

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 31st October, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Question No. 82 : Originally set down for answering on 8th March, 2013
(91st Session)
- (ii) Question Nos. 1, 2, 3, 8 : Originally set down for answering on 20th August, 2013
and 9. (97th Session)
- (iii) Question No. 91 : Originally set down for answering on 28th August, 2013
(97th Session)

82. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 09-01-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the initial amount of contribution made by the Government to the Workers Welfare Fund; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Federal Government for further contribution in the Workers Welfare Fund alongwith its details?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) An initial contribution of Rs. 100 million was made by the Federal Government to Workers Welfare Fund at the time of its establishment in 1971.

(b) Since WWF generates funds at its own, therefore, there are no steps under consideration of the Government for further contribution.

1. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 23-04-2013 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of benefits given to the workers by the Employees' Old Age Benefits Institution; and*
- (b) *the amount received by the Institution from the employers and also given to workers during the last five years with year-wise breakup?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) Following benefits are given by EOBI to the insured workers and their survivors:—

- ◆ Old-age pension on attaining 60 years age for males and 55 years in case of mine workers and females.
- ◆ Invalidity pension on sustaining invalidity affecting insured persons earning more than one third of normal.
- ◆ Survivors' pension to the following in case of death:—
 - Spouse till life.
 - Children till 18 years of age.
 - Unmarried female child till marriage.
 - Disabled child.
 - Parents for 5 years (if pensioner is not survived by spouse or children).
- ◆ One time Old-age grant (in case he is not meeting criteria for old-age pension).

- (b) The amount received by EOBI during the last five years and disbursed to the workers with year-wise break-up is as under:—

Rs. in million

Year	Amount received	Benefits disbursed
2008-09	7,028,984	5,785,938
2009-10	7,450,606	5,862,527
2010-11	9,189,566	9,365,274
2011-12	10,915,519	10,588,306
2012-13 (upto June 2013)	10,617,662	12,531,112

2. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 24-04-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the functions of Overseas Employment Corporation; and*
- (b) *the number of persons sent abroad by the corporation during the last five years with country-wise break-up?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi:

- (a) ♦ OEC coordinates and facilitates the foreign employers in recruitment of Pakistani workers as they themselves conduct test/interviews.
- ♦ OEC also ensures timely departure abroad of the recruited persons and to brief them about laws and environment of the host countries.
- ♦ OEC has sent 6,851 persons for employment abroad during the last 05 years as per details at Annex-A.

3. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 25-04-2013 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons sent abroad by the Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment during the last five years with country-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for exploring further employment opportunities abroad?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment do not send anyone abroad directly. However, it has issued protectors to 2,672,175 persons who went abroad for employment through Overseas Employment Promoters or on self arrangement during the last five and a half years (2008 to July 2013). Country-wise break is at Annex-A.

(b) The Government of Pakistan is exploring employment opportunities abroad through Community Welfare Attaches. Besides, MoUs have been signed with Libya and Qatar for export of manpower. Similarly, negotiations are under process with Italy , Ecuador and Ukraine to sign MoUs for export of manpower.

9. ***Mr. Moula Bakhsh Chandio:** (Notice received on 30-07-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of complaints made by the Overseas Pakistanis regarding illegal occupation of their immovable properties in Pakistan during the last ten years indicating also the action taken in each case;*
- (b) the number of the said cases in which the property was got vacated from illegal occupants and handed over to the concerned Overseas Pakistanis; and*
- (c) the arrangements made by the Government for protection of immovable properties and other belongings of the Overseas Pakistanis in Pakistan?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi:

- (a) ◆ Total complaints received regarding property disputes during the last 10 years: 2028.
 - ◆ Out of 2028, the 1802 complaints have been settled (Annex-I) and 226 are under process (Annex-II).
- (b) ◆ Out of 1802 settled property cases, 1499 were got vacated and handed over to the lawful owners.
 - ◆ Remaining 303 cases were closed due to non-pursuance by the complainants.
 - ◆ Detail is attached at (Annex-III).
- (c) ◆ To save the properties of overseas Pakistanis from illegal occupation, an “illegal Dispossession Act, No. XI of 2005” was promulgated (Annex-IV).
 - ◆ Under the above Act, an aggrieved person can file a complaint in the court of Sessions for speedy trial and decision.
 - ◆ OPF also pursue matters of Overseas Pakistani (OPs) for speedy disposal.
 - ◆ Focal persons have also been nominated for resolution of problems of OPs in concerned areas including AJK.

