

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 3rd December, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Questions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9. : Originally set down for answering on 20th August, 2013 (97th Session)
- (ii) Question No. 91 : Originally set down for answering on 28th August, 2013 (97th Session)
- (iii) Questions Nos. 64 to 74 & 76 to 86 & 88 to 90 and 117 : Originally set down for answering on 31st October, 2013 (98th Session)
- (iv) Questions Nos. 171 to 174 and 176 to 187 : Originally set down for answering on 8th November, 2013 (98th Session)

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	5,786,938
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.
- (b) 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.

8. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq :** (Notice received on 09-07-2013 at 10:25 am)

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

- (a) the names of pharmaceutical companies registered in the country from 1st April, 2008 to 30th June, 2013;*
- (b) the names of drugs registered in the country during the said period;*
- (c) whether the laid down criteria was followed in registration of the said companies and drugs;*
- (d) whether any irregularity has been found in registration of the said companies and drugs, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (e) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to investigate the violations committed in the said registration and make the responsible persons accountable, if so, the details thereof?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) The names of pharmaceutical companies registered / licensed under the Drugs Act, 1976 in the country w.e.f. 1st April, 2008 to 30th June, 2013 are placed at **Annex-I**.

(b) A list containing the names of the drugs registered during 1st, April, 2008 to 30th June, 2013 is placed at **Annex-II**.

(c) The Drugs Act, 1976 and Drugs (Licensing Registering and Advertising) Rules, 1976 provide criteria / Procedure for licensing of pharmaceutical companies and registration of drugs. The laid down criteria have accordingly been followed.

(d) No irregularities have been established so far in the licensing of said companies and registration of drugs.

(e) As no in-regularity is established in said registrations, therefore no such proposal/proceeding are under consideration in DRAP. However, if any such ir-regulatory is identified/un-earthed, it will be dealt accordingly at any stage.

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

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.

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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 desoposits 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.

64. *** Mir Muhammad Yousuf Badini:** (Notice received on 30-08-2013 at 12:45 pm)

Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign scholarships awarded to male and female students by HEC since 2008 with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the criteria laid down for awarding the said scholarships?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) Since 2008, the Higher Education Commission has awarded 2528 foreign scholarships under 11 development projects being financed from the Public Sector Development Programme. Out of these, 2121 scholarship have been awarded to male scholars and 407 to female scholars. The province wise and gender wise distribution of these scholarships is as under:—

Province	Male	Female	Total
Punjab	1194	238	1432

Sindh	236	68	304
KPK	439	43	482
Balochistan	62	13	75
AJK	91	25	116
FATA	38	1	39
Gilgat Baltistan	8	2	10
ICT	53	17	70
Total	2121	407	2528

(b) The approved Criteria for Selection of Students for Overseas Scholarships is as under:

1. Pakistani/AJK nationals.
2. Candidates must have minimum sixteen years of education (MSc, MA, MBA, ME, MS, B.E / BSc (Engg), M.B.B.S or equivalent).
3. Maximum two second divisions throughout the academic career.
4. Not less than 50% marks in academic career.
5. Maximum age :
 - (a) 40 years for full time regular faculty members of public sector Universities/Colleges and employees of the public sector R&D organizations.
 - (b) 35 years for all others.
6. The candidates who are already availing any other HEC scholarship offer are not eligible to apply.
7. NTS. GAT test and Interview by the team of foreign Professors have been conducted for final award of scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded as per Federal Government Quota policy for different regions since 2011 as per the detail given at Annex-I.

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

Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the criteria laid down for distribution of funds by the Higher Education Commission amongst various universities in the country;*
- (b) *whether the funds are provided to all universities equally, if not, its reasons; and*

(c) *the procedure laid down for awarding foreign scholarships by HEC?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) HEC Ordinance, under section 10(g) requires distribution of bulk funds, received from federal government, on 'Need and Performance' basis. A funding formula for distribution of recurring grants (to support annual operational expenditures of universities) has been devised by the Commission in consultation with universities. The formula determines level of recurring grant under three components viz. (i) Base Grant 65%, (ii). Need Grant 20%, and (iii) Performance Grant 15%. The Base Grant is determined through category and level-wise weighted enrollment, and the Need Grant and the Performance Grants are determined through factors as mentioned in **Annex-I**.

