

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 28th July, 2009

23. ***Ch. Shujat Hussain:** (Notice received on 20-06-2009 at 14:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to refer to Senate Starred Question No. 116 replied on 30th January, 2009, and state:

- (a) the number of Madrassas registered under the Madrassa Reform project;*
- (b) the curriculum prescribed for said Madrassas; and*
- (c) the budget allocated and disbursed for the Project during the financial year 2008-09?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) The number of Madaris registered under the Madrasa Reforms Project is 507.

(b) In addition to their own prescribed religious subjects, English, Maths, General Science and Social Studies/Pakistan Studies from Primary to Secondary level and English, Economic, Pakistan Studies and Computer Science at Higher Secondary level have been prescribed under this project.

(c) The budget allocation for this purpose was Rs. 50.00 million out of which Rs. 42.5 million were disbursed under the recurring budget of this Ministry during the financial year 2008-09.

24. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 20-06-2009 at 14:37 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of schemes launched by the Government for rural development during the last three years; and*
- (b) the amount spent so during the said period with year-wise break up?*

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: (a) The number of schemes launched by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development in last three years are:

1. Khushal Pakistan Programme-I.
2. Pilot project for Model Village Development in Pakistan.
3. Peoples Works Programme-I.

- (b) (1) KPP-I (2006-07, 2007-08) - Rs.7075.263 million
 (2) PWP-I (2008-09) - Rs.3205.700 million
 (3) M.V.Dev. (July 2006 – Dec.2009) - Rs. 142.04 million

25. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 20-06-2009 at 14:45p.m.)

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state the names and locations of vocational centers established for women belonging to October, 2005 earthquake affected areas?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has established **05** vocational dastkari schools in NWFP and **15** vocational dastkari schools in AJK in earthquake affected areas. Names and locations of these vocational dastkari schools are attached at Annex-A.

26. ***Moulana Gul Naseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 22-06-2009 at 15:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date of start of construction work on Lowari tunnel indicating also time schedule of completion;*
 (b) *the percentage of work completed on the project so far and the time by which the remaining work will be completed;*
 (c) *the name of the contractor to whom construction work assigned; and*
 (d) *the amount allocated for the said project during 2008-09 and 2009-10?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) The construction of Lowari Rail Tunnel Project (LRTP) commenced in Sep - 2005 for completion by Sep-2010.

Work was suspended *w.e.f.* May 8, 2009 due to adverse security situation at site & along National Highway (N-45) and will re-commence subject to clearance from Ministry of Interior regarding re-deployment of expatriates.

(b) 32% work completed against planned 65%. Provided the work recommence very soon and no major unforeseen hiccups are encountered, the work will be completed by Sep., 2011. Delay in completion of this highly complex project is due to numerous reasons, some of which are explained in **Annex-A**.

(c) M/s SAMBU Construction Coy of South Korea in joint venture with M/s Sarwar & Co. and Ghulam Rasool & Co.

(d) <i>F/Year</i>	<i>Rs. in M</i>
2008-09	1250
2009-10	1500

27. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 22-06-2009 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that construction work on Lowari Tunnel has been stopped since 12th May, 2009, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the time by which construction work will be resumed?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Yes work on Lowari Rail Tunnel Project was suspended effective May 8, 2009 due to adverse security situation along National Highway (N-45) and also at site subsequent to commencement of military operation in Dir Upper & Lower, Swat and Buner.

(b) Work will re-commence as soon as security situation improves and necessary clearance is given by the National Crisis Management Cell/Ministry of Interior for re-deployment of expatriates.

28. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 22-06-2009 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount allocated for removing snow from the Lowari tunnel and for maintenance of tunnel road during the financial year 2008-09;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that opening of the said tunnel for traffic was delayed by one and half months this year, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *the names of present contractors awarded contracts for removing snow from the said tunnel and for maintenance of that road?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Two contracts for snow clearance & routine maintenance including repair works, construction of retaining walls, culverts and side drains, etc. were awarded for FY 2008-09:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Rs. in million</i>
(i) Qulandi (Dir)-Lowari Top to M/s. Fazal Karim & Co.	29.50
(ii) Lowari Top-Ashriat (Chitral) to M/s. M. Dawood Khan	32.90
Total:	62.40

(b) Lowari Rail Tunnel is still under construction. However, opening of Lowari Pass depends upon magnitude of snowfall during winter season. The pass was opened on May 16, 2009, owing to heavy snowfall during the preceding winter.