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

91. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 26-04-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the current deposits in Workers Welfare Fund; and*
- (b) *the amount granted to the provinces out of the Funds after devolution under 18th amendment in the Constitution?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) Current deposits in Workers Welfare fund Account G-06304 maintained with AGPR, Islamabad are Rs. 121,712 million. However, Funds stuck up with Finance Division upto 20-08-2013 are Rs. 122 billion.

(b) Since devolution under 18th amendment *i.e.* 1st July 2011 to 20th August, 2013, an amount of Rs. 20,566,521 million has been released to the Provinces.

66. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 30-08-2013 at 01:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the estimated cost of Quetta - Chaman Highway;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the construction work of the said Highway has not been completed so far, if so, the reasons thereof and*
- (c) *the time by which the said Highway will be completed?*

Minister for Communications: (a) The approved cost of Quetta - Chaman Section of N-25 is Rs.3,444/- million, as depicted in para “b” hereunder.

Since, works have been partially completed over Quetta to Chaman highway, the balance-works-estimated to the tune of Rs.2,760/- million including Chaman Bypass and 2.8 Km dual carriageway are to be financed under USAID.

(b) Yes, it is a fact that the construction work of the said highway has not been completed. The details are as under:

Sections	Length Km	Approved Contract Cost Rs. Mill	Work Done To-date Rs. Mill	Contractor	Expected Compl.	Prog. Ach.
Quetta -Jungle Piralizai (ICB-3)	60	1,772	1,749	M/s SKB	31/8/2010	Comple- ted

Jungle Piralizai Chaman(ICB-4)	57	1,672	1,099	*M/s MAB- Rex(JV)	Dec-2015	65%
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* The contract of M/s MAB-Rex(JV) has been terminated *w.e.f.* 12-07-2013

Reasons for Non-Completion:

- ◆ Persistent deteriorated Law 86 order situation in the project area
- ◆ Assignment of works by M/s HCL to M/s MAB-Rex (JV) in 2009
- ◆ Project Management issues of the contractor (M/s MAB-Rex(JV))

(c) The contract Jungle Pir Alizai - Chaman is expected to be completed by December-2015, as works are now being financed under USAID program and will be awarded to M/s FWO as per USAID requirements.

67. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 30-08-2013 at 01:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the construction work of Loralai - DG Khan Highway has not been completed so far, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the number of bridges proposed to be constructed on the said Highway and the number of those constructed so far; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said Highway will be completed?*

Minister for Communications: (a) On Loralai DG Khan Section (N-70), a project from Khajuri to Bewata (132 km) is under execution in Balochistan Province. Project has not been completed so far. Reasons are as under:—

Waigum Rud to Khajuri

This section was assigned to two Contractors. M/s MAB and M/s Interconstruct. Due to failure of these Contractors in completing the work, their Contracts were terminated and the balance work assigned to FWO in 2007. Completion by FWO also got delayed mainly due to paucity of funds resulting in demobilization of FWO in 2010. Following factors also resulted in delayed completion:—

- ◆ Adverse climatic conditions
- ◆ Poor law & order
- ◆ Non availability of skilled manpower and repair & maintenance facilities
- ◆ Additional works.

Khajuri to Bewata

NLC completed the work on section, Bewata to Khajuri in 2006 but the road failed at certain reaches when it was opened for traffic. After that a joint team of NHA, Contractor and Consultant visited the site and prepared a punch list for rectification of work which was not attended by NLC as per satisfaction of NHA. Currently, NHA is in the process of executing these rectification works at the risk & cost of NLC. Preparation of estimate is under process and is in final stages.

(b) Status is as under:—

New bridges - 10 Nos, 09 completed Rehabilitation - 08 Nos, all completed Total - 18 Nos

Opened for traffic - 17 Nos (on 1 bridge approaches remain to be completed) Detail is annexed.

(c) Expected completion dates are as under:-

Waigum Rud to Khajuri

Section is expected to be completed by January 2014.

Khajuri to Bewata

Six to Eight months are required to complete the rectification works. Section is expected to be completed by August 2014.

71. ***Mr. Amar Jeet :** (Notice received on 02-09-2013 at 12:15 pm)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which tender was floated for the work of construction of Fateh Pur-Kalam road;*
- (b) the number of contractors / companies who participated in the said tender process and the names of company / contractor to which the same was awarded;*
- (c) the original estimated cost and period of completion of the project; and*
- (d) the percentage of work completed on the said project so far and the time by which the remaining work will be completed?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Tenders for construction of Fatehopur Kalam Road was published in press and on website on May 24, 2012.

