

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 9th October, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Question No.49 : Set down for answering on 12th July, 2012
(ii) Question Nos. 56, 56-A, 56-B : Set down for answering on 7th September, 2012
& 57 to 77

49. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 15-05-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of parliamentarians, Defence officers, judges, journalists and government officers with designation who have been allotted residential plots in Islamabad during the period of incumbent government indicating also the location and price of plot in each case; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for allotment of the said plots?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) (i) No plot has been allotted to the parliamentarians, defence officer and judges by CDA during the period of incumbents government. However 07 plots have been allotted to the government officers posted in CDA as deputationists. **(Annexure-A).**

(ii) 46 plots were allotted to the journalists in Sector I-15 as a result of balloting held in the year 2007. However, out of these 46 plots, 34 allotment letters were issued in the year 2007 during the tenure of previous Government whereas remaining 12 allotment letters were issued during the tenure of present Government in the year 2008-09. Only one allotment was made during the tenure of present Government on the 02-09-2008 to Mrs. Riffat Riaz-ul-Haq although processing of said case started in the year 2006. Detail of all 13 allotments is given in **Annex-B.**

(b) Allotment of plots to Seven Government Officers serving on deputation in CDA and two CDA officers have been made in the light of decision of the High Court up-held by Supreme Court of Pakistan out of 20% quota reserved for CDA employees in sector I-8 and as per criteria approved by CDA Board. Journalists were allotted plots in Sector I-15 against 1% quota approved by the then Prime Minister of Pakistan at the time

of launching the schemes in 2005 on the recommendation of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

56. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 16-07-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of employees in the Cabinet Division and its attached departments as on 12-10-1999, 15-03-2008 and 30-06-2012?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The Number of Employees working in the Cabinet Division and its Attached departments as on 12-10-1999,15-03-2008 and 30-06-2012, are shown as under in juxtapose:—

Division/Attached Department	No. of Employees on 12-10-1999	No. of Employees on 15-03-2008	No. of Employees on 30-06-2012
Cabinet Division	751	679	966
Department of Communication. Security	185	164	156
Department of Stationery and Forms	496	268	268
Deptt. of National Archives of Pakistan	108	108	104

56-A ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 16-07-2012 at 09:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students who were granted scholarships for education abroad from 2000 to 2007 with province-wise break-up indicating also the number of students hailing from Sindh (Urban) and Sindh (Rural);*
- (b) the procedure adopted for selection of those students; and*
- (c) the percentage of quota fixed for each province for the said scholarships?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) A total of 2627 overseas scholarships were awarded from 2000 to 2007 in various undergraduate, postgraduate, PhDs and post doctorate overseas scholarship schemes of the Higher Education Commission. The province wise break up of these scholars is at **Annex-A**. Breakup indicating number of students belonging to Sindh Urban and Sindh Rural is not available for these students.

(b) All the HEC overseas scholarship schemes were advertised in national dailies as well as on HEC website. The selection was made on open merit for all provinces. Further, the selection procedure is at **Annex-B**.

(c) Initially, the scholarships were awarded on open merit for all provinces up to 2010, as approved by the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC), Government of Pakistan in PC-1 of the project. The detail of province wise quota is at **Annex-C**.

Annex-B

Overview of HEC Overseas Scholarship Programs

Human Resource Development within the higher education sector lies at the heart of the HEC's reform process, and an area in which vital and significant progress has been made. With a dual objective of increasing institutional capacity and enhancing local research activities, the major thrust of programs in this area have been primarily aimed at improving the academic qualifications of university faculty. However, scholarship schemes are also open to individuals working in the private sector or government servants as well as Pakistani students.

The HEC Overseas scholars are placed at top world universities doing research in the fields of Engineering and Technology, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, and Life Sciences. About 40% scholarships have been awarded to the employees of R & D organization and universities. Thus, on completion of their PhD, they will serve as engines for socio-economic development of the country as well as their relevant organizations.

Since the development of university faculty is a prime objective of HEC, therefore scholarships have been awarded to employees of universities and R&D organizations that will provide fresh fuel and will further enhance teaching & research potential of these organizations. Fresh graduates have also been given more importance than ever. About 60% scholarships have been awarded to fresh graduates. By this, a pool of well-developed human resource possessing state-of-the-art education will be made available for the motherland.

Criteria for Selection of Students for Overseas Scholarship Schemes.

For 90% Scheme

1. Pakistani/AJK nationals.
2. Candidates must have minimum sixteen years of education (MSc, MA, MBA, ME, MS, B.E / BSc (Engg), M.B.B.S or equivalent).
3. Maximum two second divisions throughout the academic career.
4. Not less than 50% marks in academic career.
5. Maximum age:
 - (a) 40 years for full time regular faculty members of public sector Universities/Colleges and employees of the public sector R & D organizations.
 - (b) 35 years for all others.
6. The candidates who are already availing any other HEC scholarship offer are not eligible to apply.
7. NTS GAT test and Interview by the team of foreign Professors to be conducted for final award of scholarship.

For 10% Scheme (UK, USA, Canada & Australia):

1. Applicants must have secured admissions for programs leading to PhD in the specified disciplines in the HEC identified world top ranked discipline wise Universities. The list of these universities & disciplines is available at HEC website (www.hec.gov.pk/ossphase2batch2).
2. Applicants who are applying for Physical Sciences, Engineering & Technology and Business Education need to submit GRE/GMAT score. GRE score will be sent directly through ETS to HEC on institution code GI 9054. GMAT score will be acceptable only for the candidates for Business Studies.
3. Applicants who are applying for Agriculture & Veterinary Sciences, Biological & Medical Sciences, Social Sciences and Arts & Humanities need to have minimum cumulative 50% academic marks as per HEC Academic Evaluation Formula (HEC-AEF). The HEC-AEF is available at HEC website www.hec.gov.pk.

56-B ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 16-07-2012 at 09:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount provided by the Government to each Government and private university from 2000 to 2007; and*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for provision of funds to universities?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) HEC provides funds to public sector universities in shape of annual recurring grant. The detail of funds released to universities from the Financial year 2000 to 2007 is attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) As per funding mandate enunciated in the ordinance, HEC allocates funds to the universities on 'need and performance' basis through a funding formula approved by the Commission, which assigns different weightages to (i) type of enrollment in different disciplines like Arts / social sciences, Basic/Natural Sciences, Engg:/Medical etc, and (ii) level of studies undergraduate/ postgraduate (iii) Need of university, region/location backwardness, income disparity compensation, impact of completed development projects (iv) on performance output based on parameters like PhD Faculty, Research Publications in impact factor journals, QEC Reports, etc.

The detail Funding Policy is attached at **Annex-II**.

