

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 7th October, 2009

7. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 10:50 a.m)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Religious Madaris for boys and girls in the country indicating also the number of students studying there with gender wise break up;*
- (b) the number of those madaris to which financial assistance is provided by the Government;*
- (c) the names of those madaris which were provided financial assistance by the Government during the last ten years indicating also the amount so provided in each case; and*
- (d) the terms and conditions on which the said assistance is provided?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) There are 15843 registered Deeni Madaris in the country with the following details as per available record:

Punjab	Sindh	NWFP	Balochistan	ICT
11332	2852	1242	297	120

Gender wise and enrollment details are not available.

(b) Ministry of Education has provided financial assistance to some Madaris under two different projects as per details given below:

- (i) 507 Madaris under Madrasa Reforms Project during financial years 2005-06 to 2008-09.
- (ii) 180 Madaris under Provision of Computers in Deeni Madaris Project during financial year 2000-01 to 2004-05.

(c) The names of the Madaris which were provided financial assistance by this Ministry under the above two projects are given at **Annex-I**.

(d) The funds were provided to those full time institutions which were willing to introduce formal subjects.

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

77. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 30-07-2009 at 13:32 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government had decided in 2008 to provide CNG Busses to big cities of the country to reduce environmental pollution, if so, the number of busses which were to be provided to each city;*
- (b) the country from which those busses were to be imported/ purchased;*
- (c) the mechanism evolved to check the quality of those busses; and*
- (d) whether it is also a fact that those buses have been provided to some cities while the same have not been provided to Peshawar so far, if so, the time by which such buses will be provided to that city also?*

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi: (a) The Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 16th July, 2008 has decided to launch 8000 CNG buses in major urban cities of Pakistan (Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi/Islamabad, Faisalabad, Multan, Quetta, Hyderabad, Peshawar, Gujranwala & Sukkur) so as to provide, efficient, better, sustainable and affordable transport to all especially the poor and improve the environment. It would be the investors/operators decision in collaboration with the Banks which will determine the number of buses in each city. This is vital to ensure the commercial viability of the project.

(b) The CNG dedicated buses could be locally manufactured or imported.

(c) The buses should comply with specification approved by Engineering Development Board (EDB), Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan (HDIP) & Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA). The Investors/Operators are at liberty to procure buses strictly adhering to the specification notified, some of the vital areas are mentioned below:—

- Buses are readily available meeting CNG Bus project specification.
- Guaranteed regular supply of CNG Buses.
- Constant supply of spare parts and other components.
- After sale service ensure through qualified and trained skilled work force.
- Each vehicle should be covered under international warranty system.

(d) No, such buses have yet been provided to any major Lurban cities of Pakistan.

78. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 30-07-2009 at 13:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students sent abroad for study on Government expenses during the last three years with year-wise and province-wise break up:*
- (b) the criteria adopted for selection of the said students; and*
- (c) the names of countries to which those students were sent for study?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) The Ministry of Education has sent 180 students abroad or study on Government expenses during the last three years. The year-wise and Province wise break up is as under:—

Province	2006	2007	2008
Punjab	53	23	32
Sindh (R)	06	06	06
Sindh (U)	03	02	05
NWFP	06	05	11
Balochistan	01	02	01
FATA/ FANA	06	01	06
AJ&K	02	01	02
Total =	77	40	63

(b) The selection for Cultural Scholarships is based on merit within Provincial/ Regional quota. The criteria for selection of students is at **Annex-I**.

(c) The students were sent for study abroad on Government expenses to China, Egypt, Romania, Turkey & Mexico.

*Higher Education Commission (HEC) also sends students / teachers abroad for higher studies through different projects and incentives.

Annex-I

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection for scholarships under the Cultural Exchange Programme is based on merit within Provincial/ Regional quota. The merit is determined by the scores in the test, which is conducted by National Testing Service (NTS), which is a Private Organization. The scholarships are advertised through National Testing Service (NTS) and applications are invited from the eligible candidates, for Master/ Ph. D studies from abroad. The selection criteria also include the following:—

- The candidates must have completed 16 years education.
- The only one-second division is allowed to the applicant throughout academic carrier.
- The candidates must be below the age of 35 years for Cultural Scholarships.