(b) The funds are provided to all the universities without any discrimination, as the funding formulae treats all universities equally. University-wise allocated recurring grant for current financial year 2013-14 is attached as **Annex-II**.

(c) HEC has a transparent mechanism to select the perspective candidates to award the scholarships for higher degrees. For the selection of suitable candidates on merit, a special Committee was constituted by the ECNEC, Government of Pakistan named "National Scholarship Management Committee (NSMC)". The Committee is also responsible for policy decisions to regulate most of the HRD scholarship programs. NSMC has representatives from all four provinces, Planning Commission, PAEC and federal ministries apart from the HEC.

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5. Maximum age :
 - (a) 40 years for full time regular faculty members of public sector Universities/Colleges and employees of the public sector R&D organizations.
 - (b) 35 years for all others.
6. The candidates who are already availing any other HEC scholarship offer are not eligible to apply.
7. NTS/GAT test and Interview by the team of foreign Professors for final award of scholarship.

8. Since July 2011, all HEC scholarships (Local + Foreign) are also being awarded on the basis of provincial/regional quota prescribed by the Govt.

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

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	Completed
Jungle Piralizai Chaman(ICB-4)	57	1,672	1,099	*M/s MAB- Rex(JV)	Dec-2015	65%

* The contract of M/s MAB-Rex(JV) has been terminated *w.e.f.* 12-07-2013

Reasons for Non-Completion:

- ◆ Persistent deteriorated Law & 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.

Annexure

Section	Total	Completed	Remarks
Waigum Rud to Khajuri			Minor works
Rehabilitation	04	04	remain. Opened for traffic.
New	03	02	Minor works remain. Opened for traffic except for bridge at km 77+967 where work on approaches remains.
Khajuri to Bewata			Expansion Joints
Rehabilitation	04	04	remain. Opened for traffic.
New	07	07	Expansion Joints remain. Opened for traffic.

68. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 30-08-2013 at 01:20 pm)

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

- (a) *the procedure, educational qualifications and experience prescribed for appointment against the post of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), of the Drug Regulatory Authority;*
- (b) *the composition of the Committee which makes appointment against the said post; and*
- (c) *whether the appointment of the present CEO of the said Authority was made in accordance with the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012, if not, the reasons thereof?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) **Qualification** : Post graduate degree in pharmacy or medicine.

Experience : Minimum of twenty years experience in management or pharmaceutical filed or regulatory affairs, in public sector or if no such person of aforesaid qualifications is available in the public sector, then a person possessing above qualification and experience from the private sector.

(b) The appointment of Chief Executive Officer will be made by the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations Coordination.

(c) In the Section 5 (6) of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012, in case of occurrence of vacancy of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the Federal Government is authorized to appoint any person having prescribed qualification as CEO for a period of the three months or till the appointment of CEO, whichever is earlier. At present there is no permanent CEO. Therefore,

Mr. Muhammad Arshad Khan, who is among the most senior officers of BS-20 has been assigned the current charge of Chief Executive Officer temporarily. He meets the criteria of qualification and experience described in DRAP Act, 2012. An advertisement has been floated for appointment of Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012.

69. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 30-08-2013 at 01:20 pm)

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

- (a) the names, designation, educational qualifications, experience and place of domicile of Members of cGMP compliance committee;*
- (b) the name, educational qualifications and experience of Chairman of the said committee; and*
- (c) the names of members of selection committee which has selected the Members of cGMP compliance committee and the name of authority which approved their selection?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) No such Committee is constituted as yet, hence no information related to names, designation, educational qualifications, experience and place of domicile etc. of the members of such committee are available.

(b) Since there exists no such cGMP Committee at present, therefore requisite information is not available.

(c) At this time there is no selection committee to select the members of cGMP compliance committee. However, the Provincial Governments have been requested to nominate three experts each having experience in field of manufacturing and testing of pharmaceutical products, so that a technical/expert pool be constituted which will be assigned task of inspections of pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities. However, the nomination of the technical experts from Provincial Governments is still awaited. This matter is also under consideration of Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination.

70. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 30-08-2013 at 01:20 pm)

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

- (a) the pricing formula being applied for fixation of prices of registered drugs in the country; and*
- (b) the date on which the said formula was introduced?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) Federal Government has approved pricing mechanism to fix/ review prices of drugs on the basis of prices of drugs in the neighbouring countries, competitor prices in the market, cost of production, import prices of the imported drugs & prices of therapeutic equivalents as given below:

(a) NEW CHEMICAL ENTITIES (NCE's)

(I) Prices of an Innovative Brand (IB) will be fixed at an average of the prices prevailing in the SAARC countries. International prices (particularly Australia / UK/ New Zealand) will also be considered and personal hearings may be provided to the firms in Committee meetings for negotiating the prices of drugs. In case apple to apple (Brand to Brand) comparison is not available for an NCE, price to first brand of an NCE be fixed at 30% above than average of generic prices in neighbouring countries.

(II) Prices as mentioned in the proforma invoice for imported drugs and costing data for locally manufactured drugs will also be considered for new chemical entities besides other parameters and MRP be calculated by applying following formulas: —

Imported drugs

MRP=C&F + 40% Markup
(Note – The Markup is allowed to cover the
expenses/discounts)

Locally manufactured drugs

Non-Sterile Products MRP=Prime Cost + 75% Markup Sterile Products
MRP=Prime Cost + 90% Markup

(III) The members / medical experts in the Committee may discuss prices of various drugs particularly the expensive preparations keeping in view per day treatment cost of the drug as compared to therapeutic equivalents.

(b) **GENERIC BRANDS**

Uniform prices will be fixed for generics as summarised below:—

- (i) Minimum 15% less than the brand leader price at the time of registration of first generic. In case of cheap and old formulations, price of generics be fixed at par with brand leader and 30% less than IB in case of expensive NCEs.
- (ii) Average price of earlier same composition(s) / generic(s) registered in the country in case Pricing Committee has not yet fixed the price of a medicine /formulation.
- (iii) Prices of new strength of medicines will be awarded on pro-rata of price of same composition / generic fixed by the Drugs Pricing Committee/PRC/PAC on case to case basis depending upon savings/ expenditure in cost and expenses of the new strength and size.
- (iv) Demanded price will be awarded in case it is less than the above criteria or the fixed price.

(b) The above pricing mechanism was approved by the Federal Government on 30th July, 2010 after consultation with the provincial health authorities & consumer group.

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 Fatehpur 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?

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: The Government of Pakistan had 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 Sub-ordinate 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 Sub-ordinate 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 Sub-ordinate 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 sub-ordinate Judiciary.
6. Computer Orientation Training was imparted to 2000 Judicial Officers of Sub-ordinate 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 sub-ordinate Judiciary alongwith 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 Sub-ordinate 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, 2005/2006 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?*

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: a. The details of **inquiries** pending with NAB for the last more than two years are **183** which are in progress and will be upgraded by converting into **investigations** if warranted.

The details of investigations pending with NAB for the last more than two years are **114** which are in progress at various stages of completion.

b. The reasons for not finalizing these cases so far are that in certain cases due to peculiar circumstances, the time line is extended. The cases which involve longer time generally require information from foreign jurisdiction or are based on complex financial transactions besides time span in procuring record from different sources. However, it is apprised that the process of Inquiries & Investigations is regulated by Standing Operating Procedures (SOPS) and is endeavored to be completed within the approved time lines.

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 have completed their training in 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

Route	Roads	Km
(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

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.)

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

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

- (a) *the names of pharmaceutical companies the requests of which for enhancement of prices of their medicines / products were acceded to during the last one year indicating also the name of medicine / product and reasons for increase in each case;*
- (b) *the normal period after which pharmaceutical companies are allowed to enhance prices of their products; and*
- (c) *the names of pharmaceutical companies which made requests to revive / increase the prices of their products during the last two years indicating also the fate of request and reasons for acceding to / not acceding to the request in each case?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) The names of pharmaceutical companies the requests of which for enhancement of prices of their medicines /products were acceded to during the last one year is placed at **annex-A**.

(b) Companies are not allowed to enhance the prices of their registered drugs at their own. Instead any enhancement of prices is allowed under section 12 of the Drugs Act, 1976 by the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan. There is no fixed period under law after which pharmaceutical companies are allowed to enhance prices of their products. It depends on the economic factors such as prices of raw materials of drugs, Pk. Rupee exchange rate *viz-a-viz* US Dollar, Euro, Pound Sterling, inflation, prices of electricity, gas, POL, packaging materials, labor cost etc. Prices of drugs in the international market particularly neighboring countries; and availability of drugs in the market are also considered while allowing-price increase on drugs.