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

57. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 16-07-2012 at 16:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the criteria and procedure laid down for selection of the Chairman and Members of Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA);*
- (b) *the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to the Chairman and Members;*
- (c) *the number of officers and officials working in the authority with province-wise breakup; and*
- (d) *the procedure laid down for appointment of the officers and level of transparency adopted in these selections?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Pursuant to Section 3 (F/A) of "Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act 1997 (XL of 1997)", Federal Government appoints Chairman and four Members, one from each province, after considering the recommendations of the respective Provincial Governments as per the criteria laid down in the Act.

The criteria laid down in the Act is as follows: 'The Chairman shall be an eminent professional of known integrity and competence with at least twenty years of related experience in law, business, engineering, finance, accounting, economics, or the power industry'. The Members are required to have similar qualifications with fifteen years of relevant experience.

(b) The salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to the Chairman and members of the Authority are also determined by the Federal Government as provided in Section 8(1) of NEPRA Act (F/B). The present salary, allowances and other benefits admissible to the Chairman and Members of NEPRA are attached at F/C.

(c) The total number of NEPRA employees is 177. Province-wise breakup is attached at F/D.

(d) The procedure for appointment of Officers / Officials in service of the Authority has been laid in NEPRA Service Regulations (NSR) 2003, (F/F), formulated in pursuance of Section 47 of NEPRA Act, (F.E).

The procedure, *inter alia*, includes advertisement of the posts in national dailies, constitution of selection committees and tests/ interview of qualified candidates. The Authority finally makes appointments on the recommendations of the selection committee.

NEPRA Service Regulations 2003 provided for selection on merit on an all Pakistan basis. However provision for a uniform quota of 10% for all four provinces, was made in NPG-1 (roughly equivalent to BS 17) as well as the support staff categories. Since 2010, however, GoP specified regional quotas have been adopted for appointments at all levels on the directions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

All appointments are made through open competition in a transparent manner.

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58. ***Mr. Nisar Muhammad:** (Notice received on 17-07-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the details of assets including vehicles, furniture and buildings etc. owned by the Ministries / Divisions at the time when these were devolved in pursuance of 18th Amendment in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan?

Reply not received.

59. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 17-07-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Government has evaluated recent IMF programme by taking into consideration all the previous IMF programmes in order to identify its positive and negative impact on economy of the country, if so, the outcome thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by Government towards self sufficiency instead of relying on IMF programmes?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The member countries of the IMF engage the Fund through different programmes *i.e.* Stand By Arrangement (SBA), Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF) etc. to resolve their actual or potential balance of payments problems by introducing structural reforms. Similar to the previous programmes, the recent SBA programme ended on 30-09-2011 was evaluated and the programme achieved the desired targets mentioned below:—

- i. Considerable improvement in current account balance.
- ii. Record High Foreign Exchange Reserves.
- iii. Stable Exchange Rate.
- iv. Stable flow of foreign remittances.
- v. Inflation tamed from 25% to 14% .

(b) In an effort to follow self reliance policy to reduce dependence on foreign aid or loans including IMF financing, the government is focused on maintaining the economic stability and growth acceleration through various economic and financial reforms. These includes:—

- Expenditure Management Strategy through containing fiscal deficit by introducing austerity measures eliminating general subsidies, restructuring of public sector enterprises and resolving the issue of circular debt.
- Improving domestic resource mobilization through harmonization and improving efficiency of tax administration and broadening of tax base.
- Achieving economic efficiency through devolution through transfer of concurrent subjects to provinces and equitable resource transfer to provinces.
- Strengthening social safety nets through Benazir income support program, Bait-ul-Mal and Disaster Management.

The above measures will impact the economy positively.

60. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-07-2012 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the share of taxes in GDP for the last five years with year-wise break up;*
- (b) the estimated share of taxes in the GDP set for the current fiscal year; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to achieve the said target?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The share of taxes in GDP for last five years is given in the following Table:—

<i>Fiscal Years</i>	<i>Tax-GDP Ratio (%)</i>
2007-08	9.8
2008-09	9.1
2009-10	9.0
2010-11	8.6
2011-12	9.2

(b) The estimated share of taxes in the GDP set for current year is 10.1%.

(c) Following steps are being taken to achieve the said target;

1. Strengthening of audit and enforcement functions
2. Broadening of tax base
3. Monitoring of withholding agents
4. Capacity building
5. Improving automation

61. ***Mrs. Nasreen Jalil:** (Notice received on 18-07-2012 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the posts of senior Auditors in FBR have been upgraded from BPS-16 to BPS-17 in March, 2012 whereas the posts of In Land Revenue Officers (BPS-16) have not been upgraded so far, if so, the reasons for this discrimination; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to upgrade the posts of In Land Revenue Officers, from BPS-16 to BPS-17, if so, its details?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) Yes, the post of Senior Auditor (IRAO) was up-graded from BS-16 to BS-17 with the approvals of Establishment and Finance Divisions, in April, 2012.

The post of Senior Auditor (IRAOs) was created in the year, 1996 but no promotion path was introduced till, December, 2010. Accordingly, they filed representations in FBR and agitated in various Courts. Consequently the post of Senior Auditor was up-graded with the approvals of Establishment and Finance Divisions in April, 2012. As regards Inland Revenue Officers (IROs), they have 25% departmental promotion quota since establishment of Income Tax Group and continuously get promotions against the posts reserved for them. Accordingly no discrimination has been made by up-grading the post of IRAO.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration as they have 25% promotion quota in the Inland Revenue Service for promotion to BS-17.

62. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 19-07-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether the State Bank of Pakistan has allowed commercial banks to sign agreements with insurance companies to provide insurance schemes to its account holders, if so, the names of commercial banks in the country which have been allowed to do so?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: No specific permission of State Bank of Pakistan is required by banks for entering into agreement with insurance company in this regard. However, banks are providing insurance products to their depositors under the SECP Guidelines for Bancassurance, 2010 in order to protect the interest of depositors, State Bank of Pakistan has also been issuing various instructions on the issue from time to time like customer's prior consent for availing of insurance/deduction of insurance premium /commission earned by banks under Bancassurance agreement / minimum standards to be complied by banks, etc. List of banks who have signed agreements with Insurance Companies in this regard is annexed.

Annexed

Names of Banks who have signed agreements with Insurance Companies to Provide Insurance Schemes to their Account Holders

1. NIB Bank Ltd.
2. United Bank Ltd.
3. Soneri Bank Ltd.
4. Faysal Bank Ltd.
5. HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd.