(c) As against "a" above.

29. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 22-06-2009 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the number of Labour Attachies posted abroad with province-wise break up indicating also the period of their posting?.

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: (a) The number of Community Welfare Attaches (CWAs) posted abroad is 21. List indicating their names with dates of posting etc. is annexed. Province-wise break-up is as follow:

Punjab	=	8
Sindh	=	7
NWFP	=	4
Balochistan	=	—
FATA	=	1
AJKA	=	1
Total	=	21

(b) The period of posting of a CWA is three years. CWAs were selected by a Special Selection Board (SSB) headed by former Minister for Overseas Pakistanis.

30. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 22-06-2009 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the time by which Gwader Port will become operational?

Mr. Babar Khan Ghauri: The Gwadar Port has already become Operational, with its inauguration on 20th March, 2007.

31. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 22-06-2009 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of NHA projects which were not completed with in the stipulated time during the last four years with province-wise break up?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: A total of 49 development projects of NHA got delayed during the last four years. Province-wise breakup is as under:

<i>Province</i>	<i>Projects</i>
Sindh	4
Punjab	10
NWFP	15
Balochistan	<u>20</u>
Total	<u>49</u>

32. *Ch. Shujat Hussain: (Notice received on 22-06-2009 at 11:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state:

- the number of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Centers for Women working in the country with province-wise break up;*
- the number of cases processed by each of the said centers so far; and*
- whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more such centers in the country?*

Minister for Women Development: (a) Twenty three (23) Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Centres for Women are working in the country, while two (02) Centres are not functional yet. Province-wise break up is as under:—

Punjab	12
Sindh	04
NWFP	04
Balochistan	03
AJK	01
Federal Capital Territory	01

(b) Number of cases processed by each centre are as under:—

S. No.	Centre	No. of cases processed
1.	Islamabad	3196
2.	Lahore	2301
3.	Vehari	2967
4.	Sahiwal	1295
5.	Mianwali	2187
6.	Sialkot	246
7.	Faisalabad	145
8.	Multan	346
9.	Muzaffargarh	107
10.	Bahawalpur	540
11.	Khushab	796
12.	Rawalpindi (Under construction)	0

S. No.	Centre	No. of cases processed
13.	D.G. Khan (Not-Operational yet)	0
14.	Karachi	1217
15.	Nawabshah	95
16.	Hyderabad	496
17.	Jacobabad	122
18.	Peshawar	469
19.	Kohat	1572
20.	Abbottabad	261
21.	Swat (Mingora)	3
22.	Quetta	1158
23.	Sibi	243
24.	Khuzdar	223
25.	Mirpur (AJK)	468
Total		20453

(c) Yes, there is a proposal under consideration of the government to set up 39 more such centres as under:—

- (i) Nine (09) centres are being established in Earthquake Effectuated Areas of NWFP & AJK with the collaboration of ERRRA.
- (ii) Thirty (30) new centres are proposed to be established in new district, throughout the country.

33. ***Ch. Shujat Hussain:** (Notice received on 22-06-2009 at 11:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the employment quota for disabled persons in the Ministry;*
- (b) *the number of posts earmarked for disabled persons in each Ministry; and*
- (c) *the steps taken to appoint disabled persons against the vacant posts?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) Under Section 10 (1) & (2) of the Disabled Persons (Employment & Rehabilitation) Ordinance, 1981, 1% employment quota was reserved for the disabled persons. Later on, it was enhanced by the Prime Minister to 2% on 15th October 1998.

Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education, is observing 2% quota in employment reserved for the disabled persons. The current status of implementation of the said quota in Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education is as under:—

Total Strength	4,788
2% quota	95

Observed	77
Not observed	18

The shortfall would be met in the up coming recruitment in near future.

