-VII)
Total	16.05 million

141. ***Mr. Muhammad Ghufuran Khan:** (Notice received on 24-10-2009 at 17:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of sanctioned posts of nurses in the Federal Government Hospitals in the country with province-wise break-up; and*

(b) *the number of nurses working against the said posts with province-wise break-up?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) There are total number of 2232 sanctioned posts of nurses in the Federal Govt. Hospitals in the country. Their province-wise break up is at **Annex-I**. These include 150 posts of SKBZH, Quetta which are not yet filled-in.

(b) There are a total number of 1930 Nurses working against the said posts with province wise break up at **Annex-II**.

142. ***Mr. Muhammad Ghufraan Khan:** (Notice received on 24-10-2009 at 17:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of doctors working in the Federal Government Hospitals in the country with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to provide employment to the unemployed doctors in the country?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The number of doctors working in the Federal Government Hospitals in the country with province-wise break-up is as under:—

Sindh	=	307
Punjab	=	605
NWFP	=	145
Balochistan	=	56
FATA	=	28
Northern Areas	=	23
AJ&K	=	16
Islamabad	=	03

Total:— 1183

(b) The Government is taking a number of steps to increase gainful employment opportunities and balance the distribution of doctors between urban and rural areas of Pakistan. Some key initiatives are:

- (i) Development and planning of a Human Resource for Health strategy (HRH strategy) to growing challenges of staff retention, recruitment, distribution, attrition, career development, and satisfying work environment.
- (ii) The new Health Policy envisages that development of the Essential Health Services Package will lead to more efficient, effective and integrated delivery of health services and human resource management including creating enhanced employment opportunities for doctors.
- (iii) The Health Policy also envisions a greater role of public-private partnerships in increasing employment opportunities and balanced redistribution of doctors in areas of greatest need; and
- (iv) Shifting towards a more proactive and expedited recruitment process for hiring of doctors for primary and secondary level health facilities will also increase employment opportunities and reduce the number of unemployed doctors in the country.

145. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 27-10-2009 at 08:50:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the estimated number of the hepatitis patients in the country; and*

(b) *the details of free medical treatment being provided to the said patients?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The estimated number of hepatitis C&B patients in the country is as under:—

Hepatitis “C” Patients = 8,800,000

Hepatitis “B” Patients = 5,600,000

(b) 32,998 patients of Hepatitis C and 6270 patients of Hepatitis B have been extended free of cost treatment under the Prime Minister’s Programme for Prevention and Control of Hepatitis. Details are as under:—

Financial Year	No. of Hepatitis C patients Treated	No. of Hepatitis B patients Treated
2005-06	10,815	1,000
2006-07	11,964	1,644
2007-08	1,500*	1,000*
2008-09	8,719	2,626
Total	32,998	6,270

In order to supplement the treatment initiative of Federal Government for treatment of Hepatitis B & C patients Provincial Governments of Punjab and Sindh developed their respective PC-I and have allocated budget for treatment of Hepatitis patients as under:—

Provincial Governments

Financial (FY 2008-09)	Treatment Provision for Hepatitis C patients	Treatment provision for Hepatitis B patients
Punjab	8,824	Nil
Sindh	10,000	2,000
Total	18,824	2,000

146. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 27-10-2009 at 09:00:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of vehicles with their model and price purchased by Ministry of Health and its attached departments during the last five year?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: The detail of vehicles purchased during the last five years with their model and price of each in respect of Ministry of Health and its attached departments may kindly be seen at **Annex — ‘A’**.

147. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-10-2009 at 09:20:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose/objectives for setting up Central Research Fund ; and

(b) the amount deposited in the said fund since its establishment?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The purpose/objective for setting up of Central Research Fund was to provide funds for Research and Development in drugs, as provided under clause (b) of Sub-section (1) of Section 12 of the Drugs Act, 1976 read with rule 3 of the Drugs (Research) Rules, 1978, which entails the scope of utilization of this fund as under:

“The Federal Government may utilize the Fund for conducting research, development or evaluation of a drug either itself or through a research institution working under its control or disburse it among investigators or institutions for such purposes subject to such conditions as may be specified and for that matter, it may also utilize the fund to upgrade and establish Drugs Research and testing laboratories and a unit in the Drugs Control Section, Ministry of Health, for evaluation and monitoring of the research proposals and projects and management of the fund”

(b) The amount deposited in the said fund since its establishment and as reconciled on 30th June 2009 is Rs.643.428 million.

148. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-10-2009 at 09:10:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the details of administrative expenditures of the National Institute of Handicapped, Islamabad, during the last three years with year-wise break up?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: The administrative expenditure of National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, (NIRM) Islamabad during the last three years with year-wise break up is as under:—

Financial Year	Expenditure
2006-07	Rs. 76,695,242/-
2007-08	Rs. 68,068,996/-
2008-09	Rs. 73,081,973/-

96. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 03-12-2009 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the names and other particulars of the passengers who traveled in business class in PIA flight from Heathrow Airport (London) to Islamabad on the night of 22nd November, 2009 indicating also the ticket numbers, booking dates, confirmation dates and amount charged by PIA in each case;

- (b) *the names of the said passengers whose class was upgraded indicating also the reasons for upgradation and the authority which approved that upgradation; and*
- (c) *the loss suffered by PIA, if any, due to that upgradation?*

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: (a) The names, booking and confirmation date of passengers who traveled in business class of PIA flight PK-786 from Heathrow Airport (London) to Islamabad on the night of 22nd November, 2009 are provided as Annexure-A.

(b) The following passengers were upgraded in the said flight:

- * Syed Hamid Qazmi Federal Minister for Religions Affairs
- * Mrs. Saira Malik Wife of Federal Minister for Religious Affairs

Since the Minister was traveling after a Medical checkup due to a serious injury, therefore, the request of Ministry of Religious Affairs (Annex-B) was accepted by the Managing Director of PIA.

(c) The approval of up gradation was given on space availability basis and hence, no passenger was displaced to accommodate the Honourable Minister and his wife. Therefore, PIA did not suffer any loss by extending this facility.

99. ***Mr. Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 04-12-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for financial and organizational restructuring of PIA, if so, its details;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that PIA has prepared a cost cutting plan, if so, the details thereof indicating also the extent of its implementation so far and the results thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to make PIA a profit earning organization?*

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: (a) & (c) The Federal Government is currently evaluating various proposals for financial and organizational restructuring of PIA; however, final decision has not so far been taken.

(b) PIA management has taken some initiatives to achieve its cost cutting objectives and to make PIA a profit earning organization, which are given below:—

Marketing Initiatives

- Shifting to saber GDS to reduce expenses.
- Carrying passengers on domestic leg of International flights to generate additional revenue.

- Achieved zero percent Agents' commission.
- Additional revenue through fares optimization.
- Appointment of new GSAs to reduce the administrative cost and widen selling base.
- Free transportation service between Toronto and Montreal/Ottawa to cater for additional Canadian market.

Pakistan Remittance incentive (PRI)

Pakistan Remittance Initiative (PRI), a joint venture between the Ministry of Finance, State Bank of Pakistan and the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis has entered into an alliance with PIA. This aims to achieve an increase in PIA's share in the travel by expatriate Pakistanis.

Operational Measures

- Retrieval of grounded Boeing 747-300 fleet to utilize on Saudi Arabia routes to cater for Hajj/Umrah flights and additional capacity demand.
- Reconfiguration of 747-300 fleet by enhancing the seating capacity which resulted in higher revenue generation.

Network Development

PIA is constantly on the lookout of exploring new avenues and network development. Several new routes have been introduced and frequencies on existing routes have been enhanced as under:—

- Non-stop flights from New York to Pakistan have been introduced, reducing travel time for incoming passengers and cost savings.
- Three weekly services from Islamabad to Leeds/Bradforts.
- Islamabad and Lahore air-linked with Nawabshah and Hyderabad.
- Two weekly services introduced between Islamabad/Peshawar and D.I. Khan.
- Restoration of flights to Zhob for the people of remote areas of Balochistan.
- Frequency between Karachi and Sialkot increased to three per week.
- Two weekly flights for Istanbul extended to Amsterdam.
- Weekly two flights started each to Barcelona and Frankfurt.
- New flights introduced on Islamabad-Kathmandu, Peshawar-Kabul, D.G. Khan-Dubai, Sialkot-Abu Dhabi, Sialkot-Bahrain and Sialkot-Kuwait routes.

Engineering and Maintenance

- PIA Engineering, certified by Turkish, Sri Lankan and Jordan Civil Aviation Authorities, providing third party business.
- Automatic test equipment facility for A310 has been acquired.
- Test and repair facility for approximately 50 components has been developed with savings of US\$0.5 M through local fabrication.
- In-house repair and testing facility of CF6-80 Engine has been developed, which has resulted in substantial savings in engine maintenance cost of A310.
- State of the art test facility acquired for PW127 engines installed on ATR42-500 aircraft. This up gradation of PIA Engine Test Facilities will concern PIA's ability to fully overhaul PW127 engines which will result in huge saving annually.

Human Resource:

The management initiated the organizational re-structuring process in order to increase productivity and employee moral.