(c) (i) The names of pharmaceutical companies which made requests to revise/increase the prices of their products during last two years and fate of requests is placed at **Annex-B**. Where the request of price increase was not acceded to the reason thereof is also given in the **Annex- B**.

(ii) Most of requests not acceded to were related to pharmaceutical companies who increased the prices of their products without seeking approval from the Federal Government. They also managed to get stay orders from the Courts. They were given opportunity of personal hearings before Drug Pricing Committee but they could not justify the price increase. Therefore, Drug Pricing Committee did not allow price increase on their products.

(Annexure has 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:—

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	

83. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 12-09-2013 at 08:45 am)

Will the Minister for the National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the names and quantum of medicines/ drugs and related material thereof imported since 2007-08 indicating also the amount spent thereon with year-wise break-up?

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: Data has been collected from the field offices of DRAP and compiled. The data (one set) comprises of 13 books (about 6000 pages) which is not feasible to put on the tables in the August House. Therefore, reply perusal of the Honourable Members.

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.

89. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 02-10-2013 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the current population growth rate in the country;*
- (b) *the number of children being born in the country each year; and*
- (c) *the average family size in the country?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) The current population growth rate is 2.0 percent per annum.

(b) The number of children born each year is 4.850 million (Forty eight lack and fifty thousand).

- (c) The average family size in Pakistan is 7.2 persons.

90. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 04-10-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons sent abroad on scholarships by the Higher Education Commission since 2008;*
- (b) *the number of persons who were provided financial assistance or scholarships by the said Commission for study within the country during the said period;*
- (c) *the number of the said persons who signed bonds with the Commission to return back to Pakistan or to serve in the country; and*

(d) *the number of the said persons who have violated the terms and conditions of their bond agreements?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) During the period 2008-2013, total 4204 scholars were sent abroad under various development initiatives being financed from public sector development programmes.

(b) During the period 2008-2013, Higher Education Commission extended financial assistance to 8178 students under different need based programmes. Furthermore, 4108 indigenous scholarships were awarded during the said period.

(c) All the awardees have signed the bond with the Higher Education Commission. The scholars sent abroad have explicitly signed the deed agreement to return back and serve Pakistan for a period of 5 years. Under Indigenous scholarships the scholars are bound to serve Pakistan for a period of 5 years. However, this condition is not applicable to the students under need based programmes.

(d) Out of scholars awarded scholarships during the said period, 18 foreign scholars have violated the terms and conditions of the bond agreements.

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: (a) 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’.

171. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 02-09-2013 at 09:00 am)

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

- (a) *the names, educational qualifications and experience of the Members of Policy Board and Directors of Drug Regulatory Authority; and*
- (b) *the authority / selection committee which selected/appointed the said Members and Directors?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) (i) The names and field of specialization of Members of Policy Board of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) is placed at Annex-I.

(ii) The names, educational qualification and experience of the Directors of DRAP is at Annex-II.

(b) (i) Under section 9(3) read with section 9 (1) (j) of the DRAP Act, 2012, the Federal Government is competent authority for appointment of six expert members of the Policy Board. Remaining members are *Ex-officio* members from the Federal and Provincial Governments.

(ii) As per Section 4 of the DRAP Act, 2012, thirteen Directors shall be appointed by the Federal Government on the recommendation of Policy Board, whose qualifications and terms and conditions shall be such as may be prescribed. The Policy Board has approved the qualifications and the terms and conditions of Directors which shall be prescribed after concurrence of Establishment and Finance Divisions and after duly vetted by Law, Justice and Human Rights Divisions. The Establishment Division has been requested to expedite the finalization of Service Rules. According to the method of appointment approved by Policy Board, Directors will be appointed 70% by promotion. Presently Directors have been appointed amount the senior most officer of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) from the quota reserved for promotion.

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

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

- (a) *the number of special courts in the country;*
- (b) *the number of anti-terrorism courts in the country; and*
- (c) *the number of cases disposed of by said courts during the last two years?*

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: : (a) Presently 06 Special Courts are functional in the country (Annex-I)

(a) After 18th amendment in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Anti-Terrorism Courts have been transferred to the Provincial Government. However, one Special Court (Anti-terrorism) is working in Islamabad.

