

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 8th November, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

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| (i) | Question No. 33 | : | Set down for answering on 11th July, 2012 |
| (ii) | Question No. 18 | : | Set down for answering on 4th September, 2012 |
| (iii) | Question No. 68 | : | Set down for answering on 16th October, 2012] |

33. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 04-06-2012 at 16:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the names of countries with which Pakistan has dual citizenship agreements indicating also the year of enactment of agreement with each country?

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: The Government of Pakistan has dual nationality arrangements with sixteen (16) countries as per “**Annex-A**” indicating the year of commencement of the arrangements country-wise.

18. ***Hafiz Hamdullah:** (Notice received on 18-07-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *whether or not drone attacks are taking place under agreement, the date since when these attacks are taking place and the number of casualties occurred so far in these attacks indicating separately the number of civilian casualties and the number of terrorists being killed; and*

(b) *the time up till which these attacks will continue and whether there is any strategy underway to stop these attacks or they will continue as usual?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) Ministry of Defence has not made any agreement with any foreign Government permitting drone attacks in Pakistan. In the absence of any agreement, exact date of the commencement of drone strike inside Pakistan is not available in the records of the Ministry of Defence. The number of casualties occurred so far in these attacks indicating separately the number of civilian casualties and number of terrorists being killed may be requested from the concerned Political Administration and the Ministry of States and Frontier Region.

(b) As these drone strikes are being made without the consent of the Government of Pakistan and its armed forces, therefore no exact time limit can be given about their termination. The Government of Pakistan and the leadership of the Armed Forces have repeatedly raised the drones issue and the need for their immediate cessation with the US Government and its military authorities. In this regard, the Government has a well thought out strategy for the cessation of these strikes as these are highly counter productive in the context of our efforts to combat terrorism and restoration of normalcy in our affected areas. In addition, it has also repeatedly been emphasized by the Government that continuation of drone strikes in Pakistan leads to negative public opinion, being unacceptable to the people of Pakistan.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that restrictions on visit visas for Pakistan and India are being relaxed on reciprocal basis, if so, its details; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of both the countries to give special concession in the said visas to the senior citizens particularly those who were born and brought up in other country, if so, its details?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) Yes.

- (i) Number of cities to be visited has been increased from three to five.
 - (ii) Period of stay has also increased for maximum from three months to six months.
 - (iii) Grant of visa for a longer period of up to two years with multiple entries to:—
 - (a) Senior citizens (those above 65 years old).
 - (b) National of one country, married to a national of the other country.
 - (c) Children below 12 years of age accompanying parents as given in above (b).
- (b) Yes.
- (i) The visitor visa will be issued to senior citizens (those above 65 years old) for a period up to two years with multiple entries and also exempted from Police Reporting.
 - (ii) Issuance of visa on arrival at Attari / Wagha Check-post.

1. ***Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 18-10-2012 at 20:32 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that two Aircrafts of Pakistan Air Force were used for traveling by the Former Prime Minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani and Makhdoom Amin Fahim, Qamar Zaman Kaira and others to attend the PPP rally at Hyderabad on 15th October, 2012;*
- (b) *if so, the authority which authorized the loaning of Aircrafts;*
- (c) *expenses incurred on the transportation of the PP Leaders; and*
- (d) *the person or the authority that paid the bill of the expenditure?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) PAF Aircraft was **authorized & approved by the Prime Minister of Pakistan** for Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira, Minister for Information & Broadcasting. On 15th October 2012, it is intimated that **single** CN-235 (CASA) aircraft was utilized from Islamabad, Hyderabad, Karachi and Islamabad on same day.

(b) Entitlement of PAF special flights are arranged for the President Prime Minister and Ministers of Pakistan in accordance with relevant rules and instruction.

(c) & (d) In accordance with prevalent instructions of Government of Pakistan the flights authorized by the President or Prime Minister are not charged by PAF.

2. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether the persons having dual nationality are eligible for appointment in Armed Forces of Pakistan?