2. The Scholarship for Islamic Studies from the Al-Azhar University are not advertised but the nominations are invited from the Wafaqul Madaris and Provincial Education Departments of the candidates. The eligible students must have the requisite qualification in Islamic education, like Shahadatul Aama etc. The final selection is vested in the donor countries/ host institutions.

79. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 30-07-2009 at 13:37 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to grant promotion to the Trained Graduate Teachers in the Federal Directorate of Education on the basis of criteria being followed for such teachers in Provincial Education Departments, if so, its details?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to grant promotion to the Trained Graduate teachers in Federal Government Education Department on the analogy of those teachers in Provincial Education department. However, a proposal for up-gradation of the posts of Trained Graduate Teachers from BS-16 to BS-17 alongwith other teaching cadres, has been prepared and submitted to Establishment Division through Ministry of Education on 21-05-2009.

80. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers of the Ministry who sent abroad on official visits during the last three years indicating also the purpose of visit and amount spent in each case?

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: The requisite information is attached at annexed-A.

81. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 09:10: a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Trained Graduate Teachers working in the Federal Government Educational Institutions;*
- (b) the procedure / criteria laid down promotion of those teachers;*
- (c) the number of the said teachers promoted during the last ten years; and*
- (d) whether it is a fact that many teachers have not been promoted for the last two decades if so, its reasons and the time by which they will be promoted?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) Total 1275 (519 Male & 756 Female) Trained Graduate Teachers are working in the Federal Government Educational Institutions under Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad.

(b) As per recruitment rules, following criteria has been adopted for promotion of Trained Graduate Teachers (BS-16) to the available post of Deputy Headmaster/ Headmistress (BS-17):—

(i) 03 years service in BS-16

(ii) Seniority *cum* fitness.

(c) Total 643 (373 Male & 270 Female) Trained Graduate Teachers (Selection Grade)/Trained Graduate Teachers have been promoted during the last ten years.

(d) Yes it is a fact that many teachers have not been promoted for the last two decades due to non-availability of posts of Deputy Headmasters (BS-17). They will be promoted as per their seniority and availability of posts.

82. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(a) *the names, educational qualifications and date of appointment of the Trained Graduate Teachers working in the Federal Government educational institutions; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that upto 1990, 67% posts of Deputy Head Masters were filled in through promotion from amongst the Trained Graduate Teachers whereas now it has been reduced to 40% if so, its reasons?*

Reply not received.

83. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

(a) *the names of countries and foreign organizations providing financial assistance for the improvement of Local Government System and Rural Development in the country ; and*

(b) *the details of the projects launched -with the said financial assistance in the country during the last 10 years indicating also the location and present status of the projects so launched?*

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: (a) In the past ten years financial assistance was provided for different projects implemented through the Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development by various countries and foreign organizations as below:—

(i) **Improvement of Local Government System:**

- * World Bank.

(ii) **Rural Development:**

- * Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- * Consortium of United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE), Swiss Development Corporation (SDC) & Department for International Development (DFID) of UK.

(b) The details of the projects implemented through the above foreign assistance are as below:—

(i) **Training to elected leadership and Government functionaries – World Bank Loan No. CIP 2829.**

Disbursement: Rs. 56.641 million Duration: 3 years (2001—2003)

Location: All four provinces

Scope: To impart training to elected leaders and government functionaries working with local governments.

Executing Agencies: National Reconstruction Bureau (NRB) and Provincial Local Government Institutes

Present Status: Completed

(ii) **District Road Resource Management Project - ADB Technical Assistance under Loan No. 2178-Pak (SF)**

Amount: Rs. 146 million

Duration: 3 years (2007 – 2009)

Location: All four provinces

Scope: Feasibility, Design and Detailed Engineering for Construction and Upgrading of 1200 kilometers of rural access roads so as to develop a portfolio that may be funded under future program by ADB and other donors.