(b) During last two years (2011-2012) 12327 cases have been disposed of by the Special Courts (Annex-II)

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

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

- (a) *the amount recovered by NAB in various cases during the last two years;*
- (b) *the details of the cases in which that recovery was made indicating also the recovery made in each case; and*
- (c) *the amount paid to the officials/officers of NAB out of that recovery indicating also the names of officials/officers to whom the amount was paid and the amount paid to each of them?*

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: (a) Recoveries made by NAB during 2011-12 to 2012-13 and Court Fines imposed in NAB cases, are as under:—

<u>Rupees in Billion</u>				
Year	Recoveries on account of Corruption & Corrupt Practices	Recoveries on account of Bank Default	Court Fine Imposed in NAB Cases	Total
2011-12	2.800	0.090	9.800	12.690
2012-13	2.300	0.045	1.750	4.095
Total:	5.100	0.135	11.550	16.785

(b) A case wise list showing the details of recoveries made during 2011-12 and 2012-13 is enclosed as Annexure-A, B & C.

(c) NAB's employees are not directly paid any amount out of recoveries. However, Finance Division *vide* their letter No.2(2)DFA (Cab)/2000 dated 6th July 2000 (Annex-B) has allowed a percentage of NAB Share to be claimed from the Govt. for operational activities of NAB as well as for Welfare measures of NAB employees which are utilized under Recovery and Reward Rules, approved by the President of Pakistan in consultation with Chief Justice of Pakistan. A sum of Rs. 155 million was paid to NAB employees during 2011-12 and 2012-13, as detailed below, which was only 1% of the amount recovered by NAB (*viz* Rs. 16.785 billion) in the said period:

<u>Rs. in million</u>		
S. No.	Particular	Amount
i.	Bonus Ex-gratia paid to Officers & staff during 2011-12 (Sanctioned / paid on 13-01-2012)	21.805
ii.	Bonus Ex-gratia paid to Officers & staff during 2012-13 (Sanctioned / paid on 03-10-2012)	125.086
iii.	Death Compensation to the bereaved families of deceased NAB employees (Sanctioned/ paid on 27-12-2011, 6-03-2012 and 16-05-2012).	1.300
iv.	Financial Assistance for self marriage of NAB employees (BPS-1 to15) (April 2013 to June 2013)	0.050
v.	Utility Charges to NAB employees @ Rs. 700 to 2500 p.m. (January 2013 to June 2013)	6.933
vi.	Free Traveling Charges to NAB employees working in NAB Balochistan (January 2013 to June 2013)	0.068
Total:		155.242

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

174. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 10-09-2013 at 09:30 am)

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

(a) the names, educational qualifications, place of domicile and names of parent departments of the Community Welfare Attaches posted abroad during the last four years;

(b) the number of Community Welfare Attaches presently working in Pakistani Missions abroad; and

(c) *the criteria laid down for appointment of the said Attaches?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) Names of Community Welfare Attaches posted abroad during the last four years along with their educational qualifications, place of domicile, and parent departments are attached as Annex-I.

(b) Presently 24 Community Welfare Attaches are working in 18 countries abroad against sanctioned posts of 26. Detail is attached as Annex-II.

(c) Criteria laid down for appointment of the said Attaches is attached as Annex-III.

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

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) *the salient points of the agreement under which Gwadar Port has been handed over to China; and*

(b) *the expected benefits for the country and for the province of Balochistan from the said agreement/handing over?*

Mr. Kamran Michael: (a) Only Port Operations has been transferred / given to China. The original agreement signed with PSA Gwadar Pvt Ltd was for forty (40) years and now handed over entirely to China Overseas Ports Holding Company Ltd (COPHL) *w.e.f.* 16th May, 2013.

(b) After establishment of the Free Zone, private business will bring employment benefits for the locals of Balochistan.

177. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 12-09-2013 at 08:55 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the names, educational qualifications, grades and length of service of the Chairman and the Members of the National Highway Authority; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that the Chairman NHA is junior in service to the members of the authority?*

Minister for Communications: (a) The statement showing requisite details as required is at Anenx-A.

(b) No. Presently Mr. Maroof Afzal is Chairman, NHA who is a BS-20 officer of Pakistan Administrative Services. All the officers presently posted as Members in NHA are also in BS-20.

178. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 12-09-2013 at 08:55 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the amount of funds allocated for various projects to be executed by the National Highway Authority (NHA) during the current fiscal year with province-wise and project-wise break-up?