Syed Naveed Qamar: The information for the above mentioned question are being collected from the concerned quarter and will be replied on the next Rota Day. It is, therefore, requested to defer the question.

3. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Regulations and Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the qualifications and experience prescribed for the posts of Director, Civil Surgeon, Airport Health Officer and Sea Port Health Officer under Central Health Establishment Karachi, and*

(b) *the names, qualifications and experience of the persons presently working against the said posts?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) Statement showing the detail of qualification and experience prescribed for the posts of director, civil surgeon, Airport Health Officer and Sea Port Health Officer are hereby enclosed at (ANNEXURE-A).

(b) Statement showing the names, qualification and experience for the posts of director, civil surgeon, Airport Health Officers and Sea Port Health Officer are hereby enclosed at (ANNEXURE-B).

4. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Regulations and Services be pleased to state the names, functions and location of departments and projects under the administrative control of the Ministry?

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan:

5. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of domestic and international flights of PIA that were delayed from 1st January to 30th October, 2012 indicating also the causes of delay in each case; and*

(b) *the losses suffered by PIA due to such delay?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) Out of 38336 flights, a total number of 16505 domestic and international flights of PIA were delayed from 1st January to 30th October, 2012. Following were the main causes of delay:—

(i) Weather conditions.

(ii) Operational limitations like non availability of aircraft, poor passengers load, and security checks etc.

(iii) Technical reasons.

(b) Losses suffered by PIA from January 2012 to September, 2012 are approximately PKR 198 (M). This does not include October, 2012 which is under compilation.

6. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the criteria laid down for appointment of National Commandant of National Counter Terrorism Authority;*
- (b) *the qualifications laid down, for appointment against the said post;*
- (c) *the number of persons working on deputation, contract and regular basis in the Authority with province-wise breakup;*
- (d) *the procedure adopted for the selection / appointment of the said persons; and*
- (e) *the present status of the said organization?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) The draft legislation states the following:-
“The National Coordinator of the authority is appointed by the Federal Government”.

(b) The National Coordinator shall be an eminent professional of known integrity and competence (BS-22) with substantial experience in civil law enforcement at Federal or Provincial level.

(c) The summary of number of persons working on deputation, contract regular basis in the authority with province wise break-up is as under:-
(Detail is annexed).

	Regular	Deputation	Contract Basis
Punjab	15	17	2
Sindh	3	1	
KPK	4	7	
Balochistan	3		
ICT	29	3	
AJ&K	1		
Gilgat-Baltistan		1	
Total	55	29	2

(d) Officers/staff are appointed/posted through transfer from other departments on deputation in view of their qualifications, experience and relevance to counter terrorism, counter extremism and financial matters. Ministry of Interior has acquired-services of 55 officials, who are working on regular basis.

(e) Draft NACTA legislation has been prepared after incorporating recommendations of a cabinet committee comprising of Minister for Interior, IPC, Law and SAFRON in February, 2012. It is now ready for placement before the Cabinet for its consideration/ approval.

7. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *the amount allocated for renovation / repairing of airports in the country since 2010; and*

(b) *the number of projects for renovation / repairing of airports launched and completed during the said period?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) Details of re-habilitation/repair works expenditure at defferent airports (from 2010—2012.

8. ***Mr. Hidayat Ullah:** (Notice received on 23-10-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state whether Levies Sepoys are working as Clerks in FATA, if so, agency-wise details thereof?

Engr. Shaukat Ullah: The following Levy/Khassadars Sepoys are working as Clerks in FATA:

1. Kurram agency.	Levies.	148
	Khassadars.	07
2. Bajaur Agency.	Levies.	18
3. Orakzai.	Levies.	13
	Total:-	186

The details given by FATA Secretariat is annexed..

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

ISLAMABAD :
The 7th November, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Thursday, the 8th November, 2012

1. **Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact Adda fee is being charged from public transport vehicles on GT Road at Rawat which is situated in ICT, if so, its reasons?

Reply not received.

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