(b) Procurement was carried out in two packages. Six bidders participated in both packages and contract was awarded to M/s Zahir Khan & Brothers - M/s Techno Time Construction Co (joint venture) for both packages viz Fatehpur-Madyan and Madyan-Bahrain.

(c) Fatehpur-Madyan. Estimated value/Engineer's Estimate based on CSR 2009 + 9.1% premium for this section is Rs. 806.795 million with completion period of twelve months.

(d) Madyan-Bahrain. Estimated value/Engineer's Estimate based on CSR 2009 + 9.1% premium for this section is Rs. 723.054 million with completion period of twelve months.

Section	Progress	Completion
i. Fatehpur-Madyan	18%	Jun 30, 2014
ii. Madyan-Bahrain	19%	Jun 30, 2014

72. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 03-09-2013 at 02:30 pm)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state the details of steps taken by the Government for providing inexpensive and speedy justice to people?

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights: The Government of Pakistan lunched Access to Justice program (AJP) in the year 2001 with the financial assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB) to introduce reforms in the Justice Sector to ensure speedy and in-expensive delivery of Justice. The present government has a firm commitment to strengthen the rule of Law in the Country. The citizens of Pakistan have been the beneficiary of these reforms. The details of said reforms and future plans under access to justice program are as under:—

1. The AJP has contributed considerably in improving the infrastructure facilities and working environment for the justice sector. The schemes lunched by AJP are a milestone in the history of development work for the justice sector throughout the country, which include; construction of new court rooms judicial complexes. Judges residences, record rooms, judicial lockups, bar rooms and general amenities like public sheds and baths in the courts premises, construction of District Jails, new barracks in existing jails to overcome the problem of overcrowding in jails, training centers for judges, personnel of police and prison etc. As a result of this effort 485 Court rooms and 714 residences for Subordinate Judiciary, 34 Judicial Complexes,

111 Public Amenities, 39 Police stations, 48 Barracks in Existing Jails and 09 new jails are constructed.

2. 2554 computers, 55 Laptops, 1016 Printers, 253 Scanners, 720 UPS, 91 LCD Screens 107 Typewriters and 329 Air Conditioners, 6681 law books were provided to various implementing agencies Including Subordinate Judiciary.
3. In Addition to Improvement of Information Technology infrastructure various initiatives to enhance capacity of Implementing Agencies were taken like Enhancement of Management Information System at Supreme Court of Pakistan, Automation of Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan, Automation of Federal Shariat Court, Islamabad, Development of MIS software for Federal Ombudsman, Data Entry Digitalization of Complaints Record of Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat, Strengthening and Streamlining of Sindh Ombudsman office, Website of Punjab Ombudsman , Establishment of Urdu Translation Units in Law Departments, Trial through video conferencing between Central Jail and District Judiciary at Lahore. Automation of Prosecution Department, Punjab and Prisons Management information System in Balochistan are the initiatives under AJP.
4. 394 Additional Positions for Subordinate Judiciary of KPK along with 1447 posts of allied staff were created and funded by AJP in KPK Judiciary during 2002-2005.
5. More then 100 training courses were conducted under the project titled “Capacity, Building of Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad” for judicial officers of subordinate Judiciary.
6. Computer Orientation Training was imparted to 2000 Judicial Officers of Subordinate Judiciary.
7. Booklets, pamphlets and brochures in the shape of Frequently Asked Questions on 227 legal topics were prepared and disseminated at District and Tehsil level through subordinate. Judiciary along with other concerned stake holders for public awareness of masses.
8. a statutory endowment of Rs. 1479 million as an initial grant to establish the Access to Justice Development Fund (AJDF) was provided, to address chronic under-resourcing of justice sector, create court, infrastructure and capacity building of Subordinate judiciary in under-developed regions, provides for legal aid, improvement in quality of legal education and judicial trainings.
9. Public Information Kiosks (PIKs) setup in majority of district courts.
10. The High Courts issued and strictly enforced guidelines on delay reduction and brought improvements in process serving systems and procedures,

Dedicated benches were set-up for commercial cases in Sindh High Court, Lahore.

