

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 29th January, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos.1, 2 and 7 were originally set down for answering on 3rd January, 2013 (89th Session) but were deferred.

1. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 21-12-2012 at 13:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, educational qualification, experience, present assignment, date of appointment and seniority position of Members of the CDA board; and*
- (b) *the procedure laid down for appointment of the said members?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The names, educational qualification, experience, present assignment, date of appointment and seniority position of Members of the CDA board are given at **Annex- “A”**.

(b) The Criteria laid down for appointment of Chairman, CDA, according to Chapter-II, Section 6 of CDA Ordinance 1960, are as under:—

6. Constitution of the Board:

The Board shall consist of not less than three members to be appointed by the Federal Government.

The Federal Government shall appoint a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Financial Advisor from amongst the members.

The Chairman and other members shall hold office during the pleasure of the Federal Government and unless sooner removed, the Chairman and the Financial Advisor shall hold office for a period of five years and other members shall hold office for a period of four years.

2. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 21-12-2012 at 13:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers in BPS-17 and above in the Ministry, its attached departments and subordinate offices who themselves or their spouses hold dual nationality indicating also the names of the countries of their nationality?

Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla: No officer of EAD holds dual nationality. However, the spouses of following two officers hold dual nationality :—

Name of Officer whose spouses hold dual nationality or nationality of other country	Designation with BPS	Country of nationality of the spouse.
Mrs. Baseerat Memraiz	Section Officer BPS-18	United States of America.
Mr. Afzal Latif	Joint Secretary BPS-20	British

7. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 24-12-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of files of maintenance Directorate of CDA misplaced during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the details of action taken against the officials found responsible of the said lapses?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Two files of Maintenance Directorate, were misplaced during June, 2009 (Copy of letter placed at **Annexure**).

(b) Due to the load of work in the month of June-2009, two files were linked up with other files, and misplaced, accordingly these files were re-constructed. No official was found involved in misplacement of these files.

24. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 08-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of non-custom paid vehicles confiscated in the country during the last five years;*

- (b) *the number of persons arrested on the charges of using those vehicles and action taken against them;*
- (c) *the number of said vehicles returned upon payment of custom duty; and*
- (d) *the amount of customs duty collected from the said persons?*

Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla: (a) The number of non-custom paid vehicles confiscated in the Country during the last five years are as under:—

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (till date)
1419	1258	1350	1205	705

(b) Total 80 persons were arrested on the charges of using non-customs paid vehicles and all the vehicles were outrightly confiscated. FIRs have been registered against those individuals under the Customs Act, 1969 and Court proceedings are in progress.

(c) 495 vehicles were returned to owners upon payment of custom duty, largely as a consequence of an amnesty Scheme (**Annex- A**).

(d) Rs. 144.26 million have been collected from these persons as customs duty.
25. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 08-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of the departments / institutions carrying out economic research in the country;*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for promotion of the research; and*
- (c) *the amount spent for the purpose during the last five years with year-wise break-up?*

Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla: (a) Institutions carrying out economic research in the public sector include Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Islamabad, Applied Economic Research Center (AERC), Karachi and Economics Departments of Public Sector Universities.

Various private institutions like Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Social Policy & Development Center (SPDC), Innovative Development Strategies (IDS) and local offshoots of multilateral institutes are also conducting economic research in the country.

(b) Government of Pakistan with the help of development partners is taking different steps to promote research and development. In this regard Higher Education Commission's flagship programs of Indigenous and Foreign scholarship, research grants, University-Industry linkages and faculty development programs are very important. Moreover, dedicated institutes for economic research like PIDE and AERC have been given degree awarding status and encouraged to promote research culture through facilities like digital library, video conferencing and webinars.

(c) Pakistan is spending 0.67% of GDP for promotion of Research & Development in the country. Detailed year wise break-up will be provided in due course of time after obtaining from Finance Division.

26. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 08-01-2013 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of CDA employees who have been allotted Government accommodations since 15th March, 2012; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for allotment of the said accommodation?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) 145 numbers of CDA employees have been allotted government quarters since 15.03.2012 to date as detailed below:—

- (a) Family Transfer - 93 Nos.
 - (b) Change basis - 21 Nos.
 - (c) Out of Turn basis - 31 Nos.
- (b) (i) The procedure for Family Transfer cases have been adopted as per Rule 15 (I)(b) and 15(2) Chapter-VIII of Accommodation Allocation Rules 2002 (is annexed).
- (ii) Procedure for change cases have been adopted as per Rule-12, Chapter-VIII of Accommodation Allocation Rules -2002.
- (iii) Procedure for out of Turn allotments adopted as per Rule 29(A), Chapter-XI of Accommodation Allocation Rules -2002.

27. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 08-01-2013 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the year-wise total amount of money that Pakistan has received from IMF during the fiscal years 2008-09 to 2012-13;*
- (b) *the year-wise total amount of money that FBR has waived-off / exempted under the head of certain tax waivers / exemption to various entities during the same period through statutory regulatory orders (SRO's); and*
- (c) *the year-wise total amount of money that FBR has estimated under the head of tax evasion during the said period?*

Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla: (a) The amount of money borrowed by Pakistan from IMF during 2008-09 –2012-13 stands at \$7.878 billion with the following details:—

Year	Programme	Amount in \$ billion
2008-09	Stand-By Arrangement (SBA)	3.900
2009-10	SBA	3.526
2010-11	Emergency and Natural Disaster Assistance (ENDA)	0.452
2011-12		0
2012-13		0
Total:		7.878

(b) INLAND REVENUE

The year-wise details of total amounts of Income Tax and Sales Tax waived off from 2008-09 to 2011-12 are as under. Since Financial Year 2012-13 is still in progress, figures for the same are not yet available.

S. No.	Type of Tax	Amount of Tax Waived off (Rs. In billion)			
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1.	Income Tax	40.864	46.534	46.508	69.608
2.	Sales Tax	17.500	27.409	25.323	24.300
Total		58.364	73.943	71.831	93.908

CUSTOMS

The total amount of customs duties waived-off / exempted through SROs during the period 2008-09 to 2012-13 (upto December, 2012) are as follows:—

Year	Amount exempted (Rs. in millions)
2008-09	72,486
2009-10	80,107
2010-11	92,587
2011-12	114,264
2012-13 (upto December)	61,280

(c) Attempts have been made in the past to have reasonable estimate of quantum of tax evasion but such estimates are prone to error because of non-availability of veritable information, huge size of unorganized sector and non-documentation of economy. As such any estimate will not be free from fallacy as it will be based on incorrect statistics.

28. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 08-01-2013 at 15:45 p.m.)

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

(a) *the number of officers working on regular, contract and deputation basis in the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad, with province-wise break-up; and*

(b) *the number of officials working in the said Directorate with province-wise break-up?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) The detail of number of officers in FDE is as under:—

Officers	Numbers
Regular	33
Contract	00
Deputation	06

Total 39

The list along with province-wise break-up is at Annex-A.

(b) The detail of number of officials in FDE is as under:—

Officials	Numbers
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Regular	107
Contract	01
Deputation	20
Reinstated	30
Total:	158

The list along with province-wise break-up is at Annex-B.

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

29. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 08-01-2013 at 15:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the revenue collected as taxes on export of cotton garments during the last three years?

Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla: There is no duty and taxes chargeable on export of cotton garments from Pakistan. Export Development Surcharge at the rate of 0.25% is leviable on export of goods including cotton garments. However, this surcharge is collected by the scheduled banks authorized by the State Bank of Pakistan and the amount so collected goes to Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), a body under the administrative control of Ministry of Commerce. Hence, this surcharge does not come in the ambit of duty and tax being collected by the Federal Board of Revenue.

30. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 08-01-2013 at 15:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of plots allotted to the employees of CDA in Federal Capital Area on ownership basis so far;*
- (b) the criteria adopted for allotment of the said plots;*
- (c) the names, designation and nature of appointment of the employees of CDA who were allotted plots on ownership basis during the last five years indicating also the size and location of plot allotted in each case?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) 8692 plots have so far been allotted to CDA employees.

- (b) Criteria placed at **(Annexure-A)**.

(c) List of said employees placed at (**Annexure-B, C& D.**)

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

32. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 09-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the amount of loan obtained by Pakistan from China during the last five years;*

(b) *the purpose for which loan obtained; and*

(c) *the terms and conditions and rate of interest / markup on the said loan?*

Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla: (a) The Government through EAD obtained loans amounting to US\$ 2,952.122 million from Eximbank China during January 2008 to December 2012.