6. Bank Al-Habib Ltd.
7. JS Bank Ltd.
8. Dubai Islamic Bank Pakistan Ltd.
9. Samba Bank Ltd.
10. Bank Islami Pakistan Ltd.
11. The Bank of Punjab
12. Meezan Bank Ltd.
13. KASB Bank Ltd.
14. Citi Bank NA
15. Habib Bank Ltd.
16. Industrial Development Bank of Pakistan
17. Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Ltd.
18. Burj Bank Ltd.
19. First Women Bank Ltd.
20. Albaraka Bank (Pakistan) Ltd.
21. Bank Alfalah Ltd.
22. Askari Bank Ltd.
23. Summit Bank Ltd.
24. Barclays Bank Plc.
25. Silk Bank Ltd.
26. Allied Bank Ltd.
27. MCB Bank Ltd.
28. National Bank of Pakistan

63. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 19-07-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the location with staff of dispensaries of Federal Government Poly Clinic and PIMS working at present;*
- (b) *the value and volume of medicines being provided to dispensaries on monthly basis;*
- (c) *whether dispensaries are allowed to purchase medicines at their own, if so, the value and volume of medicines which can be purchased by each dispensary;*

- (d) *whether audit of purchased medicines is conducted, if so, the procedure adopted for the same and outcome of recent audits; and*
- (e) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more dispensaries in ICT particularly in the rural area?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) The location with staff of dispensaries of Federal Government Polyclinic is given at Annex-A.

There is no dispensary affiliated with PIMS in the Federal Capital.

(b) The value and volume of medicines being provided to F.G. Polyclinic dispensaries is given at Annex-B.

(c) The dispensaries are not allowed to purchase medicines, the expenditure of dispensaries is met out from the hospital allocation. However, Parliament House Dispensary is allowed to local purchase urgently required medicines directly. The allocation of Parliament House Dispensary is separate and the allocation for the financial year, 2012-13 is Rs. 113.087 million.

(d) Yes, the procedure adopted for audit in F.G. Polyclinic is as under:—

1. Pre-Audit by AGPR, Islamabad during payment of bills.
2. Physical verification by the physical verification committee.
3. Internal Audit by a team constituted by the Principal Accounting Officer/Secretary M/o CA&D
4. Annual audit is carried out by DG, Federal Audit.

The last audit carried out by the DG(Audit) office for the FY 2010-11 and no audit para is printed in the annual audit report.

(e) Presently there is no such proposal in hand.

64. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-07-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount of internal and external loans obtained by the Government during the financial year, 2011-12; and*
- (b) *the amount of interest paid on these loans?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The net amount of internal and external loans obtained by the Government during the FY:2011-12 is Rs.1,952 billion as per the following details:—

Loan Type (Rs. in billion)	Total Outstanding Debt Stock as on June, 2011	Total Outstanding Debt Stock as on June, 2012	Increase in Public Debt
Internal Loans	6,015	7,636	1,621
External Loans	4,694	5,025	331*
Total	10,709	12,661	1,952

*It includes Rs.127 billion as translational effect and the net borrowing is Rs.204 billion.

(b) The amount of interest paid on total outstanding debt including debt obtained during FY:2011-12 is Rs.895.9 billion as per following details:

Interest Payment	Rs. in billion
Internal Loans	828.2
External Loans	67.7
Total	895.9

65. ***Mr. Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah Aajiz:** (Notice received on 19-07-2012 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of provincial quota of employment in Quaid-e-Azam University;*
- (b) *the extent to which quota reserved for Sindh has been implemented; and*
- (c) *the names and designation of the persons belonging to Sindh presently working in the University?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) As per approved Statutes clause-9, Part-III (Assented by the Chancellor) under the Quaid-e-Azam University Act 1973, Which state that “(i) all teaching appointments in the University shall be made by selection on the basis of merit and efficiency, and (ii) all non-teaching appointments in the University shall be made on the basis of 50:50 *i.e* 50% by direct recruitment and 50%

by promotion.” Direct Recruitment shall be made on the basis of merit through open competition by advertising the posts and promotion shall be made on the basis of seniority-*cum*-fitness against those posts only where feeder posts are available otherwise these shall also be filled by direct recruitment (Annex-I).

In view of the above, all appointments in the university are being made on merit. However in compliance with the directive of the special Committee on Senate in its meeting held on 22-12-2012 at Parliament House, Islamabad the case regarding observance of provincial/regional quota, policy was placed before the Statutory Body of the university (*i.e* Syndicate), which was approved by the syndicate in its 158th meeting held on 11-02-2012. Thereafter the summary for observance of the said quota was submitted to the Chancellor (the President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan) on 29-03-2012 (Annex-II) which have been approved by the Chancellor last month. The said policy will be observed in the university.

In future the said provincial/regional quota will be strictly observed and non-teaching posts of direct recruitment will be filled accordingly.

(b) Prior to the aforesaid approval of the Syndicate/Chancellor, the President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, there existed no provincial/regional quota for appointments in the university. Now as indicated at Annex-II, the 19% quota has been reserved for Sindh province which will be implemented in future.

(c) The names and designation of the persons belonging to Sindh working in the university at present are given at Annex-III.

66. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 20-07-2012 at 09:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any programme of tour of Pakistan cricket team to India in near future, if so, when;*
- (b) *whether any foreign country has agreed to send its cricket team to Pakistan in near future; and*
- (c) *whether negotiations with any country are underway in connection with cricket series?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) The Pakistan Team is due to tour India in December, 2012 -January, 2013 for a series of 03 ODI matches and 02 T20 matches.

(b) Bangladesh has agreed to tour Pakistan subject to clearance of the Court Order staying their visit in March. Negotiations with other countries are underway.

(c) As mentioned above, PCB is in negotiations with a number of countries for visiting Pakistan to play cricket.

67. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-07-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that the Chinese Government has recently offered scholarships for Masters Programmes, if so, the details thereof;*

(b) *the names, designation, educational qualifications, experience and names of Ministries, Divisions and departments of the officers/officials who applied for those programmes and those selected; and*

(c) *the criteria adopted for selection of the said officers/officials?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) Yes, Chinese Govt. has recently offered two (02) scholarship for master degree programme in 2011 and four (04) in 2012. The detailed information, thereof, is attached at **Annex-I** and **II** for year 2011 and 2012 respectively.

(b) The requisite information is attached at **Annex-III** and **IV** for year 2011 and 2012 respectively.

(c) The Foreign Training Committee selected the said officers/officials for foreign training courses keeping in view the following:—

(i) Qualification.

(ii) Experience.

(iii) Age limit.

(iv) Relevance with the training programme.

(v) Conditions imposed by the sponsor as follows:—

a. Government Officials (BS-17 & Above).

b. Minimum a Bachelor degree in relevant field.

c. Three (03) years working experience.

d. Upto 45 years of age.

e. In good health free from any infectious disease.

68. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-07-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the names, designation and names of Ministries, Divisions and departments of the officers/officials sent abroad by the Government for training and short courses since July, 2010; and*

(b) *the criteria adopted for selection of the said officers/officials?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The requisite information is attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) The Foreign Training Committee selected the said officers/officials for foreign training courses keeping in view the following:—

- (i) Qualification
- (ii) Experience
- (iii) Age limit
- (iv) Relevance with the training programme
- (v) conditions imposed by the sponsor

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

69. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-07-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state the amount of loans and Financial assistance received from each country and international organizations by the incumbent government indicating also the terms and conditions for the same?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: The total amount of loans and financial assistance (loans+grants) received (disbursed) from each Country and International Organizations by the incumbent government during the period from 25th March, 2008 to 31st July, 2012 is **\$15,638 million** (excluding IMF).

Country & International Organization-wise details and terms & conditions are shown at **Annex-I** and **Annex II** respectively.

70. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-07-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide solar energy to traffic signals in Islamabad, if so, how many have been shifted to solar energy so far; and*
- (b) *the estimated cost of the said project?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) In consultation with Islamabad Traffic Police, a proposal for conversion of traffic signals on solar energy at different locations / crossings has already been initiated which is in process. Meanwhile, as a pilot project, traffic signals at Dhokri Chowk near Serena Hotel have been converted on solar energy.

(b) Estimated cost for conversion to solar power Traffic Signal varies from intersection to intersection. However, approximate cost is Rs, 0.800/- Million per intersection.

71. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 31-07-2012)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of Ministries / Divisions devolved in pursuance of 18th amendment in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; and*
- (b) *the names of new Ministries / Divisions established after the said amendment?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Under mentioned Seventeen (17) Ministries / Divisions have been devolved in pursuance of 18th amendments in the Constitution:—

- (1) Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.
- (2) Ministry of Population Welfare.
- (3) Ministry of Special Initiatives.
- (4) Ministry of Youth Affairs.
- (5) Ministry of Zakat and Ushr.
- (6) Ministry of Culture.
- (7) Ministry of Education.
- (8) Ministry of Livestock and Dairy Development.
- (9) Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education.
- (10) Ministry of Tourism.
- (11) Ministry of Environment.
- (12) Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

- (13) Ministry of Health.
- (14) Ministry of Labour and Manpower.
- (15) Ministry of Minorities Affairs.
- (16) Ministry of Sports.
- (17) Ministry of Women Development.

(b) Following Ministries / Divisions have been created after the said amendments:—

1. Ministry of National Harmony
2. Ministry of Human Resource Development
3. Ministry of Education and Trainings
4. Ministry of National Heritage and Integration
5. Ministry of Climate Change
6. Ministry of National Regulation and Services
7. Ministry of National Food Security and Research

72. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 31-07-2012)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to place ERRA under the administrative control of the Ministry for Climate Change?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: There is no such proposal under consideration to place ERRA under the administrative control of Ministry of Climate Change.

73. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 31-07-2012)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the functions of the Ministry for Climate Change and the defunct Ministry of Environment?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Functions assigned to Ministry of Climate Change:--

1. National Disaster Management Authority.
2. Pakistan Environmental Protection Council.
3. Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency.

4. Pakistan Environmental Planning and Architectural Consultants Limited (PEPAC).
5. Global Environmental Impact Study Centre, Islamabad.
6. National policy, plans strategies and programmes with regard to disaster management including environmental protection, preservation, pollution, ecology, forestry, wildlife, biodiversity, climate change and desertification.
7. Coordination, monitoring and implementation of environmental agreements with other countries, international agencies and forums.

Attached Departments

- (a) Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency.
- (b) Zoological Survey of Pakistan.

Functions performed / allocated to the defunct Ministry of Environment:—

1. National policy, plans, strategies and programmes regarding:
 - (a) Environmental pollution, ecology, forestry, wildlife, biodiversity, climate change and desertification;
 - (b) Improvement in environmental conditions of air, water and land;
 - (c) Incorporation of environmental concerns in development schemes; and
 - (d) energy conservations
2. Coordination, monitoring and implementation of environmental agreements with other countries, international agencies and forums
3. Forestry training, education and research
4. Survey and research in flora and fauna
5. Secretariat of Pakistan Environmental Protection Council established under the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997(XXXIV of 1997)
6. Pakistan Environmental Planning and Architectural Consultants Limited (PEPAC)
7. Quaid-e-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB) and Quaid-e-Azam Memorial Fund

Attached Departments

- (a) Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency.
- (b) National Council for Conservation of Wildlife in Pakistan.
- (c) Pakistan Forest Institute.
- (d) Zoological Survey of Pakistan.
- (e) National Energy Conservation Centre (ENERCON).
- (f) Marine Biological Research Laboratory, Karachi.
- (g) Global Environment Impact Study Centre, Islamabad.

74. ***Syed Zafar Ali Shah:** (Notice received on 02-08-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the names, designation, grades, date of appointment in the present grade and the date of superannuation of the officers in BPS-17 and above working in Income Tax Group in FBR?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: The requisite information relating to officers of Income Tax Group in BS-17,18,19 and 20 is placed at **Annexures-A, B, C & D** respectively.

75. ***Professor Sajid Mir:** (Notice received on 03-08-2012 at 14:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number and location of plots allotted for mosques in Federal Capital Territory from January 2008 to May 2012 indicating also the school of thought to which the same were allotted?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: As per available record, 18 mosque sites were finalized in various sectors of Islamabad during period 2008-2012. The mosque sites have been allocated to the Masjid Committees on the recommendations of Directorate of Auqaf ICT, Islamabad, falling under the administrative control of Ministry of Interior. The list of the mosques and Imam Bargah finalized by CDA during this period is annexed. However, the record regarding school of thought is maintained by Auqaf Directorate, ICT, and the same may be obtained from Ministry of Interior.

76. ***Professor Sajid Mir:** (Notice received on 03-08-2012 at 14:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state the details of funds provided to each International NGO presently working in Pakistan by the European donors during the financial year, 2011-12?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: • Details of funds provided to each INGO presently working in Pakistan by the European donors during the financial year 2011-12 is attached at Annex-I.

- This information consists of INGOs which are registered by EAD and has been obtained from Development Assistance Database (DAD) which is on line system maintained by EAD and updated by donors regularly.

77. ***Professor Sajid Mir:** (Notice received on 06-08-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to demolish and reconstruct flats in sectors G-6 and G-7, Islamabad, if so, the progress made so far in the case?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: No such proposal is under consideration.