11. To reduce court case load, effective utilization of the avenues of alternative dispute resolutions offered by law has been advocated. The amendments to CPC (Sec 89-A) were intended to operationalize ADR mechanisms for speedy and inexpensive justice. Small Claims and Minor Offences Courts were examined and recommendations were passed on/provided to High Courts. Two courses, one on family laws related ADR for 24 Judges and another on Mediation techniques for another 24 Judges-cum-Magistrates were launched at Karachi Centre for Dispute Resolution.
12. To enhance accountability of the district & sessions courts (lower judiciary) and to effectively keep a watch on their performance, High Courts have institutionalized a monitoring system through inspection judges as well as Members Inspection Team (MIT).
13. AJP organized over 100 training events that included workshops, seminars associating foreign experts where possible to introduce best international practices in order to build capacity for efficient and citizen oriented judicial service delivery.
14. Enactment/amendments in certain laws such as Family laws (Amendments) Ordinance, 2002, Code of Criminal Procedures (Amendment) Ordinance 2002, Local Government Ordinance (Punjab) Section 102 to 106-Anjuman Musalihat, Code of Civil Procedures (Amendment) Sec-89-A, Small Claims and Minor Offences Ordinance, 2002, Police Order 2002, Consumer Protection Laws, 2005/2000 and Freedom of Information Ordinance 2002.

Future Plans

1. Having achieved considerable success in introducing the policy, legal and institutional reforms, the AJP now intends to focus on ensuring that these measures result in the desired impact on delivery of services. The following future initiatives are contemplated to ensure that the AJP reforms lead to a visible difference on the access to legal services by the common citizens.

Pro-Poor Legislation

1. The AJP has been instrumental in facilitating legislation that has impacted the poor and the vulnerable as discussed above. All laws and regulations need to be carefully reviewed to ensure that they do not contain any disabling clauses or provisions that discourage the accessing of justice sector services by the poor. An example is the court fee structure that has not been rationalized overtime and leans heavily in favor of the rich.

73. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 04-09-2013 at 10:20 am)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the students of private universities in the country are provided financial assistance from Workers Welfare Fund, if so, the names of universities students of which were provided such assistance during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012?

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: No financial assistance has been given to the students of private universities. However, scholarships have been given to 2462 children of industrial workers who are studying in public and private universities during 2010-11 & 2011-12. Names of universities are attached as Annexure.

74. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 05-09-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Election Commission of Pakistan has made preparations for holding local bodies election in the country; and*
- (b) whether the Commission has liaised with the provincial governments in this regard, if so, the details thereof?*

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed: (a) The responsibilities of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) will start as and when the Provinces and Ministry of Interior will provide ECP their final legal framework *i.e.* the basic law and the rules framed thereunder as well as the final delimitation of constituencies in terms of wards or UCs as the case may be in accordance therewith and formally ask ECP to conduct Local Government Elections in their respective Provinces including Islamabad Capital Territory. However, the ECP has already motivated all the Provincial Governments and Ministry of Interior to provide ECP their legal framework (laws and rules) and final delimitation before the conduct of Local Government elections by the ECP.

(b) The Commission is in regular close liaison with all the provincial governments - and Federal Government to provide ECP basic requirements *i.e.* legal framework (laws and rules) and final delimitation so that ECP could go forward for conducting the local government elections in all the four provinces and Islamabad Capital Territory.

76. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 06-09-2013 at 09:20 am)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption lying pending with NAB for the last more than two years;*
- (b) *the reasons for not finalizing the said cases so far; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said cases will be finalized?*

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights: (a) Presently 183 inquiries are in progress and will be upgraded by converting into investigations if warranted. There are 114 ongoing investigations at various stages of completion. The detail of these inquiries and an investigation is attached as Supplementary Material.

(b) The process of CVs, Inquiries and Investigations is regulated by Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) and is endeavored to be completed within the approved time lines. In certain cases due to peculiar circumstances, the time line is extended. The cases which involved longer time generally require information from foreign jurisdiction or are based on complex financial transactions besides time span in procuring record from difference sources.

(c) The finalization of inquiries involving white collar crimes and their conversion into investigations is a continuous and time consuming process. At present, NAB enforcement operations *i.e.* conduct of inquiries, investigations and references are being handled with limited human resources which caused delay in finalization of ongoing inquiries and investigations. However, the induction of new Officers who will complete their initial training in mid October, 2013 will over-come the deficiency of Investigation Officers and the existing inquiries / investigations will be finalized in the shortest possible time.

77. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 06-09-2013 at 11:00 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the length of roads in Balochistan maintained by NHA with route-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the names, designation, place of domicile and place of present posting of Engineering Staff presently deputed on the said roads?*

Minister for Communications: (a) NHA is maintaining roads having length of 3066 Km in Balochistan. Route-wise break-up is as under:—

Route	Roads	Km
(i) N-10	Makran Coastal-Liari-Ormara Gwadar-Jiwsani	653

(ii)	N-25	Karachi-Kalst-Quetta-Chaman	790
(iii)	N-40	Lakpass-Dalbandin-Taftan	610
(iv)	N-50	Khchlak-Zhob-DI Khan	388
(v)	N-65	Sukkur-Sibi-Quetta	295
(vi)	N-70	Multan-DG Khan-Loralai-Qila Saifullah	266
(vii)	M-8	Qubo Saed Khan-Ratodero	64
Total			3066

(b) There are 47 officers/ officials of Engineering Staff presently deployed in Balochistan Province. Detail is enclosed as **Annex-A**. A grade-wise summary is appended below:—

BS- 19	05
BS- 18	07
BS- 17	20
BS - 16	14
BS - 11	01

Total **47**

78. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 06-09-2013 at 11:00 am)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state the details of steps taken by the Government to block obscene, adulterous and derogatory sites on Youtube and other internet sites of such nature?

Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan: The steps taken by the Government of Pakistan are as follows:

1. Ministry of IT has issued a policy directive for effective monitoring & control of obnoxious (blasphemous & pornographic) content over internet in Pakistan, on 31st May, 2012, for compliance by PTA. PTA was directed to establish a dedicated unit supported by the state of the art technical solutions and upgraded call center with the mandate to take requisite measures for proactively and independently blocking the websites displaying the blasphemous and pornographic content.

2. Accordingly, PTA has created a special crisis cell, supported by toll free call-in number 0800-55055 (08:30 AM to 4:30 PM) and dedicated email addresses complaint@pta.gov.pk for reporting of websites with objectionable contents. PTA blocks the blasphemous and pornographic URLs reported by public in its centralized telecom complaint management cell.
3. However it is also stated that there is no permanent technical solution to block such derogatory sites and it has to be a constant effort on the part of PTA to block such sites.

79. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 09-09-2013 at 09:40 am)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons appointed on regular, ad hoc, contract and daily wages basis in the Ministry and its attached departments during the last four years?

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: The names, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons appointed on regular, *ad-hoc*, contract and daily wages basis in the Ministry and its attached departments during the last four years are attached as under:—

- (i) Ministry: Annex-I
- (ii) National Industrial Relations Commission: Annex-II.
- (iii) Bureau of Emigration & Overseas Employment: Annex-III.

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

81. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 09-09-2013 at 09:40 am)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of housing schemes launched by the Ministry or Overseas Pakistanis Foundation so far indicating also the location, date of registration, date of launching, land acquired, land in possession, number of plots developed and number of plots allotted in each scheme;*
- (b) *the amount deposited by the Overseas Pakistanis for allotment of plots in the said schemes indicating also the period since when the amount has been deposited, and*

(c) *whether any of the said schemes has been abolished, if so, the name of such scheme, reason for abolition and status of money deposited by the members for that scheme?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) The number of housing schemes launched by Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) since 1981 are ten (10) in number. These schemes are spread over an area of 2250 Acres and have developed more than 11500 plots so far for the convenience of Overseas Pakistanis throughout Pakistan. The details of the housing schemes are as under:—

Details of Residential & Commercial Plots of each Scheme are Given below:—

(b)

(c) The OPF Housing Scheme, Faisalabad was launched during the year 1990-91. Due to poor response from the prospective buyers and some other technical reasons *i.e.* narrow front/approach, non availability of suitable underground water etc. the scheme was abandoned/abolished by the Board of Governors in its 85th meeting held on 28th June 2002. An Amount of Rs. 48,059,043 was deposited by the *ex*-allottees of the scheme. The Board in its 90th meeting held on 13th May, 2004 also resolved to dispose off the land of the scheme through open auction and amount received from the applicants be refunded to them. The Board in its 95th meeting held on 28th April, 2005 also approved for payment of mark up/interest on the amounts of the *ex*-allottees and an amount of Rs. 45,723,053 was refunded to the *Ex*-allottees. The payable balance to *ex*-allottees of housing scheme Faisalabad is Rs. 2,335,990 remaining 39 *ex*-allottees are not traceable. Advertisement was published in the “Daily Jang Lahore” and “Daily Express Faisalabad” on 13th June 2012 asking them to contact this office for refund of payments. The advertisement is placed at (Annex-I).