- Revision of Performance Appraisal system.
- Review and rationalization of manpower at Foreign Stations.
- Positions of higher management were reviewed.
- One time promotion to employees.
- Confirmation of contractual employees.
- Revision of employee salaries.

Branding

- PIA-Ufone Talk and Fly deal was launched.
- PIA-Standard Chartered Bank Brand Credit Card was introduced.

E-Solutions

- PIA concluded 44 interline E-ticketing agreements with other airlines, which will facilitate passengers traveling to/from non-PIA destinations.
- Web Ticketing has been expanded and now it covers all Domestic Routes, USA, Canada, UK, Gulf stations, Dubai, Jeddah, Oslo, Muscat, Hong Kong, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Barcelona and Paris with recent addition to Milan, Doha and Kuwait.

Information Technology

- Two new systems namely Dispatch Manager and Movement Manager were implemented which resulted in centralization of Flight Operations functions previously performed at various foreign stations.

1. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-01-2010 at 12:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- the projects launched by the Government to control pollution and improve environment in the country during the last three years; and*
- the details of budgetary allocation for this purpose and amount spent during the last three years with year-wise break-up?*

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi: (a) The names of projects launched by the Government during the last three years to control pollution and to improve environment in the country are as under:—

1. Rehabilitation of Denuded Forest Areas through sowing and Planting and Development of Farm / Social Forestry with Community participation in Northern Areas (2006-11).
2. Upgrading and Reconstruction of PFI Field Station Shinkiari for Forestry Research, Education and Training (2006-11).
3. Programme for Mountain Area Conservation (2006-11)
4. Establishment of a Model Park for Improvement of Urban Environment and Recreational Facility in Attock (2006-09).
5. Establishment of Chach Recreational Park for improvement of Local Environment at Mansar Camp at Dist. Attock (2006-09).
6. Rachna Doab Afforestation Project, Phase-II (2007-12).
7. Sustainable Land Management to Combat Desertification in Pakistan (2007-09).
8. Establishment of Pakistan Botanic Gardens network Secretariat in Government College University Lahore, (2007-09)
9. Development of Forestry Sector Resources for Carbon Sequestration in Punjab (2007-13).
10. Development of Forestry Sector Resources for Carbon Sequestration in AJK (2007-13).
11. Development of Forestry Sector Resources for Carbon Sequestration in Sindh (2007-13)
12. Development of Forestry Sector Resources for Carbon Sequestration in Balochistan (2007-13)

13. Development of Forestry Sector Resources for Carbon Sequestration in NWFP (2007-13)
 14. Mullti Sectoral Mega Project for conservation of Juniper Forests Balochistan (2007-14).
 15. Pilot Project for Sewerage/ Drainage Sanitation Management Using E/M Technology for Environmental Improvement (Urban)-Attock City (2007-10)
 16. Pilot Project for Sewerage/ Drainage Sanitation Management Using E/M Technology for Environmental Improvement (Rural). Attock City (2007-10)
 17. Provision of Drainage / Sewerage Management for Environmental Improvement at Mohallah Kot Fateh Khan & Awaisia Attock (NA-57) (2007-10).
 18. Provision of Drainage / Sewerage Management for Environmental Improvement at Cantt. Housing City Attock (NA-57) (2007-10).
 19. Improvement of Environment of Jacobabad City (Quaid-e-Azam Road). (2007-10)
 20. Construction of CC Drains Type I, II, III and CC Block in Taluka Jacobabad, Thul, Garhi Khairo, District Jacobabad (2007-10).
 21. Construction of Open Channel and Drain for Drainage of Kot Bhai Khan, Tehsil Shahpur, District Sargodha (2007-10).
 22. National Awareness Campaign on Energy & Environment Conservation (ACE) (2006-09).
2. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 22-01-2010 at 13:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and location of the institutions / departments working under the administrative control of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development; and*
- (b) *the number of sanctioned, filled in and vacant posts in those institutions with province-wise break up?*

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: (a) 1. Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development & Municipal Administration (AHKNCRD&MA), Park Road, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad.

2. Municipal Training and Research Institute (MTRI), Street No. 6, Block No.3, Kakashan, Clifton, Karachi.

(b) 1. **AHKNCRD&MA, Islamabad**

Strength = 81
Filled = 76
Vacant = 05

BPS-18 = 01 post for promotion Quota
BPS-17 = 02 posts Punjab Quota and 01 post for Sindh
(Urban) Quota is under process through
FPSC.

BPS-07= 01 post for Punjab Quota.

MTRI, Karachi

Strength = 36
Filled = 31
Vacant = 05

BS-18 = 03 posts, 02 posts for Punjab Quota and 01
post for NWFP Quota is under process
through FPSC.