(b) Purpose of these loans was to finance Eight (8) projects. (**Annex-I**)

(c) Details of agreed terms and conditions for these loans are at **Annex-II.**

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

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

(a) *the role of the State Bank of Pakistan with regard to uplift economy of the country;*

(b) *whether it is a fact that State Bank of Pakistan has statutory limit for printing of currency notes in a financial year, if so, the details thereof; and*

(c) *the steps being taken by the Government to revise role of the said Bank in order to control inflation, provide resources to private sector and make the economy prosper?*

Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla: (a) State Bank of Pakistan derives its role from Section 9A of the SBP Act 1956. Securing monetary stability and soundness of the financial system become the key objective of the central bank. Within this broad

mandate, SBP focuses on achieving price stability by controlling inflation close to its annual and medium-term targets set by the Government. At the same time, SBP also aims to ensure financial stability, particularly the smooth functioning of the financial market and the payment system.

In addition, SBP has also taken up responsibility for promoting development finance, by ensuring sustainable financial solutions for the advancements in infrastructure, agriculture, housing and SME sectors.

(b) There is no specified statutory limit on printing of banknotes in a particular year.

(c) In order to enhance the effectiveness of SBP's monetary policy, Government has legislated amendments in the SBP Act in March 2012.

The most important amendment in this regard is the restriction on Government borrowings from the State Bank of Pakistan. Section 9(c) of the Act stipulates that the fiscal authority not only has to ensure no further accumulation of their debt owed to the SBP (keeping the quarterly flow of borrowings at zero) but also take steps to retire their borrowings from SBP by 30th April 2019.

Government's compliance to the Act by accumulating no further debt from SBP will play a positive role in anchoring inflation expectations. This will also play a key role to avoid the crowding out of private sector from available pool of bank funds and will increase investment in the economy and ensure a sustainable high economic growth path.

In addition, the Government also made some other amendments in the Act that would strengthen the monetary management of SBP. These amendments are as follows:—

- The Banks governance structure was amended in Section 9(2) (c) which has increased number of non-executive directors from seven to eight. Moreover, eligibility requirements of the Board members stipulate that the directors should be eminent professionals from the fields of economics, finance, banking and accountancy.
- The autonomy of SBP has been enhanced by restricting any person or entity to influence the members of the Central Board and Monetary Policy Committee in the performances of their functions or interfere in the activities of the Bank [Section 46B]. Furthermore, Government's power to supersede the Central Board of SBP, previously legislated as Section 52 of SBP Act, has also been curtailed by omitting the said section from the Act.

- The amendment in Section 18 of the Act has empowered SBP to issue its own certificate of deposits to regulate the monetary and credit system.

34. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 10-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) the intervals at which house and population census is conducted; and

(b) the benefits of the said census?

Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla: (a) After independence five censuses have been held in 1951, 1961, 1972, 1981, and the last census was undertaken in March, 1998.

(b) Population Census data provides benchmark for all socio-economic development plans, administrative activities, basis for political representation, equitable distribution of public funds to the federating units and quota to all civil posts in Federal Government as per constitutional requirement.

35. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 10-01-2013 at 16:45 p.m.)

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

(a) the date of creation of plot No.29-G (4089 Sq yard) in sector G-9, Islamabad, and the purpose of its creation;

(b) the date of auction of the plot, to whom auctioned alongwith price of auction and the amount paid by the allottee so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said plot was further divided into further sub-plots, one measuring 2000 sq. yard and remaining piece bifurcated into plot numbers 29-A, 29-B, 29-C, 29-D and 29-E;

(d) whether it is further a fact that the said 2000 Sq. yard plot was allotted or auctioned again, if so, the procedure adopted for allotment of the same; and

(e) the names and other particulars of the parties to whom other portions i. e. 29-A, 29-B, 29-C, 29-D and 29-E allotted indicating also the price at which allotted?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Plot No.29-G in sector G-9 was never planned. However a Plot No.29, Markaz G-9, Islamabad was planned as a Cinema plot in 1984 however, in October 1999 Planning Wing, CDA after approval of the

Chairman CDA decided to re-plan/change the purpose/ Trade of the same Cinema Plot from “Cinema” to a “Commercial Plot”.

(b) Plot No.29, Markaz G-9, measuring 4088.9 Sq. Yards (hereinafter referred to as the “Cinema Plot”) was put to auction for the purpose of construction of a cinema. M/S Friends Builders were the highest bidders at a rate of Rs.3625/- per sq yards, the total premium of which worked out to Rs.1,48,22,222/- (Rs. 14.82 Million). However due to non-payment the same Was cancelled from the name of M/S Friends Builders on 05.05.1984 and after its re-planning the same was re-auctioned on 16.04.2003 @ of Rs.156,800/- PSY total works out Rs.327,555,200/- to Mr. Arif & Others.