82. ***Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 11-09-2013 at 12:05 pm)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in Gwadar Port, Port Qasim and Karachi Port Trust during the last four years with grade-wise and province-wise break-up?

Mr. Kamran Michael: The requisite information is given as under:—

(I) GWADAR PORT AUTHORITY

47 employees were appointed during the last four years in Gwadar Port Authority. The detail break-up grade-wise and Province-wise is given below:—

GRADE	PUNJAB	BALUCHISTAN	SINDH	KPK
BS-19	01	0	01	0
BS-14	03	01	02	0
BS-09	01	0	0	0

BS-07	01	03	0	0	
BS-06	0	01	0	0	
BS-05	01	04	02	01	
BS-04	0	05	0	0	BS-02
03	24	03	0		
TOTAL	10	28	8	01	

(II) KARACHI PORT TRUST

A total of 1541 officers and workers have been appointed in Karachi Port Trust (KPT) on regular, contract and temporary basis during the last four years. Grade-wise and province-wise details are as under:—

GRADE	PUNJAB	BALUCH- ISTAN	SINDH	KPK FATA	N.A/	AJK
BS-19	06	0	22	03	0	0
BS-18	02	0	10	0	0	0
BS-17	03	0	87	0	0	0
BS-16	01	01	40	0	0	0
BS-09	01	0	69	0	0	0
BS-08	01	0	176	03	0	0
KPT	0	0	01	0	0	0
PS-08						
KPT	0	0	02	0	0	0
PS-07						
KPT	02	0	43	0	0	0
PS-06						
KPT	01	0	42	01	0	0
PS-05						
KPT	07	01	233	03	0	0
PS-04						
KPT	05	02	320	01	01	0
PS-03						
KPT	01	0	57	01	0	0
PS-02						
KPT	06	0	384	01	0	01
PS-01						
TOTAL	36	04	1486	13	01	01

*Note: KPT has its own pay scales ranging from KPT Pay Scale 1 to Pay Scale 8. Pay Scale 1 corresponds to BPS-1 and Pay Scale 8 to BPS-15.

(III) PORT QASIM AUTHORITY

A total number of 239 employees (Officers/Staff) has been appointed during the last four years. The break-up is as under:—

GRADE	PUNJAB	BALUCHISTAN	SINDH (R)	SINDH (U)	KPK
BS-21	0	0	0	01	0
BS-20	02	0	01	05	0
BS-19	0	01	0	14	02
BS-18	06	0	03	08	0
BS-17	03	01	02	17	0
BS-15	01	0	0	21	0
BS-14	02	0	0	01	0
BS-12	0	01	0	05	0
BS-09	0	0	01	0	0
BS-08	0	0	0	22	0
BS-07	0	0	0	32	0
BS-06	0	0	04	27	01
BS-05	01	0	03	41	0
BS-04	01	0	0	01	0
BS-03	0	0	01	07	0
TOTAL	16	03	15	202	03

84. ***Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 13-09-2013 at 10:40 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the date on which construction work on the Gwadar-Ratodero road (M-8) was commenced and the time by which it will be completed; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that the said work has been delayed, if so, its reasons?*

Minister for Communications: (a) M-8 Gwadar-Ratodero Section is divided in three sections as under:—

Gwadar-Turbat-Hoshab Section	240 Km
Hoshab-Awaran-Khuzdar Section	210 Km
Khuzdar-Wangu Hills Ratodero Section	242 Km
Total	892 Km

Work on the middle section *i.e.* Hoshab-Khuzdar has not been initiated yet, because NHA is improving a parallel route *i.e.* Hoshab-Surab Road, N-85. The first and third sections are further divided into three sub-sections each. Date of commencement of each section is given below:—

(a) **Gawadar-Turbat-Hoshab Section**

Nalient-Dasht, Sec-I, Pkg-IIA 54 Km Sep 15, 2004

Dasht-Turbat, Sec-I, Pkg-IIB	63 Km	Sep 15, 2004
Turbat-Hoshab, Sec-IIA	76 Km	Oct 1, 2004
Left Over Works, Sec-IIA		Dec 21, 2010

Due to worsening law & order situation, Contractors of all three projects expressed their inability to carry on execution and requested for release from performance. Contract on Section-I, Package-IIA had already been financially closed for the same reason and retendering was in process but the successful bidder, M/ SMADB also expressed its inability to take on this work under present security situation. Resultantly, the three contracts were terminated and fresh bids were called. Only one bidder *i.e.* M/s FWO submitted proposal which is under evaluation.

