

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 22nd January, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos. 44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 57, 60, 62 and 22 were originally set down for answering on 19th December, 2012 (88th Session) but were deferred)

44. ***Eng. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the details of electrification work carried out in Kurram Agency under the Annual Development- Programmes for FATA and PWP-I (PM Directives) and PWP-II (development schemes of MNA's and Senators) since 2007?

Engr. Shaukat Ullah: The following electrification schemes have been completed in Kurram Agency as intimated by TESCO:—

Year	FATA ADP	PWP-I	PWP-II
2007-08	24	—	—
2008-09	03	—	17
2009-10	06	—	55
2010-11	05	01	78
2011-12	04	01	22
Total	42	02	172

Detail of schemes of Kurram Agency is annexed.

46. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister, for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether accounts of PIA have been audited during the last five financial years, if so, the details of irregularities, if any, pointed out in audit reports; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in those irregularities and action taken against them?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) PIA accounts are audited by statutory auditors *i.e.* D.G. Commercial Audit under AGP. Following Audit Paras have been raised by the Auditor General of Pakistan:—

(b) Details of cases in which malpractice/embezzlement reported and action taken by PIA is as under:—

48. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja :** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of medicines, equipments and other material purchased for Directorate of Central Health Establishment Karachi during the last five years indicating also the value of each item and name of supplier in each case;*
- (b) *whether audit of the accounts of that Directorate for the said period has been conducted, if so, whether any misappropriation in the purchases surfaced, if so, the names of the persons found involved and action taken against them;*
- (c) *the procedure adopted for the said purchases; and*
- (d) *the names and designation of the members of purchase committee which purchased the said items?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) The details of medicines, equipments, purchased for Directorate Central Health Establishment, Karachi during last five years are enclosed at **Annex-A**.

(b) Audit of the Accounts of this Directorate being conducted by the Audit Department regularly on year to year basis. No misappropriation in the purchases has yet been raised by Audit Office.

(c) All purchases have been made as per PPRA Rules 2004

(d) Names and Designation of the members of purchase Committee are enclosed at **Annex-B**.

49. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Regulations and Services be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.3, replied on 8th November, 2012 and state whether it is also a fact that the incumbent Director, Directorate of Central Health Establishment Karachi, BS-18 officer, does not possess prescribed qualification of post graduation, if so, the time by which qualified person will be posted?

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: Appointment /promotion of BPS-17 and above Officers is responsibility of relevant Ministry, F.P.S.C. and Establishment Division as well. The existing Officer has been posted as Director Central Health Establishment, Karachi by defunct Ministry of Health, Islamabad.

50. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Central Health Establishment Karachi is providing facility of yellow fever vaccination for the persons traveling to Africa and South America, if so, the charges of vaccination; and*
(b) *the number of persons vaccinated during the year 2011-12, the amount charged from them and details of its utilization?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) It is a fact that Directorate Central Health Establishment, Karachi is providing facility of inoculation of yellow fever Vaccine to the persons traveling to Africa and South America, This is a mandatory requirement of WHO specified in IHR, 2005.

(b) 1350 persons have been vaccinated in this Directorate during the year 2011-12. An amount of Rs. 40, 5000/- (Rupees Four lac five thousand only) generated due to inoculation of yellow fever vaccine. The same amount has been deposited in Govt. Treasury *i.e.* State Bank of Pakistan during the year, 2011-12.

51. ***Eng. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan:** (Notice received on 26-11-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Primary, Middle and High schools, including communal and Mosque schools, for boys and girls functioning in Tehsil Central Kurram, Kurram Agency; and*

(b) *the names and locations of the schools in the said agency where teachers have not been posted?*

Engr. Shaukat Ullah: (a) There are 200 schools in the Tehsil Central Kurram Agency. The details is as under:—

Level	Girls	Boys	Total
Primary	27	88	115
Communal	26	28	46
Masjid	—	15	15
Middle	04	16	20
High	—	04	04

(b) The names and locations of schools in the said Agency where teachers have not been posted is Annexed. The vacant posts have already been advertised on 25-10-2012 and the appointment is under process. The interviews will be completed before 26-12-2012.

52. ***Eng. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan:** (Notice received on 26-11-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the number and names of teachers working in each school in Central Kurram, Kurram Agency?

Engr. Shaukat Ullah: The number and names of the teachers working in each schools in Central Kurram Agency is **Annexed**.

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

57. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 27-11-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of Pharmacy Colleges/Institutes in the country;*
- (b) *the names, educational qualifications and experience of faculty members of each College/Institute separately; and*
- (c) *the number of Pharmacists needed in the country every year and the number of Pharmacist graduating annually?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) There are 41 colleges/institutes conducting Pharmacy degree program (*i.e.* Pharm,D) in the country. whereas another 10 institutions have been permitted to conduct the “*Pharmacy Technician Program.*”

(b) The information/data is being collected and will be submitted shortly.