Minister for Communications: NHA's PSDP allocation 2013-14 includes Rs. 32,122 (local currency) & Rs. 30,916 million (foreign currency) components. Province-wise breakup is as under, project-wise details are at **Annex- A.**

(Rs in Billion)

Province	LC *	FC *	Total
a. Punjab	7.909	7.810	15.719
b. Sindh	5.438	8.548	13.986
c. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	7.072	8.056	15.128
d. Baluchistan	10.631	1.861	12.492
e. Gilgit-Baltistan	1.072	4.641	5.713
Total	32.122	30.916	63.038

* Foreign currency * Local currency

179. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 13-09-2013 at 09:20 am)

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

- (a) *the number of cases registered against pharmaceutical companies in the country for producing substandard medicines during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the present status of the said cases?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) The number of cases registered / reported by the Federal Inspectors of Drugs against pharmaceutical companies for producing substandard medicines during the last two years (2011 & 2012) were 36.

(b) The present status / action taken on these cases is as under:—

- | | |
|---|----|
| i. No of drug registration cancelled | 13 |
| ii. No of drug registration suspended (for 02 or more months) | 12 |

iii. No of stoppage of production orders passed	05
iv. No of panel inspection	12
v. No of prosecutions lodged in Drug Courts	01
vi. No of warnings issued	01
vii. No of in process cases	07

180. ***Mr. Heman Dass :** (Notice received on 16-09-2013 at 11:40 am)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the number of ships carrying Urea fertilizer anchored on Gwadar Port, KPT, and Port Qasim during the last five years?

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

Gwadar Port Authority

122 ships.

Karachi Port Trust

124 ships.

Port Qasim Authority

26 ships.

181. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 24-09-2013 at 01:00 pm)

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

(a) the number of persons sent abroad by the Government for employment from 1st January, 2008 to 20th September, 2013;

(b) the procedure adopted for selection of the said persons; and

(c) the number of said persons who belong to Balochistan?

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) From 1st January 2008 to 30th September, 2013, 27,65,789 persons proceeded abroad for employment.

(b) The selection of workers is the prerogative of the foreign employers which is based on the criteria “right person for the right job”.

(c) During the period 1st January 2008 to 30th September, 2013, 31607 persons belonging to Balochistan proceeded aboard.

182. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 04-10-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of children of schools going age presently not admitted in schools in the country; and*

(b) *the procedure adopted for calculation of the said number?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) In 2011-12, 6.7 million Children of Primary School age group (5-9 years) were out of school in Pakistan. The Projected No of out of school children (5-9 years) in 2012-13 were 6.4 million.

(b) The National Education Management and Information System (NEMIS) collects and compiles data on the enrolled students in all the Public sector schools in the country based on the data provided by Provincial EMIS's.

The estimated or actual children enrolled in the private schools are added to the Number of children enrolled in the public schools.

The total enrolled students in the public and private schools are subtracted from the total estimated population of that age group (projected by National Institute of Population Studies, NIPS) to calculate the out of school children.

183. ***Mr. Muhammad Saleh Shah :** (Notice received on 10-10-2013 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the name of company to which contract for construction of Tank– Dera Ismail Khan road has been awarded;*

(b) *whether it is a fact that the said company has awarded that said work to sub-contractors, if so, the names of sub-contracts concerned;*

- (c) *whether awarding the said work to sub-contractors is permissible under the contract / agreement / rules / regulations;*
- (d) *the date on which the said project was inaugurated and the expected date / time of its completion;*
- (e) *the estimated total and per KM cost of the project;*
- (f) *whether any alternate passage has been made for the commuters; and*
- (g) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government for protection of people from pollution causing due to construction of the road?*

Minister for Communications: The said road does not fall within the jurisdiction of National Highway Authority (NHA).

184. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran :** (Notice received on 10-10-2013 at 09:45 am)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that women were not allowed to cast their votes in some constituencies during by-elections held in the country during August, 2013, if so, the names of such constituencies; and*
- (b) *the names of the persons found involved in the said illegal act and the action taken against them?*

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed: (a) It is not a fact that the women registered voters were not allowed to cast their votes in some constituencies during bye-elections held in the country on 22-08-2013.

It is mentioned here that no complaint for restraining women voters to cast their votes during bye-elections held on 22-8-2013 was received neither in the Election Commission of Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad nor in the offices of the Provincial Election Commissioners, District Returning Officers and Returning Officers concerned.

(b) As no person was found involved in the above said illegal act, hence the question of taking action against them does not arise.