(b) Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education is currently updating the data related to implementation of 2% quota, reserved for the disabled persons in Ministries/Divisions. The data received so far has been compiled (Annex-A) showing the earmarked posts for the disabled as well.

(c) The Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education has been asking and pursuing all government ministries and the provincial governments to strictly implement government policy regarding 2% quota. Recently, the Federal Cabinet also approved recommendations of this Ministry for implementation of quota and in pursuance of that, Ministries have once again been asked to fully comply.

With the effort of the Ministry, the FPSC has allowed permission to the disabled persons to compete for the CSS Examination in August, 2004 in four groups *i.e.* (i) Commerce & Trade Group. (ii) Pakistan Audit and Accounts Service (iii) Information Group and (iv) Postal Group. Till now, three candidates qualified the CSS examination against disability quota till now and they are offered jobs in Accounts Group (2) and Foreign Services Group (1).

34. ***Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 22-06-2009 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of persons working in Motorway Police and the number of those belonging to the districts of Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar; and*
- (b) *the names, designation, BS and place of posting of said persons working in Motorway Police who belong to the above districts?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: The requisite reply is at **Annex-I**.

35. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-06-2009 at 08:42 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to revise the local government system in the country, if so, its details?

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: Yes. In terms of Article 140-A and 142(C), the Local Government is a Provincial subject. Existing Local Government Ordinance, 2001 were developed by NRB and promulgated by the Provinces through LGO-2001. It is protected upto December, 2009 under Article 268 (2) read with 6 schedule of the Constitution. The second Local Government councils were installed on 17th October, 2005 completing tenure on 16th October, 2009.

The Provincial Governments feeling unsatisfied with the Local Government Ordinance, 2001 and the present Local Government Councils, requested this Ministry to review, reform and revamp Local Government System. Accordingly four meetings of the Inter Provincial Ministerial Committee were held over a period of two years during 2008-2009. In its 4th meeting, the committee recommended that assent of the President may be obtained under Article 268(2) of the Constitution enabling them to make amendments in the Local Government Ordinance, 2001.

Accordingly, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development in consultation with the Provinces and other stakeholders has submitted a summary to Prime Minister for seeking the assent of President of Pakistan as under:—

- (i) to process draft Provincial Local Government Act(PLGA)s-2009 approved /under approval by the respective Provincial Cabinets, and
- (ii) pending enactment and Promulgation of the proposed Provincial Local Government Acts-2009, to insert and overriding section 179-B in the Provincial Local Government Ordinances-2001 for dissolution of Local Councils and appointment of Government Officers as Administrators.

36. ***Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 23-06-2009 at 08:47 a.m.)

Will the Minister of Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number and details of General Post Offices and Post Offices in District Bahawalpur;*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for establishment of a new Post Office; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish new Post offices in the said district, if so, its details?*

Mir Israrullah Zehri: (a) Only one General Post Office (GPO) namely Bahawalpur GPO is functioning in Bahawalpur District. The detail of other Post Offices is as under:—

(a) 167 Post Offices are functioning in District Bahawalpur as detailed below:—

1. Rural 139
2. Urban 28

(b) The criteria for opening of a new Post Office is as under:—

1. Population of the locality exceeding 10,000.
2. Availability of government and public institutions.
3. Postal facilities already not available.
4. Expected income and cost.

(c) Pakistan Post is planning to open Departmental Sub Offices/Extra Departmental Sub Offices at the following localities of Bahawalpur District subject to be financially feasible.

1. Mouza Baqir Pur.
 2. Mouza Veesium.
 3. Jamel Pur.
 4. Sheikh Wahan.
 5. Chak-153/M.
 6. Jhambi Wahim.
37. ***Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 23-06-2009 at 08:47 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of road projects started by the National Highway Authority in Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar during the last two years; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct a National Highway from Bahawalpur to Cholistan desert, if so, its details?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Construction of Baba Farid Bridge over River Sutlej was started in 2008 to connect Pakpattan and Minchinabad at Dhakpattan. It also includes construction of 8 Km approach roads. Total project cost is Rs. 912 million. Bridge is nearing completion and construction of approach roads is also ongoing which will be completed in January, 2010.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

38. ***Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 23-06-2009 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the names, designation and date of appointment of officers in BPS-17 and 18 presently re-employee in Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, indicating also the date of retirement from Government service, date of expiry of the present re-employment period and reasons for re-employment in each case?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: Six (06) officers in BPS-17 and 18 are presently re-employed in Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. Their names, designations and date of re-appointment in BPS-17 and 18 with date of retirement from Government Service, date of expiry of the present re-employment period and reasons for re-employment are given at **Annex-I**.

39. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 24-06-2009 at 09:18 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure laid down for processing cases of development schemes submitted by the Parliamentarians;*

- (b) *whether any time - limit has been fixed to process such schemes, if so, its details; and*
- (c) *the names of executing agencies of said schemes?*

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: (a) The procedure laid down for processing cases of development schemes proposed by the Parliamentarians under PWP-I is as under:—

- (a) On receipt of confirmation of allocation for the year from the Prime Minister's Secretariat, the Parliamentarians are informed accordingly through a D.O. by the Minister. The Parliamentarians are also requested to forward their proposals on prescribed Form "A".
- (b) Parliamentarians proposals on receipt to the designated executing agencies within 1-2 days for preparation of feasibility, cost estimates, administrative approval and O&M Certificate.
- (c) On receipt of required documents / approval from the executing agencies, the cases are processed for approval of the inter-ministerial Federal Development Committee (FDC) to release funds.
- (d) Bills are submitted to AGPR after approval of the Expenditure Sanction for PAO/Secretary and endorsement by FA' s Organization.
- (e) On receipt of Cheques/Sealed Authorities issued by AGPR are dispatched to the concerned executing agencies.
- (b) Yes. The prescribed limits are:—
- (a) The concerned executing agencies has to provide feasibility/cost estimates/PC-I and administrative approval to the scheme as per procedure in vogue and then return the approved scheme to the Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development within 25 days of its receipt.
- (b) The Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development release funds to the concerned Department/Agency within 15 days of the receipt of the approved scheme, for implementation.
- (c) Sector-wise executing agencies are as under:—

<u>Sectors</u>	<u>Executing Agencies</u>
Roads, Education, Health, Water supply, Sanitation & Bulldozer Hours.	Pak PWD, Provincial/District Governments, Political Agents/ Cantonment Boards etc.
Telecommunication	PTCL

Gas SNGPL and SSGCL

Electricity WAPDA, KESC, Alternate Energy
Development Board (AEDB).

40. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 27-06-2009 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of officers in BS-17 and above working in the Ministry, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices; and*
- (b) *the number of posts lying vacant in the above organizations in BS-17 and above, with grade-wise and province-wise break up?*

Mr. Babar Khan Ghauri: (a) The requisite information in respect of Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Organizations under its administrative control is annexed.

(b) The requisite information in respect of Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Organizations under its administrative control is annexed.

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

41. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 29-06-2009 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of officers in BS-17 and above working in the Ministry, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices; and*
- (b) *the number of posts lying vacant in the above organizations in BS-17 and above, with grade-wise and province-wise break up?*

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: (a) As at Annex-A

(b) As at Annex-B.

42. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 29-06-2009 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of officers in BS-17 and above working in the Ministry, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices; and*
- (b) *the number of posts lying vacant in the above organizations in BS-17 and above, with grade-wise and province-wise break up?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) 834 officers in BPS-17 and above are working in the Ministry, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices. Details are as under:—

S. No.	Organization	No. of officers
1.	Main Ministry	115
2.	Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal	101
3.	Directorate General of Special Education	592
4.	National Council of Social Welfare	07
5.	National Trust for Disabled	19
Total :		834

The names, designation and place of domicile of above officers are listed at **Annex-A**.

- (b) 209 posts in BPS-17 and above are lying vacant as under:—

S.No.	Organization	Vacant Posts
1	Main Ministry	39
2	Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal	22
3	Directorate General of Special Education	132
4	National Council of Social Welfare	04
5	National Trust for Disabled	12
Total:		209

The grade-wise and province-wise break-up of above posts are listed at **Annex-B**.