1. ***Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount disbursed through the Benazir Income Support Programme so far with Province-wise and district-wise breakup;*
- (b) the criteria adopted for the disbursement of amount; and*
- (c) the names of the agency / agencies through which the amount was disbursed?*

Ms. Farzana Raja: (a) The total amount disbursed through Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) stands at Rs. 110 Billion (Phase-I plus Phase-II). The province wise and district wise breakup of payments is Annexed.

(b) Under Phase-I, the criteria for beneficiary targeting was based on the forms filled by individuals, which were provided to MNA's and MPA's by BISP. However, the forms were verified by NADRA by applying an exclusion and inclusion criterion. Under Phase-II, Poverty Scorecard Survey (PSS) was conducted across the country for the

purpose of beneficiary selection. At present, a family with a score of 16.17 or less stands qualified for receiving BISP financial assistance.

It is pertinent to mention that PSS is a complete census, covering the entire country and such a big exercise on poverty has been carried out in the history of the country. It conforms to World Bank's best practice criterion for selection of beneficiaries from poverty survey, and aims to rectify the shortcomings inherent in Phase-I beneficiary selection. In general, the selection criteria under Phase-I was arbitrary in nature in the sense that the selection of beneficiary was subject to the likes and dislikes of MNA's and MPA's, who distributed eligibility forms to individuals (provided to them by BISP). This method of selection clearly represented a situation where the system was open to abuse through political favoritism and undue political influence. Therefore, in lieu of these shortcomings, it was decided that beneficiary selection should be done through PSS.

(c) The following methods are in place for the provision of financial assistance to BISP's eligible beneficiaries:—

- (i) Through Pakistan Post.
- (ii) Through Smart Card (implemented in districts of Mianwali, Mirpurkhas, Multan and Sanghar) through UBL.
- (iii) Through Phone-to-Phone Banking (implemented in districts of Larkana (HBL), Layyah (UBL), Islamabad and Rawalpindi (Summit bank), and in Battagram (easypaisa).
- (iv) Through Benazir Debit Card (BDC), which was recently launched in February 2012. At present, disbursement through BDC is being made in 61 districts across the country. Nationwide implementation is planned to be completed by June, 2012. There are six partnering banks; namely, HBL, UBL, Al-Falah, Tameer bank, Summit bank, and Sindh bank.

2. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 14:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the amount of various taxes collected from mobile phone companies operating in the country during the last four years and details of its utilization with head-wise breakup?

Reply not received.

3. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 11-09-2012 at 09:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Board of Directors of CDA comprises of its own employees / functionaries;*
- (b) *the names and designation of the present members of the said board; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to constitute an independent board of directors of the authority, if so, its details?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) All the Members of the CDA Board are appointed by the Federal Government.

- (b) List of present Board Members is at **Annex-“A”**.

(c) The matter with regard to constitution of transparent CDA Board was discussed in the meeting of Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, which referred the matter to its Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee considered the issue in its meetings held on 4th & 6th September, 2012. The matter has not yet been finalized.

4. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 12-09-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to restore advance increment on acquiring higher qualification by Federal Government employees, if so, its details?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to restore advance increment to Government employees who possess higher qualifications. On the recommendations of Pay & Pension Committee – 2001 which reviewed the scheme of advance increments, the Government discontinued this scheme *w.e.f.* 1-12-2001.

5. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 12-09-2012 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount allocated in budget and released by the Federal Government to Pakistan Olympic Association, Pakistan Sports Board and various Sports Associations during the last four years with year-wise breakup;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that performance of Pakistani players / athletes in recent international sports events was deteriorating, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to ensure professionalism and merit in the said associations / boards?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijrani: (a) Pakistan Sports Board does not give regular annual and special grants to POA except grants for holding the biannual Pakistan National Games. It bears the entire expenses on training and participation of Pakistan Contingents in Olympic, Asian, SAF and other regional games. Details are attached at **Annex “A”**.

The last four (04) years grants allocated to Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) by Federal Government are attached at **Annex “B”**.

The grants released by the PSB to the National Sports Federations (NSFs) for the last four (04) years are attached at **Annex “C”**.

(b) The performance of Pakistani players in the recent past has shown downward trend in mega international events. Some of the main reasons are as under:—

- a. Lack of sporting infrastructure at the grass root level.
- b. Lack of sports activities in schools & colleges which are considered the best nurseries for producing a stream of budding sports persons.
- c. Poor physical standard of the sportspersons.
- d. High cost of standard sports equipments.
- e. Lack of services of top class professional coaches.
- f. The prevailing law and order situation in the country, as most of the foreign teams are reluctant to visit Pakistan.
- g. Lack of job opportunities to ensure a better living standard after retirement of the players from the competitive sports.
- h. Lack of accountability of National Sports Federations down to Provincial level.

(c) The Government is committed to provide maximum financial, technical and administrative support through PSB to the NSFs. The following are the principal areas through which the efforts are being made to improve the standard of sports in the country:—

- i. Enhanced efforts to implement National Sports policy.

- ii. Holding of National Training Camps for participation in future international sports events.
- iii. Cash awards to the medal winners.
- iv. Provision of services of foreign coaches as and when approached by the federations.
- v. Increase in annual and special grants of the NSFs.
- vi. Institution of Z.A Bhutto Sportsman of the year award and Mohtarma Shaheed Benazir Bhutto sportswoman of the years award.
- vii. Holding of all Pakistan Inter-Board Sports Festival.

PSB has established the sports medicine centre with the following aims:

- i. Screening of athletes for various disease/disabilities.
 - ii. Education of Athletes.
 - iii. Management of injuries.
 - iv. Testing the athletes randomly for doping.
6. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 13-09-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the steps taken by the Competitive Commission of Pakistan for protection of consumers in the country during 2010-11 and 2011-12 and the results achieved thereof?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: The following steps have been taken by Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) for protection of consumers in the country during 2010-11 and 2011-12:

2010-2011

- **19 Orders** were issued, out of which eight orders related to the prohibited agreements (Cartelization), four related to abuse of dominant position, two were about deceptive marketing practices, two regarding the clearance of mergers and two related to the non compliance of the orders of CCP.
- Two Policy Notes were issued *i.e.* one to the Civil Aviation Authority on entry fee at the Benazir Bhutto Airport, Islamabad and second to the Karachi Stock Exchange regarding their listing regulations.

