

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 14th May, 2010

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos.30, 31, 32, 33, 37 and 41 were originally set down for answering on 6th May, 2010 but were deferred)

30. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 16-04-2010 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to reduce expenditures of Pakistan Railways?

Reply not received.

31. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 16-04-2010 at 12:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NADRA offices in district Haripur, and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more branches of NADRA in that district, if so, its details?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) NADRA Registration Centres (NRCs) NRC Haripur, NRC Ghazi and lx Mobile Registration Van (MRV) are operational in district Haripur.

(b) Presently no proposal under consideration for establishment of additional NADRA office in District Haripur, because of area has been covered adequately by the present infrastructure/ resources. New centre is also not financially feasible. However additional MRV can be deputed if desired.

32. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilians killed as a result of military operation in Swat and Waziristan;

(b) the estimated loss of property during the operation; and

(c) *the names, designation and addresses of the personnel of civil and armed forces martyred and injured during the said operations?*

Reply not received.

33. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of passport Offices in district Haripur; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more branches of passport office in that district, if so, its details?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) No passport office has been established in District Haripur-Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa.

(b) Establishment of Regional Passport Office at Haripur District is however, under consideration, The matter was taken up with the Planning Commission and after due deliberations, Planning Commission has advised to prepare a separate PC-I supported with feasibility. PC-I is under preparation and shall be submitted to Planning Commission for soliciting approval of ECNEC.

37. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of cases registered by FIA on violation of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRS) during the last three years indicating also the names of accused in those cases; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government for checking violations IPR alongwith impact thereof on the prices of books, CDs and other reading material?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) FIA has registered 47 cases under IPR laws till the date.

(b) On receipt of complaints from public Private Sector, the matters are referred to the concerned FIA Zonal Directors at Islamabad, Peshawar, Lahore & Ouetta for conducting proper inquiry into the matter under Copy Right Act. 1962. The Intellectual Property Organization (IPO) Pakistan has also drafted new legislations which are presently placed before the National Assembly of Pakistan for approval. The Prime Minister of Pakistan, during 2nd session of 2nd IPR Conference in convention centre Islamabad on 3-5-2010 also emphasized to get the new law approved on priority basis in this regard. After promulgation of new Intellectual Property Laws, the effective implementation and compliance would be ensured by the FIA.

41. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-04-2010 at 08:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the amount received by NADRA from foreign countries / missions for provision of certain facilities during the last five years and details of its utilizations?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: The amount received by NADRA from Foreign Countries/Missions for providing certain facilities (projects/services) during the last five years is attached at Annex-A.

Annex-A

Description	Receipt	Utilization
Amount received by NADRA from foreign countries(Nigeria, Kenya, Sudan & Bangladesh) for project services rendered years. NADRA which is self financed	Rs. 234.84 Million	These receipts form the part of the income of NADRA and have been utilized for carrying out the activities of these projects in those countries during last five and to meet the expenses of organization.
Amount received by NADRA from foreign Missions (Saudi Arabia) in Pakistan for verification services during the last five years.	Rs. 19.53 Million	These receipt form the part of the income of NADRA and have been utilized to meet the expenses of NADRA which is self financed organization

89. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the name of incumbent chairman Pakistan railways indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to him?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: Mr. Sami-ul-Haq Khilji a BS-22 officer of the Secretariat Group is working as Secretary of the Ministry of Railways and *Ex-Officio* Chairman of the Railway Board. The officer is drawing following Pay, allowances and fringe benefits as admissible under the Rules. He is only paid salary of BPS-22 officer and no extral remuneration are given as Chairman Railways.

Pay	Rs. 55,470/-
Special pay	Rs. 11,094/-
SRAS/SAS Qualifications pay	Rs. 1,000/-
Senior Post Allowance	Rs. 1,600/-
Entertainment Allowance	Rs. 975/-
Orderly Allowance	Rs. 3000/-
Special Additional Allowance, 25%	Rs. 1,839/-
Special Relief 15%, 2003	Rs. 3,916/-
Additional Relief 15%, 2004	Rs. 3,916/-
Dearness Allowance 15% 2006	Rs. 5,026/-
Adhoc Relief Allowance 15%2009	Rs. 8,321/-
Total Salary	Rs. 96,157

The officer is allowed free travel for himself and his dependent family in Air conditioned class on Pakistan Railways, as per Rules.

90. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to eliminate the business of narcotics in the country particularly in Sindh?

Mr. Arbab Muhammad Zahir: Following steps have been taken to eliminate the business of Narcotics in the country:

- a. *Establishment of Police Stations.*—ANF has already established 25 police stations, whereas 5 new police stations have been notified and will be established on availability of strength/ manpower. In Sindh Province 5 Police Stations have been established. PS Hyderabad and Sukkur have been especially established to have an access to Interior Sindh Province.
- b. *Exceptional. Interdiction Results.*—Pakistan is contributing significantly in international counter narcotics efforts and have achieved outstanding interdiction results over the last few years which is clear manifestation of country's commitment and resolve against the crime linked with international drug trafficking.
- c. *Establishment of Canine Unit.*—A total of five Canine Units, one for each Regional Directorate have been established. In order to beef up the strength of these units, ANF has recently procured five trained dogs from China.
- d. *Installation of Scanning Machines.*—Four IONSCAN Machines have been installed at Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar and **Karachi** Airports to detect drugs. Additionally, two scanners for luggage checking one at Islamabad and other at **Karachi Airports** have been installed. Moreover four x-ray machines have been procured from China, which are installed at **Karachi**, Lahore, Peshawar and Islamabad Airports to detect the passengers moving with ingested capsules.
- e. Patrolling, checkpoints & raids/ambush are being carried out through out the country to disallow and deter trafficking of narcotics drugs. ANF is playing a vital role to interdict supply 'of Acetic Anhydride. From year 2008 till to-date, ANF made significant seizures of precursors in the world. A total of 41578 kgs have been seized including **the biggest seizure of 15800 kg of Acetic Anhydride at Karachi on 21st March 2010.** This is the biggest seizure ever made in the world.
- f. Draft of new Anti Narcotics Policy has been prepared which will be announced shortly after the approval of the Cabinet. The new policy envisages number of measures including for controlling the menace of the drugs in the country, making drug free cities in each province and education institutions in each city.

91. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 21-04-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the profit earned by FWO during the last 10 years with year-wise and project wise break up and its utilization; and*
- (b) *the names and the locations of ongoing projects undertaken by the said organization in the country?*

Chaudhry Ahmad Mukhtar: The information is being collected from the concerned quarters. The above mentioned question may kindly be deferred. As soon as the information is received, the same would be submitted on the Floor of the House.

92. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 21-04-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs.250/- is being charged on issuance of domicile certificate under the head of electricity in Mohmand Agency, if so, whether that amount is transferred to WAPDA?

Mr. Najmuddin Khan: 1. On formation of TESCO, it was decided by the Government to recover Rs.220/- per month from each domestic connection in tribal areas as WAPDA dues.

2. The issue was taken up with the tribesmen who agreed to deposit the said amount on preparation of Domicile Certificates and computerized National Identity Cards in the account on bank receipts. Proper record of the account is being maintained.

3. The amount generated on account of TESCO dues is transferred to the said company. It may be clarified that this amount is recovered from tribesmen of those areas which are electrified and from whom no TESCO bills recovery is in operation.

93. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the amount spent on renovation of offices of the chairman and other officers of NADRA during the last five years with year-wise and office-wise break up?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: An amount of Rs. 53,562,796/- have been spent on renovation of the Chairman and other offices during the last five years i.e 1st July 2005 to 30th April 2010. The office wise and year wise breakup is attached as Annex-A.

93-A. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of private airline companies allowed operations in the country; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to allow more private airline in the country, if so, its details?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) Presently the following private airlines companies are allowed operations in the country by CAA/ Federal Government out of which only two *i.e.* S. No. (i) & (ii) are operational:

- (i) Shaheen Air International
- (ii) Air Blue Limited
- (iii) Bhoja Air
- (iv) Pearl Air

(b) Presently there is only one request from M/s. Air Indus for issuance of Airlines Licence which is under process in Ministry of Defence.

94. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Railway accidents took place during the last two years and the number of persons died and injured if those accidents,*
- (b) *whether any inquiry was conducted into the said accidents, if so, the findings thereof; and*
- (c) *the names and designation of the persons found responsible for those accidents and the action taken against them?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour: (a) During the last two years *i.e.* 2008 and 2009, two hundred and ninety one accidents occurred over the system. Sixty persons died and two hundred and eight people injured in these accidents. Out of these persons, twenty killed and 109 were injured, were railway passengers

(b) The inquiry was conducted in each and every accident case and findings of the inquiries are as under.

Findings	2008	2009	
Negligent driving on part of road users	62	54	
Element of Human Failure	27	29	
Track Defects	25	14	Defects
in Rolling stock	23	20	
Defects in Signalling and Interlocking gears	2	3	
Derailments due to bomb explosion (Sabotage)	0	2	
Electrical defects	3	0	
Multiple causes	16	11	
Total	158	133	

(c) The number of the persons held responsible for these accidents and the action taken against the aforesaid staff during they last two years i.e 2008 and 2009 are placed at Annexure-A and Annexure-B.

Action taken	2008	2009
Removal from service	3	5
Reduction in time pay scale	3	5
With holding of increment	17	39
Censured	8	15
Contract terminated	—	1
Road User (Punished by the Court)	46	44
Action against the road users awaited from the Court of Law	16	50
Action against the remaining staff under process.	65	11
Total	158	133

The names and designation of the staff found responsible for these accidents for the year 2008 is placed at Annexure-A and for the year 2009 is placed at Annexure-B.

95. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 26-04-2010 at 8:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of PIA Directors in group-5?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: The names and place of domicile of PIA Directors is Annexed.

96. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 26-04-2010 at 8:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the names of the PIA officers sent abroad on official visits during the last three years indicating also the places of their visits and the expenditures incurred thereon?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: During the last three years a total number of 1245 PIA officers were sent abroad on official visit as per breakup given below:—

YEAR	NO. OF OFFICERS	EXPENDITURE INCURRED (RS. IN MILLION)
2007	373	36.262
2008	387	31.555
2009	475	74.352
Total :-		142.169

Complete detail of the same is at “Annexure-A”.

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

97. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 26-04-2010 at 8:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles owned by NADRA; and

(b) the number of vehicles purchased by NADRA during the last five years?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: 556 vehicles have been owned by NADRA.

(b) 297 different type of vehicles have been purchased by NADRA during the last five years *i.e.* 1st January 2005 to 30 April 2010.

98. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-04-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state..

(a) the number of passenger and goods coaches with Pakistan Railways; and

(b) the number of such coaches outlived their life but are still in use?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) Pakistan Railways own **1850** passenger coaches and **16,433** freight wagons.

(b) 61 Passenger Coaches and 7744 Freight Wagons have outlived their economic lives of 35 years and 45 years respectively but are still in service.

98-A. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-04-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the number of locomotives with Pakistan Railways in working and non working condition?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: Pakistan Railways own a fleet of 520 Diesel Electric Locomotives out of which 370 Locomotives are in working order whereas 150 Locomotives are in non working condition.

99. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 26-04-2010 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence Production be pleased to state the details of requests received in Pakistan Ordnance Factory for provision of weapons to Khasadars and other security agencies in FATA during the last five years indicating also the details of the weapons provided in response thereof?

Mr. Abdul Qayyum Khan Jatoi: The reply to the above question is as under:

POF has supplied Weapons to Law enforcing agencies in Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa/FATA during the last five years as under:—

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Agency	MP5		MG3		12.7mm AA		Ordered	Supplied
	Ordered	Supplied	Ordered	Supplied	Ordered	Supplied		
KPK police	—	—	—	—	*600	—	—	—
KPK FC	4117	4093	—	—	302	302	—	—

* The ordered store could not be supplied due to non-issuance of NOC by GHQ

100. **Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-04-2010 at 11:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of F. C. Platoons established in NWFP during the last two years indicating also the number of persons appointed in each platoon; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the number of said platoons, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) Total 24 Platoons consisting 43 persons in each, plus 203 persons as allied staff have been raised during the year 2010. The break up of one platoon (43 personnel) is as under:—

Naib Subedar	=	01
Havildar	=	02
Naik	=	02
L/Naik	=	04
Sepoy	=	<u>34</u>
		<u>43</u>

Personnel other than Sepoy are appointed by promotion.