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

43. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 30-06-2009 at 11:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that cafeteria for girls students of International Islamic University (IIU), Islamabad has been constructed outside the girls campus' boundary wall, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the rates at which various food items are served in that cafeteria?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) The boundary wall of Female Campus has not yet been constructed. The cafeteria for girls students of International Islamic University (IIU), Islamabad is located within the premises earmarked for the Female Campus which is duly guarded and secured.

(b) The University has set up a Shops & Canteen Committee which determines and lays down the prices on which food items to be sold. The price list is also displayed in the cafeteria. The rate of various food items which are served in the cafeteria is attached at **Annex-I**.

Annex-I

INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD
Office of the Deputy Director (A&F) Female Campus

July 25, 2008

Subject.—APPROVED RATES LIST OF CAFETERIA IN FEMALE CAMPUS.

It was decided in the Canteen and Shops Committee meeting held on 23-07-2008 that the following rates will be applicable as per detail given below:—

S. No.	Name of Items	Rates quoted In Tender	Reduced Rates.
1.	Chicken Biryani	Rs. 60/-	Rs. 50/-
2.	Chicken Quorma	Rs. 55/-	Rs. 55/-
3.	Seekh Kabab	Rs. 12/-	Rs. 12/-
4.	Chicken Barger	Rs. 60/-	Rs. 50/-
5.	Mix Vegetable	Rs. 40/-	Rs. 30/-
6.	Dal Mash	Rs. 30/-	Rs. 30/-
7.	Black Tea	Rs. 10/-	Rs. 10/-

Sd/-
SHAFIQ-UR-REHMAN,
Deputy Director (A&F).

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44. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 06-07-2009 at 13:00 p.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?*

Reply not received.

45. ***Dr. Safdar Ali Abbasi:** (Notice received on 07-07-2009 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and place of domicile of the persons appointed in BPS-1 to 15 in Quaid-e--Azam University, Islamabad since 2006 with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of posts presently lying vacant and those falling vacant by 31st October, 2009 in the said University?*

Reply not received.

46. ***Nawabzada Mir Haji Lashkari Raisani:** (Notice received on 14-07-2009 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to establish two more universities and one medical college in Balochistan, in pursuance of a decision made during a meeting with notables of Balochistan with the President in October, 2008 at Aiwan-e-Sadr?

Reply not received.

47. ***Molana Muhammad Khan Sherani:** (Notice received on 14-07-2009 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to bring Zhob-Mir Ali .Khail-Khajur Kach-Tank road under the demonstrative control of the National Highway Authority?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: National Highway Authority (NHA) has only recently received this proposal floated by Senator Moulana Muhammad Khan Sherani. Detailed evaluation will be carried out and the worthy Senator informed, accordingly.

48. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 13-07-2009 at 14:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the post of Director General, Federal Directorate of Education, is lying vacant, if so, since when it is lying vacant; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not filling that post so far and the time by which it will be filled in?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) Yes, the post is vacant since 05-05-2008.

(b) The case of the officer (BS-19) eligible under the rules for promotion to the post of Director General, Federal Directorate of Education was considered by the Central Selection Board in its meeting held on 28th March, 2009. However, the Board unanimously recommended supersession of the officer. The case will again be placed in the next meeting of the Board.

49. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 14-07-2009 at 12:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, educational qualification 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.

50. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 14-07-2009 at 12:10 p.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 for 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?*

Reply not received.

51. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 14-07-2009 at 12:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a new promotion policy for the Trained Graduate Teachers working in the Federal Government Educational Institutions has been prepared, if so, its details; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said policy will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

51-A ***Molana Muhammad Khan Sherani:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the dates of approval of the projects for widening and carpeting of the portions of National Highway, N-50, from Khanozai to Muslim Bagh, Muslim Bagh to Qilla Saifullah, Zhob to Mughal kot and D.I. Khan to Mughal kot indicating also the period of completion, the name of contractor, the original and revised cost and the present status of each project?

Reply not received.

#93. ***Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 30-06-2009 at 14:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister in his speech in the sitting of the Senate held on 9th March, 2009, made an announcement regarding extension of some facilities to ex-Senators viz-a-viz issuance of official passports and use of VIP lounges at airports, if so. the present status of implementation of the announcement?

