

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 4th May, 2012

28. ***Begum Najma Hameed** (Notice received on 14-03-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of new sections of motorways under construction; and*
(b) *the standards evolved to check quality of work of under construction sections?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Work on following motorways is ongoing:—

<i>Section</i>	<i>Progress</i>	<i>Construction Period</i>
Faisalabad- Multan (M-4)		
1. Faisalabad - Gojra (58 km)	15%	2010-13
2. Khanewal - Multan (57 km)	1%	2012-15
Gwadar - Turbat - Hoshab - Khuzdar - Ratodero (M-8)		
3. Gwadar-Turbat-Hoshab (193 km)	68%	2004-13
4. Khori - Quba Saeed Khan (143 km)	73%	2004-13

(b) National highways / motorways are constructed as per standard specifications, which contain detailed methodology for all highway components, elaborately defined in each contract agreement, awarded after a prequalification process as per standard procedure / guidelines of Pakistan Engineering Council.

Construction quality is monitored as per approved specifications through experienced Supervision Consultants employed for each project on full time basis. Acceptance of work done is subject to various tests & standards conforming to international codes:—

ASTM : American Society for Testing Materials

AASHTO : American Association of State Highways & Transportation Officials

ACI : American Concrete Institute

Completion certificate is issued by an independent “The Engineer” after satisfaction regarding the quality of construction. Additionally, the Contractor remains responsible for maintenance services / remedying any defects observed during the guarantee (defect liability) period which varies from 1 to 3 years depending upon the size, nature and importance of the project under relevant provision of the contract agreement.

29. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-03-2012 at 14:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) the causalities, damage to crops and loss of property caused by the floods in the year 2011 in the country; and*
- (b) the details of relief provided by the Government to the flood affectees?*

Minister for Climate Change: Details of losses/damages caused due to rains/floods in Provinces of Sindh and Balochistan are attached at **Annexure-A and B** respectively. Information is based on the input provided by both the PDMAs however, a detailed damage and need assessment (DNA) is being carried out by World Bank and- Asian Development Bank to assess the losses to various sectors.

(b) Details of relief provided to Sindh, Balochistan and Punjab is attached at Annexure C, D and E respectively.

30. ***Mrs. Syriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 20-03-2012 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the date of approval and launching of project of construction of Eastbay Expressway to link Gwadar Port with National Road Network.:*
- (b) the present status of work on the project and time by which it will be completed; and*
- (c) the estimated cost of the project and amount disbursed so far with head-wise breakup?*

Mr. Babar Khan Ghauri) (a) The CDWP has recommended the project for the approval of ECNEC, in its meeting held on 21st January, 2011.

- (b) Approval of ECNEC is awaited.
- (c) Estimated Cost of the project is Rs. 6274.00 Million.

31. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice. received on 22-03-2012 at 09:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of information Technology and Telecommunications, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) The requisite information in respect of Ministry of Information Technology (Main) its attached/subordinate offices may be treated as “Nil” except PCB and EGD. Information pertaining PCB and EGD is as under:

Pakistan Computer Bureau

In 2009-10 a case of Mis-appropriation/Corruption/Fraudulent of Payment amounting to Rs. 12.645 million was reported by Audit and Inspection Report conducted by Directorate of General of Federal Audit, Islamabad.

(b) the following officer/officials have been accused of corruption:

1. Mrs. Shahida Saaduallah, Ex-Director General
2. Mr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Data Processing Assistant
3. Mr. Sikandar Hayat Bhatti, Assistant
4. Mr. Alamzeb Khan, Ex-Assistant (Project Employee)

Electronic Government Directorate

(a) (i) Theft of computers and printers from Sheikh Zayed Medical Complex Lahore provided under the PSDP project titled “HMIS at SZMC, Lahore”.

(ii) Fake letter for release of Performance Bank Guarantee in favor of Mis Kalsoft Pvt. Ltd. under the PSDP project titled “E-Enablement of Islamabad Police”.

(b) (i) Against theft of computers the FIR was filed on 19th Feb, 2009 and case was referred to FIA on 31st March, 2010 against the following employees.