Executing Agencies: Project Management Unit Rural Access Roads MLG&RD in collaboration with provincial works and communication departments

Current Status: Work in progress and targeted to be completed by March 31, 2010. The foreign consultants however, for security reasons are reluctant to visit Pakistan. The matter has been picked up with the Asian Development Bank and subject to its resolution work would be completed as per target date.

(iii) **Gender Justice Through Musalihat Anjuman Project (GJTMAP) - UNDP, RNE, SDC & DFID cofinanced**

Amount: \$ 8.986 million

Duration: 7 years (2005 – 2011)

Location: All four provinces

Scope: Establishment of Musalihat Anjumans in all union councils of 20 districts in all four provinces to facilitate establishment of an Alternate, Dispute Resolution System for settlement of disputes through mediation, conciliation and arbitration on mutual consent of both parties to the dispute with particular focus on family disputes and other non compoundable civil and criminal disputes.

Executing Agencies: MLG&RD and provincial local government departments.

Current Status: A total of 1081 Musalihat Anjumans established in 1063 union councils of the selected 20 districts. Legal cover provided in the Local Government Ordinances (LGO) of the four provinces and endorsed by the Supreme Court in the Judicial Policy. Rules of Business and Standard Operating Procedures established. Training imparted to members of Musalihat Anjumans, UC staff and judicial/police functionaries. Arrangements also established with judiciary and police for referral of cases and the high courts have issued necessary instructions to the subordinate courts for full cooperation. The union councils have also established the necessary arrangements to process and settle disputes referred to the Anjumans within 30 days. A total of 7,464 (74%) of the 10,053 disputes referred were resolved.

84. ***Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the projects launched by the Ministry in Punjab during the last three years indicating also the expenditure incurred on each project;*
- (b) *the details of the said projects launched in Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar districts indicating also the location thereof and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch tree plantation projects in Bahawalpur Division?*

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi: (a) Details of projects launched by the Ministry in Punjab during the last three years are as under:—

85. ***Ch. Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 12:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to register senior citizens in the Country; and*
- (b) *the facilities being provided to senior citizens at present?*

Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) At present, there is no proposal under consideration to register senior citizens in the country.

- (b) Presently, following facilities are being provided to the senior citizens:—
- (i) Employee's Old Age Benefits (EOB) scheme for the workers and employees of industrial institutions, trade and business organizations, and other institutions working under labour laws. This includes provision of benevolent grants, other benefits and group insurance.
 - (ii) Through Benevolent Fund scheme, financial assistance to the families of deceased government employee and financial assistance at the time of retirement is provided.
 - (iii) Pension facilities for government employees at their retirement.
 - (iv) Special handling counters at major hospitals, major railway stations, airline reservation offices, airports, banks and post offices etc to attend them on priority.
 - (v) Old Peoples' home "AFFIAT" established by the Government of the Punjab aiming to provide shelter, food, medical, recreational and transportation services to the inmates.
 - (vi) Monthly stipend programme for senior citizens by government of NWFP.

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has decided to establish Senior Citizens Homes (to be called Pakistan Homes) for senior citizens (over 60 years age) across the country, in phases.

Initially five homes, one each at provincial headquarters and Islamabad would be established.

Estimated expenditure on one Senior Citizen Home would be Rs. 15 million. The expenditure would be met from the unspent Food Support Programme funds.

86. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of vacant Posts of Trained Undergraduate Teachers (Female) reserved for promotion quota;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that those posts are being filled in through direct recruitment, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *the time by which eligible female Trained Undergraduate Teachers will be promoted against the said posts?*

Reply not received.

87. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 01-08-2009 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount spent on the purchase of furniture and stationary for the Ministry during the last three years with year-wise break-up; and*

(b) *the procedure adopted for purchase of the said items?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah:

(a)	<u>Year</u>	<u>Furniture</u>	<u>Stationary</u>
	2006-07	38,558	548,295
	2007-08	7,000	548,802
	2008-09	6,200	934,485

(b) For purchase of stationery items tender is published in the press every year as per procurement rules. The funds in the head of furniture are less than the limit of tender therefore it is purchased through quotation basis from open market.

88. **Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 01-08-2009 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of schools and handicapped centres for special children working in Punjab province; and*
- (b) *the location and date of establishment of those schools and centres in District Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar?*

Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) There are 24 special education schools and handicapped centres working in Punjab province.

(b) Special education centre for mentally retarded children, 8-C, Rashid Minhas Road, Model Town-A, **Bahawalpur** and special education centre for hearing impaired children, Banglow No.1, Abbasia Town, **Rahim Yar Khan** were established in 1987. There is no centre established in **Bahawalnagar**.

89. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 01-08-2009 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that handling charges on Karachi Port and Port Qasim are the highest in the region;*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to introduce state of the art handling operations on Pakistani ports; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government for provision of better facilities to the exporters and importers on the ports?*

Mr. Babar Khan Ghouri: (a) No.

The port charges at Karachi Port and Port Qasim are at lower side as compared to the regional ports. In order to make Ports more cost effective and competitive in the region the Prime Minister has been pleased to reduce 10% Port tariff on 22-08-2009.

(b) The steps taken by the KPT PQA to introduce state of the art handling operations are as under:—

Ports are working on landlord concept:

1. Establishment of modern silos for exporting cement in bulk.
2. Construction of Deep Water Container Port for handling mother vessels.
3. Reconstruction/ Replacement of old berths.
4. Induction of state of the art fleet *i.e.* dredgers, tugboats and pilot boats.
5. Deepening and Widening of PQA navigational channel.
6. Automation *i.e.* ewharfage and cargo scanners.
7. Expansion of storage area.

(c) As at 'b' above.

90. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-08-2009 at 09:00:00)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of trees planted on the NHA roads in the country during the last 5 years with province wise and year wise break up indicating also the number of alive and dead trees out of those at present;*
- (b) *the expenditure incurred on planting those trees; and*
- (c) *the number of persons appointed for the said plantation?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Requisite details for the period 2004—09 are given in **Annex-A.**

(b) Detail of expenditure on tree plantation is given below:—

<u>Province</u>		<u>Rs in M</u>
Punjab	:	37.310
NWFP	:	5.086
Sindh	:	Nil
Balochistan	:	Nil
Motorway (M-1)	:	18.110
Motorway (M-2)	:	4.990

Total : 65.496

(c) Nil.

91. ***Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 03-08-2009 at 09:07: a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(a) *the details of campuses of National University of Modern Languages established in Punjab; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish campuses in Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawal Nagar Districts?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) Campuses of National University of Modern Languages (NUML) have been established at Lahore, Faisalabad and Multan.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration to establish campuses in Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawal Nagar Districts.

92. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 04-08-2009 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(a) *the number and percentage of children receiving primary education in the country with province-wise and gender-wise break up; and*

(b) *the increase/decrease in the said percentage during last ten years with province wise and gender-wise break up?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) The number of children receiving primary education in the country during 2006-07 and 2007-08 was 17.041 million and 17.233 million respectively. This indicates an increase of 1.12 percent in primary enrolment during one academic year. The Gross Enrollment Ratio which was 87% in 2006-07 increased to 90 % in 2007-08. The province-wise and gender-wise break up of enrollment is given in Annex. I.

(b) The Percentage increase / decrease province-wise and gender-wise in the gross enrollment ratios starting from 2000-01 is given in Annex.II (for male) and Annex-III (for female).

94. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** Notice received on 07-08-2009 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of persons appointed in the Ministry during the last three years on daily wages with province-wise break up;*

(b) *the procedure adopted, for the said appointments?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Ministry of Communications has not appointed any persons on daily wages during the last three years.