(b) 76 Platoons are under consideration of the Government to be raised during the next two years in three different phases.

During visit to Peshawar on 19-06-2009, after getting detailed briefing on law and orders situation in NWFP, the Prime Minister has approved creation of 100 x platoons for HQ Frontier Constabulary with total expenditure of Rs.2230.900 million in four phases. Out of which above 24 platoons with expenditure of Rs.547.150 million have been raised. However, next installment will be released after review of 1st installment at Prime Minister level (Annex-A).

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

101. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 27-04-2010 at 08:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the details of cases of corruption and misappropriation surfaced in NADRA during the last five years indicating also the names and designation of the officers and officials found involved in those cases and the action taken against them?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: 158 corruption and misappropriation cases surface in NADRA during the last five years *i.e.* May 2005 to April 2010. The names designation and action taken against the officers/officials involved in these cases are enclosed as Annex-A.

102. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 29-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number, make, model and price of vehicles purchased by NADRA during the last three years;*
- (b) *the names of the companies from which the said vehicles were purchased; and*
- (c) *the procedure adopted for the said purchase?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: 143 vehicles have been purchased by NADRA during the last three years *i.e.* April 2007 to April 2010. The make, model and price of vehicles in detail is attached at Annex-A.

(b) The names of companies from which the said vehicles were purchased are mentioned in Annex-A.

(c) The vehicles have been purchased as per the procedure vide PPRA Rules 42C (Vii).

103. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 30-04-2010 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of increase made in house tax rates by the Cantonment Board Rawalpindi since 1999; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said increase is not applicable on the houses owned by army personnel/retired army personnel in cantonment area Rawalpindi, if so, its reasons?*

Chaudhry Ahmad Mukhtar: (a) The Cantonment Board Rawalpindi is charging the House Tax @ 15% of Annual Rental Values of the properties and there has been no increase in the tax rates by the Cantonment Board Rawalpindi since 1999 However, details of recovery of House Tax of Cantonment Board Rawalpindi are as under:—

S. No.	Year wise breakup	Recovery in Million
1.	1999-2000	Rs. 87.062
2.	2000-2001	Rs. 94.119
3.	2001-2002	Rs. 85.775
4.	2002-2003	Rs. 74.839
5.	2003-2004	Rs. 82.805

6.	2004-2005	Rs. 105.618
7.	2005-2006	Rs. 81.520
8.	2006-2007	Rs. 233.011
9.	2007-2008	Rs. 123.693
10.	2008-2009	Rs. 149.757

(b) There is no exception in application of any rate/ tax in the rules and practice for properties owned by Army personnel / retired Army personnel. However the Govt. of Pakistan, Ministry of Defence has allowed following exemptions in the payment of House Tax :

1. 100% exemption in respect of “one house” in any Cantonment of Pakistan owned by a retired Federal Government servant (including Army Officers) or a Provincial Government or a Cantonment Board Servant.
2. 100% exemption from the payment of House Tax to all the owners of the houses constructed on an area upto 5 Marlas.
3. 60% exemption in the payment of House Tax to all the serving Federal Government servants (including Army Officers) or a Provincial Government or a Cantonment Board Servant in respect of one house in any Cantonment of Pakistan.
4. 100% exemption of the annual tax payable in respect of one house in any Cantonment in Pakistan by a widow of any Federal Government servants (including Army Officers) OR a Provincial Government OR a Cantonment Board.
5. 10% of the Annual Tax, on account of cost of repairs and other expenditure incurred to maintain the building in a condition in Which it may fetch the gross annual rent.
6. 5% of the annual tax, in a case in which the tax in respect of a financial year is paid in lump sump before the 30th day of September in the year.

Islamabad :
The 13th May, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.