- a. Mr. Tahir Shafi, Head of Nephrology, SZMC, Lahore
- b. Maj. (R) Mukhtar, Director (Implementation), SZMC, Lahore
- c. Mr. Abrar Ahmed, Project Manager, EGD.

(ii) Against the case for release of performance bank guarantee by using a fake letter was sent to FIA in December, 2010 against ex-employee of EGD Mr. Saleem Meo.

32. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 27-03-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of foreign visits undertaken by Director General and Additional Director General, Pakistan Post, during the financial year 2010-11 indicating also the purpose, names of countries visited, expenditure incurred in each case and benefits accrued to the Ministry/Pakistan Post; and*
- (b) *whether reports of the said visits were submitted to the concerned authorities?*

Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij: (a) The details of foreign visits of the Director General, and Additional Director General Pakistan Post during 2010 -2011 are given in the table below:—

Designation of visited officer.	No of visit	Purpose of visit/ country of visit.	Expenditure
Director General Pakistan Post.	One	To attend the meetings of Regional Postal Business/ formulation of South Asian Postal Union (SAPU) of SAARC members countries held at New Delhi India from 17th to 18th February 2011.	No expenditure of Govt of Pakistan is involved.
Additional Director General Pakistan Post.	One	To attend the Workshop on “Dangerous Goods and Terrorism in the Mail Security” held from 5th to 8th October 2010 at Singapore.	Fully funded by hosting country and no expenditure of Govt of Pakistan is involved.

Additional Director General Pakistan Post.	One	To attend the seminar on "Postal Revenue Protection" held from 23rd to 25th November 2011 at Bangkok Thailand.	Fully funded by hosting country and no expenditure of Govt of Pakistan is involved.
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Attending such foreign meetings, Workshops, and seminars by the Postal Officers, certainly provides benefits and brings improvements in the Postal Sectors.

- (b) Yes.
33. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-03-2012 at 09:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the names and addresses of the persons against whom cases are pending in the NAB indicating also the details of the charges in each case?

Reply not received.

34. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-04-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Ports and Shipping, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

Mr. Babar Khan Ghauri: (a) Ministry of Ports & Shipping, Islamabad.

The details may please be seen at Annex-A.

DG, (P&S)

The details may please be seen at Annex-B, C, D, E.

KPT.

The details may please be seen at Annex-F.

PQA

The details may please be seen at Annex-G.

PNSC

The details may please be seen at Annex-H

GPA

Expenditures on GPA Projects funded through PSDP during last 03 years is as under:—

Gwadar Deep Water Port Project:—

<i>S. No</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1.	2008-09	58.752
2.	2009-10	203.692
3.	2010-11	432.139

KOFHA

The details may please be seen at Annex-I.

MFD

The 03 years expenditures of this department for the year 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 is at Annex-J

(b) Ministry of Ports & Shipping, Islamabad.

Increase in the expenditure in subsequent years compared to the expenditure of 2008-09 is due to revision of Pay & Allowance of Government employees by the Government.

DG (P&S)

The Budgetary provision for the financial year 2011-12 against “Other Charges” excluding Pay & Allowance have already been reduced by the Government. This also holds good in financial years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.

KPT.

The Financial health of KPT is sound and the expenditures is within control. All Procurements and works are being carried out by observing all codal formalities/ Tendering Process and are allowed with proper authorization by competent authority.

PQA

PNSC

PNSc is a non-budgetary and autonomous Corporation with complete power of the affairs being vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation. However, the Board is conscious of rising expenditures and keeps all expenditures under control, within Budgetary limits.

GPA

All expenditure have been incurred in general public interest.

KOFHA

Austerity measures as contained in Finance Division (Expenditures Wing)'s letter dated 17.08.2011 are already in place.

MFD

The expenditure is on actual basis and after the taken Government economy measures during the FY 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.

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

35. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-04-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Human Rights, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years; and

(b) the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them?

Mr. Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar: (a) No cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Human Rights, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years.

(b) NIL.

*ISLAMABAD :
The 3rd May, 2012.*

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.