(c) This Plot was auctioned in 1984 as Cinema and subsequently cancelled in 1985. The Plot No. 29 was re-planned as five commercial plots on 16-10-1999. Later on in 2002 the improvement plan of G-9 Markaz was approved wherein five Plot No. 29-A, 29-B, 29-C, 29-D and 29-E which were again re-planned into a plot measuring 235 x 80 (2088.88 Sq. Yard).

(d) After re-planning of the Cinema Plot the same was re-auctioned on 16.04.2003 @ of Rs.156,800/- PSY total works out Rs.327,555,200/- to Mr. Arif & Others. The proper procedure of auction was adopted by putting, it in open auction after proper publicity.

(e) As there were no Plot No. 29-A, 29-B, 29-C, 29-D and 29-E therefore, the same were neither auctioned nor allotted.

36. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 10-01-2013 at 16:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) the details of initial Floor Area Ratio of plot of 2000 Sq. yard created from plot No. 29-G (measuring 4089 Sq. Yard) in G-9 sector, Islamabad, and the FAR of the same at present and whether amount was received according to the present FAR or otherwise;*
- (b) the date on which the said 2000 Sq. yard plot was allotted / handed over to the allottee and the date on which its price was received from him;*
- (c) the date on which allotment letter of the plot issued;*
- (d) the total amount received for the said plot and mode of payment / receipt;*
- (e) the date on which the said plot was transferred from original successful bidder to the new allottee; and*

(f) *whether all the dues in respect of that plot were cleared at the time of its transfer or otherwise?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The initial and present FAR of Plot No.29, markaz G-9, Islamabad measuring 2080 Sq. Yards was 1:3 and the allottee paid the amount according to same FAR.

(b) Plot No.29, Markaz G-9, Islamabad measuring 2080 Square Yards was auctioned on 16.04.2003. Ch. Muhammad Arif and others were the successful bidder. However, plot was cancelled on 13.12.2003 on account of non-payment. On the request of Ch. Muhammad Arif plot was restored on 21.04.2010. Allotment letter was issued on 02.11.2011 after payment of 40% of total premium. Possession was handed over on 04.11.2011. Total premium of plot was received on 27.04.2012.

(c) Allotment letter was issued on 02.11.2011.

(d) The total payment of Rs.400,000,000/- was received as per detail given below:—

(i) Rs.160, 000,000/- paid on 01.11.2011. Paid by Ch. Muhammad Arif.

(ii) Rs.120,000,000/- paid on 31.01.2012. received through post dated cheque.

(iii) Rs.120,000,000/- paid on 27.04.2012. received through post dated cheque.

(e) Plot No.29, Markaz G-9, Islamabad was transferred from the name of original bidder to the name of M/S Awami Trade Centre on 04-11-2011.

(f) In the light of CDA Board decision dated 02.11.2011 only payment of Rs.160,000,000/- on account of 40% of total premium, was recovered when the plot was transferred to the name of M/S Awami Trade Centre.

37. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 10-01-2013 at 16:45 p.m.)

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

(a) *the details of billboard installed on Kashmir Highway near PSO petrol pump, opposite Sector G-13, Islamabad, indicating also the date of approval and installation of each billboard and the name of persons in whose name approval was granted; and*

(b) *the amount received by CDA for the said billboards so far?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Details of billboard installed on Kashmir Highway near PSO petrol pump, opposite Sector G-13, Islamabad are given as under:—

Name of Licensee:- Engineer Waqar Qazi, Owner Al-Wahid
 F/S Kashmir Highway
 Date of approval :- 15-01-2011
 Date of installation :- 10-03-2011

(b) Amount Received so far:- Rs. 25,00,000/-

38. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 11-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount spent on renovation of CDA headquarters during the last four and half year with year-wise break-up;*
- (b) *whether pre-assessment of the said work and its cost was conducted, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the said work was carried out on over and above the estimated cost, if so, its reasons?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The year-wise expenditure for the last four and half years is as follows:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
2012-13	Nil
2011-12	23,025,000/-
2010-11	11,341,664/-
2009-10	168,625,000/

(b) The pre-assessment of the said work and its cost was conducted by the pre-qualification committee and after evaluation the following rates were approved and are being implemented till date;

<i>Design Fee</i>	<i>Premium on MES Schedule of Rates</i>
3.7%	30% above

(c) The work carried out was never over and above the estimated cost, however the scope of work was enhanced on the instruction of competent authority on the same terms and conditions.

Islamabad :
The 28th January, 2013.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.