BS-17 = 02 posts, 01 for Punjab Quota and 01 for
NWFP is under process through FPSC.

3. ***Moulana Gul Naseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 23-01-2010 at 09:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

(a) *the damage caused to forests in Malakand and Hazara Divisions during the last ten years; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government for the protection of forests?*

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi: (a) The Question received from Senate Secretariat in this Ministry on 2nd February, 2010. The Provincial Government of NWFP was immediately asked the same day for furnishing requisite information, however, the Provincial Government has informed that it will take sufficient time to collect data. The information as and when received from the Provincial Government of NWFP will be placed before the House.

(b) As above

4. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 23-01-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state:

(a) *the steps taken by the Government for rural development during the last 10 years;*

- (b) *the number of institutions working for rural development in the country; and*
- (c) *the details of programmes / schemes launched by those institutions for rural development during the said period indicating also the extent of implementation of those programmes / schemes?*

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: (a) Rural Development is a multi-dimensional activity covering different sectors like health, education, water supply, sanitation, environment, roads, human resource development, electrification, provision of gas etc.

On its part, the MLG&RD has coordinated implementation of Tameer-e-Pakistan Programme / Khushal Pakistan Programme-I during 2002-2008 and is coordinating People's Works Programme-I *w.e.f.* 1st July, 2009. Under these programmes, Rs. 14428 million were released under TPP/KPP-I and Rs.5248 million under PWP-I, for execution of schemes as identified by the parliamentarians all over the country.

(b) All the concerned federal ministries, provincial departments and district governments are responsible for such development programmes in the country.

(c) As stated above, Rural Development is a Multi-dimensional and Multi-tiered activity. It can not be circumscribed in terms of specific programmes/schemers.

5. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 23-01-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the amount allocated for the construction and expansion of roads from Sehwan Sharif to Larkana and from Khuzdar to Shedadkot and the time by which the said work will be completed?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) NHA's PSDP allocation 2009-10.

- (i) Sehwan—Ratodero: Rs. 1350 million.
- (ii) Khuzdar—Shahdadkot: Rs. 391 million.
- (b) Sehwan—Ratodero (200 km).

PC-1 of Rs. 12,342 million already approved by ECNEC. Tenders for procurements of contractors due on Feb. 15, 2010. Work likely to commence within three months for completion by May 2013 (3 years).

(c) Khuzdar—Shahdadkot—Ratodero (244 km. M-8.

Work on 98 km already completed. Balance works undertaken in 3 packages. Overall progress is 60% & completion date Dec. 2010:

- (i) Quba Saeed Khan—Wangu Hills (56 km)

(ii) Wangu Hills (41 km)

(iii) Wangu Hills–Khorī (49 km)

6. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 23-01-2010 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to give concession in merit list for admission to the students of Malakand Division to Master level classes in various universities in the country, if so, its details?

Reply not received.

7. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 23-01-2010 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government has announced fee exemption for the students belonging to Malakand Division in the Government educational institutions in the country, if so, the action taken in this regard so far?

Sardar Aseff Ahmad Ali: A letter was issued to provide relief to the IDPs all College/University level students of affected areas for admission in education institutions of NWFP. (Annex A). Accordingly Federal Directorate of Education issued instructions that the students belonging to the Swat and Malakand Division studying in Federal Govt. Educational Institutions will be exempted from the tuition fee (Annex B).

As per instruction, students belonging to affected areas were allowed free education in the institutions besides the provision of books free of cost.

8. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-01-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of vehicles owned by the Ministry and its attached departments; and*

(b) *the amount spent on the maintenance / repair and fuel of the said vehicles during the last three years with year-wise break up?*

Syed Khurshed Ahmed Shah: (a) There are 11 vehicles in the Ministry and 48 vehicles in its attached departments. Details at Annex-I.

(b) The requisite information at Annex-II.

9. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-01-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of persons appointed in the National Highways Authority during the last three years with year wise and province wise break up; and*

(b) *the procedure adopted for appointment of the said persons?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) A total of 50 persons were appointed in National Highway Authority (NHA) in different cadres against regular strength during the last three years viz Jan 2006 to Jun 2009. Year and province-wise break-up was as under:—

Province/Region	Year	No.
Punjab	2006	09
	2007	15
Sindh (Urban)	2006	01
	2007	03
Sindh (Rural)	2006	03
	2007	04
NWFP	2006	03
Balochistan	2006	02
	2007	04
FATA/ NAs	2006	03
AJK	2006	02
	2007	01
Total		50

(b) The above appointments were made through a competitive process viz advertisement in the press, test and interview by Departmental Section Committees and observance of provincial/regional quota prescribed for initial recruitment.

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Secretary.

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