185. ***Mrs. Naseema Ehsan:** (Notice received on 21-10-2013 at 10:15 am)

Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount allocated in PSDP for Turbat University during the last three years and the details of its utilizations; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that the proposed site of the said university is being changed despite the fact that the Government of Balochistan provided 1000 acre land on lease, free of cost feasibility of the same has been prepared and an amount of Rs. 90 million has already been spent on the site, if so, the expected variations in the period of completion and cost of the project?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) Detail of PSDP allocations, releases and its utilization by University of Turbat during last three years is as follows:—

Rs. in Million

Year	Allocation	Releases	Utilization
2011-12	60.000	25.000	2.290
2012-13	30.000	10.000	11.900
2013-14*	100.000	26.525	13.450
Total:	190.000	61.525	27,640

*upto 30-09-2013

(b) The development project titled “Establishment of University of Turbat” was approved by HEC on June 2011 at the total cost of Rs. 1,580.391 million.

Land measuring 1000 acres was handed over to the university by provincial government for Establishment of “University of Turbat” on November 2011.

Consultant was engaged by the provincial government who has completed the detailed drawings for the original land of the university.

So far University of Turbat didn’t award any civil work contract agreement against the PC-1 provisions.

So far University of Turbat didn’t requested HEC for issuance of NOC for change of site for establishment of University of Turbat.

So far an amount of Rs. 61.525 million has been released to the project against which Rs. 27.640 million has been reported as expense.

186. ***Mrs. Naseema Ehsan:** (Notice received on 21-10-2013 at 10:15 am)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the number of Gwadar Port employees working in Grades 1 to 15 and 16 to 20, with quota-wise break-up?

Mr. Kamran Micheal:

- i. The total number of employees working in GPA in BS-16 to 22. =49
- ii. The total number of employees working in GPA in BS-1 to 15.=169
Total: =218

The quota-wise break up is as under:

S. No.	Grade	Punjab	Balochistan	Sind	KPK
BS-20	0	1	0	0	
2	BS-19	0	1	0	0
3	BS-18	1	5	1	0
4	BS-17	1	23	2	1
5	BS-16	0	11	2	0
6	BS-14	2	04	2	0
7	BS-12	1	02	0	0
8	BS-11	0	02	0	0
9	BS-09	1	07	0	0
10	BS-08	0	01	0	0
11	BS-07	1	13	0	0
12	BS-06	0	32	0	0
13	BS-05	4	21	0	0
14	BS-04	0	28	0	0
15	BS-02	5	39	1	3
Total		16	190	8	4

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187. *Mrs. Naseema Ehsan: (Notice received on 22-10-2013 at 10:00 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the time by which work of Motorway M-8 will be completed?

Minister for Communications : 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, due to law & order situation and non-availability of funds. The first and third sections are further subdivided into three sub sections as under:

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

Nalient-Dasht,Sec-I, Pkg-IIA	54 Km
Dasht-Turbat, Sec-I Pkg-IIB	63 Km
Turbat-Hoshab, Sec-II-A	76 Km

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 re-tendering 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
Sec-IV, Wangu Hills	42.5 Km
Sec-V, Wangu Hill-Quba Saeed	55.6 Km

18 months after award of work, would be required to complete Gwadar-Hoshab Section while Khuzdar-Ratodero Section is expected to be completed by December, 2014.

1. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 11-11-2013 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the budget allocated for the Red Crescent Society for the current financial year with province-wise break-up?

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: The operations of Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) are funded by national and international donors. No regular budget is provided by the Federal / Provincial / AJK Governments to PRCS Head Office and provincial branches. Only Grant in Aid is provided to the PRCS by the Federal Government. The status of Grant in Aid to the PRCS for the current financial year (2013-2014) with Province/Centre-wise break-up is as under:—

Grant in Aid by	Grant in Aid allocated
Federal Government	5 Million
KPK	Nil
Sindh	Nil
Balochistan	Nil

Punjab
Gilgit Baltistan
AJK
FATA

Nil
Nil
2.5 Million
Nil

ISLAMABAD :
The 2nd December, 2013.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Tuesday, the 3rd December, 2013

(Question No. 5 originally set down for answering on 8th November, 2013 (98th Session))

5. **Mrs. Saeeda Iqbal:** (Notice received on 05-09-2013 at 03:30 p.m.)

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

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: □ 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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The 2nd December, 2013.

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