Transferred from the Cabinet Division.

Dr. Zaheeruddin Babar Awan: 1. Yes. The Prime Minister announced CIP facilities for the *ex-Senators* in the following terms:

2. A Private Members Bills titled “the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2009” has also been introduced in the Senate on 26th January, 2009. Through this Bill, facilities like use of VIP Lounges at airports in Pakistan, normal courtesies at diplomatic missions abroad, use of Federal and Provincial Guest Houses, utilization of un-utilized funds of the *ex-Parliamentarians*’ grant, retention of gratis passport after retirement, etc., have been recommended to the retiring Members of the parliament.

3. This Bill is under consideration in the Senate Standing Committee on Law, Justice, Human Rights and Parliamentary Affairs (Annex).

4. As & when the above Bill is passed, Government will implement it forthwith.

Annex

[INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

A

BILL

further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)

Act, 1974

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 (XXVII of 1974), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2009.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of section 14C, Act XXVII of 1974.**—In the Member's of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 (XXVII of 1974), after section 14B, the following new section 14C shall be inserted, namely:—

“14C. *Facilities to the Retiring Members.*—A member of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) who served for at least five years shall be entitled to the following facilities after his retirement or ceasing to be a member: —

- (a) free access to the Secretariats, Libraries and Lounges of the Senate, National Assembly and all the Provincial Assemblies;
- (b) a permanent entry pass to observe the proceedings of the Senate, National Assembly and all the Provincial Assemblies;
- (c) use all VIP Lounges at Airports in Pakistan;
- (d) all the normal courtesies extended to the members of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) at diplomatic missions abroad, if so informed of their visit;
- (e) use Federal and Provincial Lodges and Guest Houses subject to the availability of accommodation;
- (f) utilize the development funds which remain unutilized out of his grant at the time of his retirement or ceasing to be a member till the conclusion of the financial year;
- (g) retain the official as well as gratis passport even after his retirement or ceasing to be a member and the right to get it renewed after its expiry;
- (h) ask for information in respect of a public grievance from any Federal or Provincial Government functionaries and to get a written reply thereto within a reasonable time;
- (i) have access and right of interview with every Government functionaries of the Federal and Provincial Government; and

- (j) free medical treatment and facilities as admissible to a Grade 22 Officer of the Government of Pakistan after his retirement.”,

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Parliamentarians in addition to their salaries and allowances do enjoy certain privileges and protocol during their term of office but after their retirement or cessation of their membership they do not have any privilege or courtesies extended to them. They serve the Nation as legislators and in most countries of the world they enjoy much more privileges of even pension and free medical facilities. In Pakistan a retired Senator or an *Ex-Member* of the National Assembly does not have any such privilege.

In view of respectability of the public representatives who serve the Parliament for at least five years; their services do require recognition and a few facilities have been provided in this Act so that they may contribute for the public welfare even after their retirement. With this object the present Bill is being introduced.

SENATOR TARIQ AZIM KHAN,
Member-in-Charge.

ISLAMABAD :
The 27th July, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Tuesday, the 28th July, 2009

2. **Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 22-06-2009 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state the funds released for the development schemes submitted by the Members National Assembly belonging to Punjab under Peoples Works Programme-I or any special direction of the authorities during the last two years with member-wise details?

Mr. Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim: The People's Works Program (PWP-I) was launched under the PSDP 2008-09 and as such has had a life of only one year. The Prime Minister had approved allocation of Rs.10 million each without distinction for all 342 Members of the National Assembly under PWP-I during financial year 2008-09. The funds released under the PWP-I for development schemes sponsored by the Members of the National Assembly from Punjab during financial year 2008-09 was Rs.1462.785 million out of Rs.1830 million allocated for 183 NA Members from Punjab or 81% of the Budgeted amount. The remaining amount could not be released due to non-nomination of schemes by some MNAs or non-receipt/partial receipt of administrative approvals from the executing organizations for reasons of delayed nomination of schemes by the members. Constituency wise release position is attached below.

ISLAMABAD :
The 27th July, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.