- A total of **52 show cause notices** were issued to the companies, trade associations as well as individuals for violation of the Act. In total CCP has conducted **23 hearings** in various matters including the abuse of dominant position, prohibited agreements (cartelization), deceptive marketing practices and approval of mergers.
- **Six (6) inquiries** covering a wide range of commercial/economic activity were conducted; wherein violations of the Act have been pointed out. Approximately 10 other enquiries are in progress.
- **Three (3) search & inspections** were conducted to investigate prevalence of harmful collusive practices and to collect the evidence.
- **85 mergers and acquisitions** in total were cleared.
- **56 exemption certificates** in total in respect of prohibited agreements were granted.

2011-2012

- **Ten (10) Orders** were issued. Of these orders, **two (2)** orders related to the Prohibited Agreements (Cartelization) **three (3) orders related to the exemption of prohibited agreements, one (1) about Leniency, and three (3) orders related to deceptive marketing practices, and one for merger approval.**
- **Three Policy Notes** were issued *i.e.* one to the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan to assist in developing the new framework for cost accounting information sharing, second to the local authorities for the reform of price determination practice for fresh milk and third to the government of Punjab regarding the complete ban on the establishment of new sugar mills and on the expansion in the capacity of existing sugar mills;
- **110 show cause notices** in total were issued to the companies, trade associations as well as individuals for violations of the Act. **28 hearings** were conducted in various matters including the abuse of dominant position, prohibited agreements (cartelization), deceptive marketing practices and approval of mergers.
- **Nine (9) inquiry reports** covering a wide range of commercial/economic activity were conducted, wherein violations of the Act have been pointed out. Ten (10) other enquiries are in progress.

- **Four (4) search & inspections** were conducted to investigate prevalence of harmful collusive practices and to collect the evidence.
- **51 mergers and acquisitions** in total were cleared.
- **123 exemption certificates** in total were granted.

Achievements: The detail of achievements of CCP during the last two fiscal years is attached at Annexure-A

Annex-A

ACHIEVEMENTS

Most of the orders of the CCP have been complied with as under:—

- A fine of Rs. 23 Million was imposed on Pakistan Jute Mills Association and its members for operating as a price fixation cartel. The penalty so imposed was recovered and the tender terms of PASSCO and Punjab Food Department were also amended in compliance with the Order of CCP. The fine was deposited in the account of the Federal Government.
- The first ever leniency application was made to CCP by M/s Siemens (Pakistan) Engineering Company Limited and additional and corroboratory evidence in support of the evidence already with CCP were provided to unearth cartels of switchgear and distribution transformer market mainly procured by the public sector. The media has termed this as CCP' s regulatory breakthrough.
- In the matter of Bahria University, in compliance with the Order of CCP the Tie-in arrangement/Mandatory sale of laptops to the students was discontinued and the amount received (interest) from the students were paid back on prorata basis.
- In the matter of Trading Corporation of Pakistan, in compliance with the Order of the CCP, the tender terms and conditions regarding the import of sugar were amended.
- In the matter of abuse of dominant position by Tetra Pack Limited, in compliance with the Order of CCP, the practice of tie-in *i.e.* mandatory sale of packaging material with the packaging machine was discontinued and the agreements were amended and modified.
- In the matter of mandatory sale of coupons with the tickets at cinepax, the practice was discontinued and in compliance with the Order, five free screening for the underprivileged children was held.

- In the matter of price fixing cartel by All Pakistan Akhbar Farosh Federation, All Pakistan News Papers Society and in compliance with the Order of CCP the practice of price fixing was discontinued and to this effect proclamations were also published in the news papers.
- In all the matters of deceptive marketing practices by two major mobile operators *i.e.* M/s China Mobile Pakistan Ltd (ZONG) and M/s Pakistan Telecom Mobile Ltd (Ufone) pertaining to the dissemination of misleading and false information regarding call rates, CCP reprimanded their misleading marketing practices and safeguarded the interest of the consumer for the telecom services;
- In the matter of Askari Bank Ltd, United Bank Ltd, My Bank Ltd, Habib Bank Ltd wherein exorbitant and misleading rates were advertised by the Banks, CCP concluded the enquiry and declared such rates to be misleading and false and therefore safeguarded the interest of the general public and protected them from the misleading advertisement by Banks;
- In the matter of Proctor & Gamble Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd., CCP declared the claim of 100% dandruff free without any reasonable basis and directed the company to include certain disclaimers in their advertisements;
- The CCP took action of the fraudulent use of renowned trademarks of BMW and Harley Davidson by M/s. Ace Group of Industries on its website and products. The undertakings admitted its guilt and rectified its behaviour. Through this the consumers were infact protected from the counterfeit goods sold under the trademark or famous trademarks;
- CCP declared the claim of RITS Incorporation regarding one of its products for dandruff treatment to be lacking reasonable basis and ordered them to rectify the claim. The claim was rectified and the innocent consumers were protected from the products which cannot perform upto their claims.
- CCP declared the practice of placing tokens inside the pain packs by the paint manufacturers, to be deceptive and required them to advertise in leading news paper regarding the availability of token inside their pain packs and also to conspicuously put the information on the pain box regarding the token inside the box. The order has been complied with and the consumers have been informed about the existence of token.
- In the wake of dengue fever in Lahore, Bygone made a claim of being No. 1 in Pakistan in order to capitalize on the vary consumers, CCP declared the claim to be lacking reasonable basis and directed them to remove the claim from all of their advertisements. The claim was removed forthwith by the company.

7. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the amount allocated for disaster relief during the financial year 2011-12 and details of its utilization?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: During the financial year 2011-12 a token allocation of Rs.3.000 million was made under the head “Unforeseen Expenditure for Disaster Preparedness and Relief”. Subsequently to cope with the relief requirements the allocation was raised to Rs.35,333.665/- million through supplementary grant/technical supplementary grant as detailed below: —

8. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 17-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether the Government has any control over universities in public and private sector to which funds are provided by the Higher Education Commission, if so, its details?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Each university in Pakistan is established through an Act of Parliament which provides for representation of Government in the statutory bodies of the universities. In the case of Public. Universities, the President is the Chancellor of all Federal Universities while the Governors are Chancellors of respective Provincial Universities.

The governing bodies (Senate & Syndicate) have ministers, parliamentarians, high court judges and representatives of the provincial /federal governments on each of the above mentioned statutory bodies.

The Higher Education Commission has also been granted specific powers for improvement and promotion of higher education in the country and has been granted powers to—

- (a) Formulate policies, guiding principles and priorities for higher education Institutions for promotion of socio-economic development of the country;
- (b) cause evaluation of the performance of Institutions;
- (c) prepare through consultation with the Institutions, plans for the development of higher education and express its opinion on all the matters relating thereto;
- (d) prescribe conditions under which Institutions, including those that are not part of the State educational system, may be opened and operated;

and the powers listed in Section 10 of the Higher Education Commission Ordinance No. LIII of 2002 (copy annexed) validated under Article 270 AA of the Constitution.

9. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 17-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to eliminate corruption from FBR and the departments under its administrative control?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: In order to eliminate corruption from FBR and the departments under its administrative control the following steps have been taken:—

- i. Introduction of self assessment schemes in all taxes.
 - ii. Automation of business processes to minimize interaction between taxpayers and tax collectors.
 - iii. Simplification of tax laws and procedures.
 - iv. Taxpayer's education and facilitation.
 - v. Strengthening of Directorates General of Intelligence and Investigation for Inland Revenue & Customs with the objective of arresting the menace of corruption.
 - vi. Initiation of disciplinary proceedings against complaints received from taxpayers, courts etc. and conducting departmental inquiries at a faster pace to penalize the delinquent officials/officers as per provisions of the Government Servants (E&D) Rules, 1973 and the Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1964.
 - vii. Introduction of special pay & allowances for employees to bring salary as per living wage standard to satisfy their economic needs, rewards and bonus schemes for outstanding and honest performers.
 - viii. Integrity Management trainings and conducting the seminars for the employees to manage the integrity issues.
10. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 17-09-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which Benazir Income Support Programme was launched; and*

(b) *the disbursed amount spent through the programme during the last five financial years with year-wise break up?*

Ms. Farzana Raja: (a) BISP was launched in October 2008 as Pakistan's largest Social Safety Net Program. It is the most comprehensive effort of its kind in Pakistan till date.

(b) Since BISP was launched in October 2008, it has completed only four years (by fiscal year) since its inception. Year wise breakup of financial transfers by BISP to its eligible beneficiaries is stated at Annexure-A.

11. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-09-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

(a) *the amount of remittances received from abroad since 2008 with year-wise break up;*

(b) *the names of the countries from where the major portion of amount of remittances was received; and*

(c) *the steps being taken by the Government to increase the flow of remittances?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) An amount of US\$ 47.54 billion has been received from abroad since 2008. Year-wise break-up is as follows:—

FY	Home Remittances (billion US Dollars)	Percentage increase over last year
2007-08	6.45	17 %
2008-09	7.81	21 %
2009-10	8.90	14 %
1010-11	11.20	26 %
2011-12	13.18	18 %
Total	47.54	

(b) Major amount of remittances was received from UAE, USA, Saudi Arabia, U.K. European Union Countries, Canada, Australia, Norway, Switzerland and Japan.

(c) In order to increase flow of remittances, following steps have/are been/being taken by Finance Division to:—

- The Government of Pakistan initiated paying Telegraphic Transfer (T.T) charges on home remittances sent through banking channels. An amount of Rs.2203.456 and Rs. 4357.00 million were released during 2010-11 and 2011-12, respectively, while Rs.5.00 billion have been allocated for financial year 2012-13.
- The Banks in Pakistan enter into remittance specific arrangement with overseas entities for mobilization of free remittance under the above scheme.
- Automatic delivery of home remittances in beneficiary account/over the counter system in real time; generating confirmation SMS to the beneficiary.
- Development of robust and reliable Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Network to offer an option to the beneficiary of home remittances to withdraw cash even after banking hours and holidays.
- Development of integrated and secured payment system infrastructure of Alternate Delivery Channels (ATM Point of Sale (POS), Interactive voice response (IVR), Call Centre, Mobile Banking) offering the option to the beneficiary of home remittances to make person to person (P2P) payments.

12. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- the names and addresses of persons, land owners, firms and educational institutions whose allotted plots have been transferred / changed from one sector to an other in Islamabad by CDA since 15th March, 2008 indicating also the locations of the said plots with sector-wise breakup; and*
- the procedure and criteria adopted for the transfer / change of the said plots?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The allotted plots changed from one sector to another sector in Islamabad by CDA are as under:—

Residential:

Only seven retired officers of CDA were allotted plots in Sector I-10, Islamabad in lieu of Sector I-11, Islamabad, on the direction of Supreme Court of Pakistan during the period from 15-03-2008 till date. List is at **Annex- “A”**.

Commercial:

Only one Plot No. 13-G Markaz F-8, Islamabad was changed with Plot No. 13-Y, Markaz F-7, Islamabad in the name of Ch Muhammad Aslam S/o Ch. Shah Muhammad, House No 2, Street No. 43, F-8/1, Islamabad.

Residential:

The residential plots were changed from I-11 to I-10 sector on the direction of Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Commercial:

The commercial plot was changed with the approval of CDA Board.

13. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether financial assistance under BISP is being provided to all the persons recommended by each Parliamentarian, if not, its reasons?

Ms. Farzana Raja: Benazir Income Support Programme was launched by the Government in 2008 to support and protect poorest segment of the population. At the start of the Programme in July 2008, no reliable data was available for the identification of the underprivileged and vulnerable persons in the country. The task of identification of the potential beneficiaries of BISP was therefore entrusted to the Parliamentarians in what was the Phase One of Targeting. Application Forms were distributed among the Parliamentarians in equal number (8000 forms to each member of the National Assembly and Senate and 1000 forms to each member of the Provincial Assemblies). irrespective of party affiliation. The forms received were verified through NADRA database and 2.2 million families were found eligible for cash transfers. There were a number of reasons for starting phase-II of the Programme. As Parliamentarians didn't have any scientific tool to evaluate the status of applying family which resulted into large number of rejections. Moreover, equal number of forms for enrolling poorest families were provided to each and every Parliamentarian whereas poverty status of each and every area/district was not same thus leaving out many deserving families from BISP net.

However, in order to make targeting of the poorest in the society more objective and transparent, BISP adopted the World Bank approved instrument named "Poverty Scorecard" for identification of the poorest. Poverty Scorecard is based on Proxy Mean Testing for the selection of deprived/poorest families. A Poverty survey/census was carried out across Pakistan, starting in 2009, with the technical assistance of the World Bank using this scorecard. After completion of 'Poverty scorecard Survey in June 2010, cash transfers to the beneficiaries under phase one were stopped and cash transfers were initiated for beneficiary families found eligible under 'Poverty scorecard Survey'.

Identification of poorest families through the method of 'Poverty scorecard Survey' has ensured;

- All families across Pakistan have equal chances to avail the benefits of the Programme (resulting in reducing inclusion and exclusion errors).
- Minimize the inclusion of non-deserving persons through the use of technically superior tool of Poverty Scorecard for targeting.
- 100% coverage of population in Pakistan.
- Creation of 'National Socio and economic Registry' containing vital socio economic data of families across Pakistan which if used can help in better socio-economic planning and delivery of social services for poverty eradication and economic development of the country.
- Mapped data which can help in speedy and efficient delivery of relief goods and services in times of natural calamities like earthquake and floods etc.