(b) Not Applicable.

95. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 11-08-2009 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the names, educational qualifications, and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Motorway Police, since 2007; and*

(b) *whether any percentage out of the line recovered by Motorway Police during the said period was paid to the officers of Motorway Police, if so, the amount thereof?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) The requisite information is available at **Annex-I and II.**

(b) No percentage out of the fine recovered by Motorway Police is directly paid to the officers of Motorway Police.

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

96. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 11-08-2009 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the total number of Vacant posts in the Ministry with grade wise breakup and the time by which those posts will be filled in?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: The following posts are lying vacant in the Ministry of Communications, the grade wise break up is as under:—

Designation	BPS	Number of Vacancy
Statistical Officer	17	01
Statistical Assistant	14	01
Assistant	14	01
Stenotypist	12	03
Draftsman	11	01
LDC	07	02
Drivers	04	02
Naib Qasid	01	01
Total :		12

These posts will be advertised in near future.

97. ***Mr. Sardar Ali Khan:** (Notice received on 12-08-2009 at 13:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government of NWFP is required to obtain NOC from the Federal Government for undertaking pollution oriented activities like sports at natural lakes of Lallusar and Salf-u1-Maluk etc; and*
- (b) *whether any application/request from that Government for issuance of NOC for the said purpose is under process in the Ministry?*

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi: (a) Government of NWFP is not required to obtain NOC from the Federal Government for undertaking pollution oriented activities. The Ministry of Environment has delegated functions and powers under the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 and the rules made thereunder, to the Provincial Governments. The NWFP Government is competent to take decision as deem appropriate for activities including the sports at natural lakes of Lallusar and Saif-ul-Maluk etc.

(b) No.

98. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 15-08-2009 at 09:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the expenditure incurred on repairing and maintenance of Pak-Afghan International Road in Khyber Agency during the last five years;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to expand the said road; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that a new national highway is being constructed from Peshawar to Torkham, if so, its details?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Expenditure to the tune of Rs 341.950 million was incurred on repair & maintenance of Peshawar - Torkham Road (N-5) during 2004-09. Year-wise breakup is given below:—

<i>F/Year</i>	<i>Rs in M</i>
2004-05	34.648
2005-06	127.032
2006-07	41.776
2007-08	72.191
2008-09	66.303
Total	341.950

(b) It was planned to expand the above road from Jamrud Check Post to Pak-Afghan Border to a 4-lane expressway (51 km). However, detailed survey/design concluded that it would be difficult to acquire land for expansion due to dense population/ resistance by locals.

(c) NHA is exploring an alternate route for Peshawar - Torkham *via* Mulaghori but feasibility study is yet to be carried out due to adverse law & order situation.

99. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 15-08-2009 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the total amount allocated for the Ministry of Education during the financial year 2008-09 indicating also the amount utilized with head wise break up?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: Demand wise budget allocation, revised allocation and expenditure incurred during the financial year 2008-09 is as under:—

I. Demand 29 (Education Division) Rs.in Million

Allocation 2008-09	Revised Allocation	Expenditure 2008-09
546.228	573.018	564.839

II. Demand 31 (Education)

Allocation 2008-09	Revised Allocation	Expenditure 2008-09
734.204	847.146	813.657

III. Demand 32(Federal Govt. Educational Institutions in the Capital and Federal Areas).

Allocation 2008-09	Revised Allocation	Expenditure 2008-09
2,058.105	2,058.105	2,495.440

IV. Demand 140 (Development Expenditure of Education Division)

Allocation 2008-09	Revised Allocation	Expenditure 2008-09
6,269.652	4,052.568	2,168.543

Grand Total:

9,608.189	7,530.837	6,042.479
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Detail break-up is at Annex-I.

101. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 01-09-2009)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the policy regarding posting of serving husband and wife at the same station, known as wedlock policy, is not being implemented by the Federal Directorate of Education, if so, its reasons?