(b) **Khuzdar-Wangu Hill-Ratodero Section**

Sec-III, Khori-Wangu Hills	50 Km	Oct, 2004
Sec-IV, Wangu Hills	42.5 Km	Apr, 2004
Sec-V, Wangu Hill-Quba Saeed	55.6 Km	Jun, 2006

(b) It is a fact that said work has been delayed; main reason is law & order situation and resultant shortage of skilled labour. Paucity of funds and enhancement in scope of work may be considered as contributory factors.

85. ***Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 13-09-2013 at 10:40 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the educational qualifications and experience prescribed for the post of Chairman National Highway Authority; and*
- (b) *whether the present Chairman of the said Authority fulfills the said qualifications and experience?*

Minister for Communications: (a) NHA (Appointment & Promotion) Rules, 1995, do not contain any provision regarding educational qualification or experience for the post of a Chairman, NHA.

(b) As explained above.

86. ***Mrs. Suriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 23-09-2013 at 11:00 am)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to check brain drain from the country?

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: The subject of checking brain drain does not fall under the purview of the Ministry of OP&HRD as per Rules of Business, 1973. However, Ministry is ready to accept the subject if assigned.

88. ***Mrs. Suriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 24-09-2013 at 11:00 am)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) the covered area of the newly constructed NTC headquarters building, Islamabad, and the area being used by the Corporation itself out of the same; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that a chunk portion of the said building has been rented out to an American firm, if so, the covered area rented out to that firm indicating also the per month and per square foot rent of the same?*

Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan: (a) The total covered area of constructed NTC headquarters building, Islamabad is 119925 Sft. and the area being used by the NTC itself is 67941 Sft.

(b) As of today no area has been rented out.
@117. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 04-09-2013 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of investment made by the Employees Old Age Benefit Institute during the last five years;*
- (b) the profit earned from the said investment and details of its utilization; and*
- (c) the name of authority which accorded approval for the said investment?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: The details of Investment made by the Employees' Old-Age Benefit Institution during the last five years, is at **Annex- 'A'**.

(b) The profit earned through Investments during the last five years, is at **Annex-B**. Furthermore EOBI utilizes the profit for disbursement of pension which is core objective of Employees' Old-Age, Benefit Institute.

(c) Board of Trustees, which is the apex body to formulate policy and govern EOBI, is the final approving authority. BOT consist of 16 members headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development being the President of BOT as notified by Government of Pakistan Gazette **Annex-'C'**.

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AMJED PERVEZ,
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5. **Mrs. Saeeda Iqbal:** (Notice received on 05-09-2013 at 03:30 pm)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state the present status of Women Centers (Crises Centers) in the country?

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:

- The Ministry of Women Development (defunct) established 26 Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Centres for Women (SBBCW) in selected districts across Pakistan *i.e.* 4 in Sindh, 4 in Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa, 3 in Balochistan, 2 in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, 12 in Punjab and 01 in Islamabad.
- In pursuance of 18th Amendment to the Constitution, 1973, 25 such centres were to be transferred to the 4 provinces and Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
- The Governments of Sindh, Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa, Balochistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir accepted the 13 Centers pertaining to them.
- The Government of Punjab, however, did not accepted the 12 Centers functioning in that province (at Lahore, Mianwali, Rawalpindi, Khushab, Vehari, Faisalabad, Sialkot, Multan, Muzaffargarh, Sahiwal, Bahawalpur and D.G. Khan) on the plea that similar centers like Dar-ul-Amaan are already functioning in that Province.
- The Federal Government decided to retain the above 12 centers (functioning in the province of Punjab) at Federal level. These Centers remained attached with Ministry of Human Rights (defunct) for their execution.
- The one Women Center functioning at Islamabad under Ministry of Human Rights was transferred from development budget to current budget *w.e.f.* 1st July, 2012 and employees of the Centre were regularized by the then Cabinet Sub-Committee on Regularization.

- The status of 12 SBBCWs in Punjab is yet to be decided by the Government.

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