(c) About 4.000 to 5000 Pharmacists/per annum would be required in the next 4 to 5 years to bring the profession and practices of Pharmacy on scientific lines at par with other developing countries. Currently about 16,000 pharmacists are available in the country and about 3.000 pharmacists are graduating annually.

60. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 27-11-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government so far for preparation of interferon for Hepatitis B and C and results achieved there from;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said project has been abandoned, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to revive the said project, if so, when?*

Reply not received.

62. ***Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:** (Notice received on 28-11-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the names of development projects launched in F.R. Tank, F.R. D.I. Khan, F.R. Lakki, F.R. Bannu, F.R. Kohat and F.R. Peshawar during the last five years indicating also the amount allocated, name of contractor, name of executing agency, source of funding and present status of project in each case?

Engr. Shaukat Ullah: The Detail of each FR is **annexed.**

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

22. ***Mrs. Zahida Khan:** (Notice received on 28-11-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Regulations and Services be pleased to state whether the Federal Government has provided list of banned medicines to the provincial governments, if not, the reasons thereof?

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: Yes. The information regarding ban or withdrawal of medicines are conveyed to the Provincial Authorities/Governments for necessary action at their end for complete fulfillment of such orders accordingly.

1. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 07-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the present stage of work on new Islamabad Airport?

Syed Naveed Qamar: The overall physical progress of this project is 31.18%. Landside and Airside Infrastructure has been completed. Work on Terminal Building and ancillary facilities is underway.

3. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 07-01-2013 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrafts with PIA at present; and

(b) the number of pilots required for existing fleet and their number at present?

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) Current PIA fleet consists of 38 aircraft, as detailed below:—

Aircraft Type	Number
B747	05
B777	09
A310	12
B737	05
ATR-42	07
Total	38

(b) Current detail of existing and required Pilots is as follows:—

Aircraft Type	Position	Required	Existing
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B747	Captain	23	16
	First Officer	22	22
	Flight Engineer	23	22
B-777	Captain	104	84
	First Officer	85	62
A-310	Captain	81	58
	First Officer	70	53
B-737	Captain	44	34
	First Officer	39	33
ATR	Captain	43	27
	First Officer	41	65
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Total Operational	—	575	476
Cadet Pilots (Non Operational)	—	—	69
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4. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 07-01-2013 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the amount of profit earned or loss incurred by PIA from Hajj operation 2012?

Syed Naveed Qamar: The loss incurred by PIA form Hajj Operation 2012 is PKR 401 million.

5. ***Bgum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 07-01-2013 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the amount spent on traveling and stay of PIA employees in Saudi Arabia in connection with Hajj operation, 2012, with head-wise break-up?

Syed Naveed Qamar: According to PIAC, the TA forms of PIAC employees for Hajj 2012 Operation are in approval process and major portion has not been settled as yet. Hence, the requisite information will be provided on **next rota day**.

6. ***Mr. Sardar Ali Khan:** (Notice received on 07-01-2013 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the retired military personnel of Pakistan Armed Forces are not granted medical allowance along with their pensions, if so, its reasons; and*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that the retired personnel of Pakistan Armed Forces on re-employment as a civilian in any institution of Armed Forces are not given the medical facility, if so, its reasons?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) Armed Forces Pensioners are not granted Medical Allowance as they are entitled to free indoor/outdoor Medical Treatment at the Armed Forces Hospitals.

(b) The retired Armed Forces Personnel on re-employment as civilian in any Defence Organization, are authorized free medical facility as per the rules.

12. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 09-01-2013 at 11:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.66, replied on 19th December, 2012 and state the steps taken by the Government to redress grey areas pointed out in the audit reports conducted by Director General Commercial Audit (Directorate of Commercial Audit and Evaluation) on the instructions of Public Accounts Committee and Auditor General of Pakistan?

Syed Naveed Qamar: During 2012, Public Accounts Committee (PAC) conducted 03 meetings on PIAC audit reports published by Auditor General of Pakistan of various years ranging from 1996-2007. The audit reports were also discussed at the Departmental Accounts Committee (DAC) level which reviewed the implementation status on the directives of PAC as well as reviewed reports before presentation in the PAC. DAC comprises of representative of Auditor General of Pakistan *i.e.* Director General Commercial Audit & Evaluation, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Finance and Military Finance. During 2012, 5 DAC meetings have been conducted.

Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in its meeting gave certain directives with regard to irregularities pointed out in the Auditor General of Pakistan audit reports. The implementation status on the directives of PAC has been monitored at DAC level. PAC also called meeting on the implementation status on the previous directives.

Several directives were given against respective paras raised in the audit reports in PAC, which includes inquiry reports to be conducted at PIAC level and in some cases directed Ministry of Defence to conduct inquiry, initiation of the recovery actions, legal actions and penalizing individuals on corrupt practices. The reports have been submitted to PAC for taking decision on them. The corporation has implemented the decisions in letter and spirit and sent reports to Ministry as well as PAC secretariat accordingly.

ISLAMABAD :
The 21st January, 2013.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.