

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 17th October, 2012

@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.

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

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development 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?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: Details of year and company-wise amount of tax paid on declared income by the mobile companies provided by FBR is attached as **Annex-A**.

Under Article 78 of Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan all revenues received by the federal government form a part of the Federal Consolidated Fund. The receipts from various taxes collected from mobile phone companies operating in the country, therefore, become a part of the Federal Consolidated Fund. To be more specific, this revenue forms part of the overall balance in the Federal Consolidated Fund, from where all expenditures are authorized by the National Assembly. As such, it is not possible to correlate specific receipts with specific expenditures. However, the summary regarding head-wise breakup of federal government expenditures over the past four years is attached as **Annex-B**.

@17. ***Syeda Sughara 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.

84. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to control grey trafficking (long distance calls made through illegal means) in the country?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The illegal/grey call termination has been continuously on the declining side. This has become possible, due to numerous steps taken by PTA including installation of international traffic monitoring system, raids and rate revision of international traffic termination. This resulted in increase of legal international incoming traffic from 500 million minutes/month to 1.6 billion minutes/month.

PTA Steps to Control Grey Trafficking

The detail of both Technical and Regulatory steps taken by PTA to control said practice are:

Regulatory Steps

- As per provision of De-Regulation Policy, PTA reviews the Approved Settlement Rate (ASR) at which licensed operators - obtain traffic from foreign carriers.
- High ASR is considered to be main incentive for grey trafficking. In this regard, PTA has steadily decreased ASR and APC rate over the period in order to control grey traffic.
- The presence of APC provides artificial margin to grey operators and incentivize them to do illegal business.
- PTA gradually reduced the level of APC which was 7.5 US cents per minute in February 2009. The APC is now just 1.25 US cents per minute.
- Due to this decrease, the volume of legal traffic increased from 500 million minutes per month to more than 1.6 billion minutes per month. This implies substantial decrease the grey traffic.

Technical Steps

- To curb Grey traffic, PTA has deployed a Technical System for monitoring and reconciliation of International Telephone Traffic with the funding of LDI operators. The system is operational since 1st May 2008.
- The initial Contract of the System was signed in September 2007 and the System became operational in May 2008 and became fully functional in 2009.
- It monitors Internet Protocols (IPs) and automatically blocks any unauthorized IP carrying voice traffic.
- It also generates reports of any setup with irregular traffic patterns which is shared with FIA for raid action.
- Since March 2009, PTA has identified more than one hundred and fifty (150) Illegal operators' / setups and carried out 66 joint raids with FIA throughout the country.
- PTA has also taken action against licensed operators involved in illegal business and subsequently imposed fine of Rs. 910 Million to four operators besides suspension of license of two operators.
- Currently, FIA is prosecuting the culprits in the court of law.

85. *Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq: (Notice received on 13-09-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- whether it is a fact that CDA has not sufficient infrastructure to lift entire solid waste from Islamabad regularly, if so, its reasons and the steps being taken by the Government to improve it; and*
- whether it is also a fact that proper arrangements for dumping solid waste in Islamabad do not exist, if so, its reasons and the time such arrangements will be made?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) No, this is not correct. CDA has sufficient infrastructure in terms of machinery and manpower to provide sanitation services in Municipal Limits of Islamabad.

About 2200 sanitary workers & 100 supervisory staff take part in the daily operation. Furthermore, currently 150 skips, 1500 garbage trolleys & 3000 dustbins are being used for temporary storage and 12 Refuse Packers, 09 skip lifters & 23 dump trucks & trolleys are being used for transportation purpose.

(b) At present, Municipal solid waste is dumped at temporary site in Sector I-12, Islamabad. Entire Waste is buried on daily basis to avoid any adverse environmental impact. As per CDA Board decision, an alternate site is being identified for the purpose.

86. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 13-09-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is fact that Federal Tax Ombudsman has initiated enquiries into two accounts of FBR;

(i) withholding legitimate refunds to taxpayers in order to report larger tax collection; and

(ii) misreporting of tax collection, if so, the present stage of enquiries?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (i) Yes, it is a fact that the honourable FTO *vide suo moto* notice No.101/Isd/SuoMoto (06)/962/2011 had taken up the issue of delay in issuance of refund notice is annexed.

(ii) Presently the FTO is strictly monitoring the monthly progress report about reduction in liquidity of pending refunds. The FBR has also informed the field units that deliberate delay in finalization of refund claims shall not be tolerated and concerned officials shall be held personally liable for such acts.

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

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

(a) the procedure laid down for granting admission in each university under the administrative control of Federal Government; and

(b) whether any provincial quota has been fixed for admission in those universities, if so, its details?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Each university in Pakistan is established through an Act of Parliament which provides for representation of Government in the statutory bodies of the universities. All the rules/regulations/procedure are approved by the statutory bodies of the Universities. The admission procedure of each university is also approved by its statutory bodies and is available on university websites as well.

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

(b) 5 Federal universities offer admissions on quota basis whereas 15 federal universities have no quota's and follow/observe merit only policy in admissions (**Annex-I**).

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

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state the amount received as aid from foreign countries for the flood affectees in the country during the last three years?

Reply not received.

89. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Co-ordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the sources of income of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB); and*
- (b) the income and expenditure of the board during the last five years with year-wise and head-wise break-up?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) PCB generates its own funds & does not take any government grant.

Major Heads of PCB's income are:—

- Television rights
- Advertisements, Sponsorship and Logo Income
- Participation Fee of ICC Tournaments
- Return on Investments
- Rental Income
- Gate Money
- Radio, Telephone, Internet & audio streaming rights
- Domestic Tournaments Entry Fee

(b) Income and expenditure detail of the Board during the last five years with year-wise and head-wise break up is attached as Annex- 'A'.

90. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to allow the doctors of Government hospitals in Islamabad to carry out private practice in their hospitals after hospital timings, if so, its details?

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: There is no proposal under consideration to allow the doctors of Government Hospitals in Islamabad to carry out private practice in their respective hospital after hospital timings.

91. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether the amount of taxes and fuel surcharges collected by private airlines in the country goes to the government account;*
- (b) if so, the revenue received since 2008; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal to review the said policy; if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

92. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the steps taken by the CDA to overcome the shortage of water in Islamabad; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the CDA to replace the rusty and outdated water supply pipelines in Islamabad?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) (i) To overcome water shortage in Islamabad, a proposal for Conduction of Water from Indus River System Tarbella to Islamabad is being examined in consultation with concerned stakeholders.

(ii) A project "Conduction of water from Shah Allah Ditta Reservoir to different sectors of Islamabad" has been awarded to the contractor. The contractor has completed 75% work. But, due to the non availability of safe possession of land, remaining 25% work could not be completed till to date, After its completion, the said project will serve 13 Sector 13 Sectors such as D-12, E-11, E-12, F-11, F-12, G-12, G-13, G-14, G-15, H-12, I-14, I-15 & I-16.

(b) CDA has also prepared a project for replacement of outdated rusty water supply pipelines in the city. This project is part of the main project explained at part (a) of the Question and will be undertaken alongwith the main project.

93. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 24-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the places earmarked for treatment of fats and entrails of animals in Islamabad?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Following locations have been tentatively selected for burial of entrails, offals and carcasses of sacrificial animals on the eve of forthcoming, Eid-ul-Azha 2012:—

- (i) Green area near Quaid-e-Azam University.
- (ii) Green area near Sports Complex.
- (iii) Saidpur Village near Bakra Mandi.
- (iv) Green area H-9 opposite Federal Directorate of Education.
- (v) Green area H-10 near MPO.
- (vi) Green area between H-8 & I-8.
- (vii) Green area between I-9/2 & I-10/3.
- (viii) Green area near Margalla Town
- (ix) Green area near Rawal Town.

94. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 25-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) the funds provided by the Government to each University in public and private sector from 2008 to 2012; and

(b) the criteria laid down for provision of funds to Universities?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The funds provided by the Government to each public sector universities from 2008 to 2012, are given below:—

(Rs. In Billion)

Year	Recurring	Development	Total
2008-09	15.766	16.417	32.183
2009-10	22.544	11.303	33.847
2010-11	29.057	14.064	43.121
2011-12	25.413	09.763	35.176

Total	92.780	51.547	144.327
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The head wise details of Recurring and Development Funds for each year are at Annex-I & II respectively.

HEC do not provide funds to the private sector universities.

(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.

95. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 25-09-2012 at 09:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of the persons appointed on deputation basis in FBR during the last four years indicating also the designation, BPS and post held by them in their, parent departments and those against which their services were requisitioned, duration of deputation and place of posting in FBR;*
- (b) *the competent authority which requisitioned the services of the said persons; and*
- (c) *whether any law allows appointment on deputation basis, if so, its details?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) Names of persons appointed on deputation in FBR during the last four years alongwith details of their designation/ BPS and posts held by them in their parent department and in FBR is placed at **Annex-I**.

(b) Secretary, Revenue Division/Chairman, FBR.

(c) Section 10 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973 and Rule 20-A of the Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1973 allows appointment of Civil Servants and employees of Provincial Governments or Autonomous, Semi Autonomous Bodies or Corporation or any other Organization set-up, established owned, managed or controlled by the Federal Government who possess the minimum educational qualifications, experience or compareable length of service prescribed for the post concerned.

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

96. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 25-09-2012 at 09:45 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 increase medical allowance of the Government employees and pensioners in BPS-17 and above?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: There is no proposal under consideration by the Government to increase medical allowance of the Government employees and pensioners in BPS-17 and above as they have been sufficiently compensated during financial year 2012-13:

- (a) 20% Raise in salary
 - (b) Raise in Conveyance Allowance
 - (c) Raise in Overtime Allowance
97. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-09-2012 at 09:15 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 2008 to 2012 with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for selection of those students?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) A total of 3568 overseas scholarships were awarded from 2008 to 2012 in various undergraduates, postgraduates, IRSIP, PhDs and post Doctorate Overseas Scholarship schemes by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The province-wise break up of these scholars is attached at **(Annex-A)**.

(b) All HEC overseas scholarship schemes were advertised in National dailies as well as on HEC website. The selection up to June, 2011 was made on open merit for all the provinces as approved by the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC), Government of Pakistan in PC-1s of the development project. Since July, 2011 the overseas Scholarships (OSS-II and UESTP) as well as Indigenous 5000 scholarships are awarded on the basis of approved provincial / regional quota as per federal Govt. quota policy **(Annex-B)**. Further, the selection procedure is at **(Annex-C)**.

ISLAMABAD :
The 16th October, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Wednesday, the 17th October, 2012

2. **Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 24-09-2012 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the rate of pension that was admissible to the widows of employees of State Bank of Pakistan from 2006 to 2010;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that pension of widows was increased from July 2011 but the increase was not given to the widows whose husbands died in or before May 2011;*
- (c) whether the pension rules apply on the employees of all regional branches of the Bank or otherwise; and*
- (d) the rate of increase made in the pension of the widows this year?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 16th October, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.