Reply not received.

102. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 03-09-2009 at 10:05a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the funds provided by the Government to the Higher Education Commission during the last five years and the details of its utilization with head-wise and year-wise break up?

Reply not received.

103. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 05-09-2009 at 09:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the number of overseas Pakistanis with counny-wise break. up?

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: The total number of overseas Pakistanis is 5.5 million. The Country-wise break-up of the number of overseas Pakistanis is at **Annex-A.**

104. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 07-09-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to stale the number and names of buildings under the administrative control of the Ministry in Islamabad, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Peshawar and Quetta which have ramp facilities for access of physically disabled persons?

Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki: There are 08 buildings under the administrative control of the Ministry in Islamabad, Lahore and Peshawar having ramp facilities for access of physically disabled persons. The name of these buildings are as under:—

Islamabad.

1. Special Education Centre for Physically Handicapped Children, Islamabad.
2. Special Education Centre for Visually Handicapped Children, Islamabad.
3. Special Education Centre for Mentally Retarded Children, Islamabad.
4. Special Education Centre for Hearing Impaired Children, Islamabad.
5. National Institute of Special Education, Islamabad.
6. National Library & Research Centre, Islamabad.

Lahore

1. Special Education Complex, Lahore, catering four disabilities (Physically, Visually, Mentally Retarded and Hearing Impaired) also has Vocational Training Centre for Disabled Persons.

Peshawar

1. Special Education Complex, Peshawar, catering four disabilities (Physically, Visually, Mentally Retarded and Hearing Impaired) also has Vocational Training Centre for Disabled Persons.

Centres in Rawalpindi and Quetta are functioning in rented buildings having no ramp facilities.

104-A. ***Mr. Sardar Ali Khan:** (Notice received on 16-09-2009 at 12:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is no mesh barbed wires / fence at certain places on Burhan Peshawar section of M-1 Motorway, if so, the time by which the same will be erected?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Yes, the wire mesh fence is missing at certain locations in NWFP portion of Motorway (M-1) due to vandalism. To plug in the gaps for safety and security of road users, five contracts for provision and fixing of barbed wire mesh fence have recently been awarded. Work will commence soon for completion by end February, 2010.

Islamabad :
The 6th October, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Wednesday, the 7th October, 2009

2. **Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of the projects / schemes executed under Khushal Pakistan Programme, Peoples Works Programme and Pilot Project for Model Village Development in Pakistan during the last 10 years; and*
- (b) *the names, locations with present status and amount spent on each of the said projects / schemes launched in Sindh?*

Mr. Justice Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: (a) Tameer-e-Pakistan Programme (TPP) was launched in 2002-2003, however, nomenclature of the programme was changed to “Khushal Pakistan Programme-I” in March, 2005.

A total of 26690 schemes were executed under these programmes, costing Rs. 14429 million during 2002-2003 to 2007-2008.

The name of the Programme was again changed to “People’s Works Programme-I” launched *w.e.f.* 1st July, 2008, under the programme, 3864 schemes have been funded, costing Rs. 3329 million.

The Pilot project for Model Village in Pakistan was launched in December 2004. The project is implemented in 26 selected villages in all the four Provinces, ICT, FATA & Northern Areas.

(b) Name, location with present status and amount spent of each of the schemes under TPP/KPP-I and PWP-I launched in Sindh is attached at Annexes-A & B.

The details of the Model Villages in Sindh are as under:—

Name of the Village	Location (District)	Present Status	Amount spent (Rs. Million)
Haji Peerano Lund	Thatta	100% Complete	5.000

Allah Bux Bilal	Matiari	-do-	5.000
Shah Nawaz	Tando	-do-	5.000
Rajput	Allahyar		
Umer Daho	Ghotki	-do-	5.000
Charo	Dadu	-do-	5.000
Sheeranpur	Jacobabad	65%	3.041
TOTAL			28.041

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

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The 6th October, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.