BISP proudly share that its scientific targeting mechanism & transparent operations have attracted worldwide appreciation. The credibility of BISP can be gauged from the fact that many countries have requested BISP for technical assistance for replicating the BISP model of social safety net in their countries.

14. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to use solid waste of the capital city as a source for renewable energy, if so, the details thereof?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: To explore the potential of solid waste of Islamabad for generation of energy, on the request of CDA, an initial study is being conducted by Infrastructure Project Development Facility (IPDF), a company working under Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan. Appropriate decision will be taken in the light of the final recommendations of the study for establishment of such a facility to produce energy utilizing the solid waste of the city, if found feasible, preferably on public-private partnership basis.

15. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the details of measures introduced in the current budget to reduce the non-development expenditures in the civil administration?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: The Government enforced following economy measures in current expenditure for Financial year 2011-12 as well as current financial year 2012-13:—

- (1) There is a ban on new recruitment.
- (2) There is a ban on purchase of physical assets including all types of vehicles. Ban on purchase of vehicles is also applicable to development expenditure.
- (3) Expenditure on traveling allowance, stationery, entertainment, advertisement, repair/ maintenance and utilities has been curtailed by 20% of budget estimates.
- (4) Entitlement of periodical, magazines etc. of all officers has been withdrawn. Only one copy of periodical/magazine will be available in the library of each Ministry/Division/Department/ Organization for reference purposes. Only one daily newspaper will be allowed to the entitled officers.
- (5) Principal Accounting Officers will ensure rationalization of utility bills.
- (6) Both sides of Papers to be used.
- (7) Serving of official lunches/dinners has been restricted.
- (8) Ministries/Divisions are not authorized to reappropriate funds from the above mentioned heads of expenditure.

16. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the functions of the Ministry of National Heritage and Integration and the defunct Ministry of Culture?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: *A. Functions assigned to Ministry of National Heritage and Integration:—*

1. (i) National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage of Pakistan (Lok Virsa). (ii) Pakistan National Council of Arts.
2. Cultural pacts and protocols with other countries.
3. International agreements and assistance in the field of archaeology, national museums and historical monuments declared to be of national importance.
4. Federal Land Commission.
5. Quaid-e-Azam Papers Wing.

6. Pakistan Academy of Letters.
7. National Language Authority, Urdu Dictionary Board and Urdu Science Board.
8. National and other languages used for official purposes.
9. Quaid-e-Azam Academy.
10. Aiwan-i-Iqbal and Iqbal Academy Pakistan.
11. Quaid-e-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB).
12. Quaid-e-Azam Memorial Fund.

Attached Departments

Department of Archaeology and Museums

B. Functions performed / allocated to the defunct Ministry of Culture:—

1. Financial assistance to arts organizations, artists and journalists.
2. Pride of Performance Award in the field of Arts
3. Archaeology, national museums and historical monuments declared to be of national importance.
4. (i) Promotion of education in arts and culture including all matters pertaining to the privately sponsored dancing and cultural troupes going abroad on commercial basis; development of arts councils, institutions and galleries.

(ii) Pakistan National Council of Arts, National Institute of Folks and Traditional Heritage of Pakistan.
5. Cultural Pacts and Protocols with other countries and their implementation.
6. Development and control of film industry.
7. Administration of the [Motion Pictures Ordinance, 1979 (XLIII of 1979)].
8. Establishment of Cultural Centres.
9. Administrative control of Quaid-e-Azam Academy.

10. Authority for Preservation of Moenjodaro.

11. Aiwan-e-Iqbal and Iqbal Academy Pakistan
Attached Departments

1. Department of Archaeology.
2. Central Board of Film Censors.

17. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the average percentage of increase in the project cost of PSDP projects completed during the financial years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12?

Reply not received.

18. ***Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012 at 14:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to ensure the supply of anti-snake venom to each Basic Health Unit and Rural Health Center in the country through the National Institute of Health?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: i. The National Institute of Health (NIH), Islamabad has supplied a total of 17,020 vials of Anti-Snake Venom Serum (ASVS) between 1st January 2012 to 28th September 2012 to the Provincial & District Health Departments as per details attached at Annexure-I. These would be sufficient for about 6000 snake bite cases.

ii. In view of the increased ASVS demands because of huge increase in population size of the country, the NIH submitted a revised PC-I on 3rd April 2009 at a cost of Rs. 497.700 million to establish a state-of-the-art Sera Processing Laboratory, which was approved on 14th March 2012. After completion by 2015, depending on the flow of funds, the said Laboratory will be able to produce up to 100,000 (10 ml vials) ASVS vials annually. The implementation of PC-1 is underway.

iii. The ASVS is supplied to the Executive District Officers (Health) on their demand for further utilisation. The Basic Health Units (BHUs) and Rural Health Centres (RHCs) are administratively and technically run by the respective District Health Departments.

iv. It is a well-known scientific fact that the peak season for snakebite in Pakistan is during summer and monsoon. The Provincial & District Health Departments, especially after the 18th Amendment, may handle the situation regarding Snakebite cases by realistic stockpiling of ASVS on the basis of past experience.

v. In case of genuine need, the respective Departments may stockpile ASVS, like other life saving drugs by procuring from the open market in addition to sending demands to National Institute of Health, Islamabad.

vi. The supplementary material attached at Annex-II.

ISLAMABAD :
The 8th October, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Tuesday, the 9th October, 2012

(Question No. 1 was originally set down for answering on 7th September, 2012 (85th Session) but was deferred)

1. **Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 25-07-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that orderly allowance admissible to the officers in BPS-20 to 22 is admissible to them after retirement, if so, whether the recent increase made in the said allowance will be admissible to those officers who stood retired on or before 30th June, 2012, if not, its reasons?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh: Orderly Allowance is admissible to serving Officers in BPS-20 to BPS-22. As per policy issued by Finance Division *vide* O.M. No. F. 1(2)-Reg.6/91 dated 29th September, 1991 (**Annex-I**), they are entitled on retirement *w.e.f.* 19-02-1991, for a Special Additional Pension equal to the admissible pre-retirement orderly allowance. The recent increase made in orderly allowance (**Annex-II**) will be admissible *w.e.f.* 01-07-2012 to serving officers in BPS -20 to BPS-22. However, the officers of the same grade will be entitled on their retirement on or after 01-07-2012 to Special Additional Pension equal to the said enhanced rate of pre-retirement orderly allowance.

Some requests have been received from the pensioners who retired in the said grades on or before 30-06-2012 for allowing them special additional pension equal to the increased rate of orderly allowance. These requests are under consideration of the Finance Division.

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The 8th October, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.